

Refund Cash Coming in Time For the Holidays

Refunds to Club Life Insurance holders are being distributed beginning this month.

\$ THE CLUB — This month, the Club will be returning approximately \$275,000 in refunds to more than 8,500 holders of the Club's Life Insurance product.

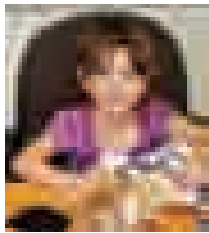
What will *you* be doing with your refund dollars? It's up to you ... but only if you have Club Life Insurance.

Members pay premiums each month for the insurance, and that money is paid for life insurance claims. At the end of the year, money that is not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately \$275,000.

Read the story on page 39 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.

Dressing Dolls For Charity Is A Holiday Joy

East Valley Water remembers the needy at Christmas.



DWP — Spreading Christmas joy with less fortunate children is a goal of the East Valley Water Distribution Yard, which participates in the Dress-a-Doll program sponsored by the Employees' Association of the DWP.

For more than ten years, April Frank, Senior Clerk Typist at Water Distribution's East Valley District, has been dedicated to this program, which distributes dressed dolls to those less fortunate. "Children should be happy at Christmas, no matter what the circumstances are surrounding them," April says. "Their smiles, even for just a few minutes, make it all worthwhile."

Read all about the DWP East Valley's Dress-a-Doll activities – the story kicks off *Alive!*'s coverage of the Holidays in the City.

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The Great Shake Out

Alive! takes you along as the City takes part in the country's biggest earthquake simulation.

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Fireman/Paramedic Darren Burkhart, Fire Station 98, takes part in the earthquake simulation at Bishop Alemany High School.

Alive! photo by Juan Guerra



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Firefighters from Fire Stations 60 (North Hollywood) and 7 (Arleta) transport an actor portraying an earthquake victim, as part of the ShakeOut exercises at Bishop Alemany High School.

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The Great

**Shake
Out**



Magnitude 7.8

Throughout the City, nearly all departments took part in what was called the country's biggest earthquake simulation.

NEXT PAGES: photos from the exercise.

SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS:

- Animal Services
- City Council
- Convention Center
- Emergency Preparedness Dept.
- General Services/Office of Public Safety
- Housing
- LAFD
- LAPD
- Mayor's Office
- Office of Finance
- Rec and Parks
- Transportation

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Photos by Alive! staff and Juan Guerra

At 10 a.m. on Nov. 13, potentially millions of people in homes, schools, businesses, government offices, and public places throughout Southern California had agreed to *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*. Why? An enormous earthquake is in our future, and the ShakeOut Drill was a chance to practice what to do when it happens.

Shake Out

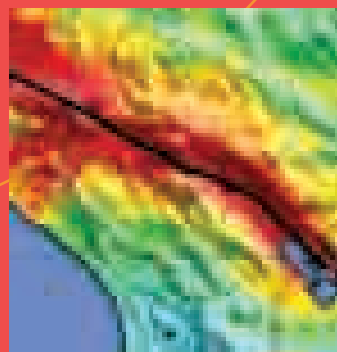
Drop Cover Hold

Governmental agencies throughout Southern California, including the City, took part in the disaster drill. The City's portion of the drill was coordinated through the Emergency Preparedness Dept. and the offices of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilmember Greig Smith.

Why was it important to do a Drop, Cover, Hold On drill? Just as with anything, to act quickly you must practice, practice, practice. In a big earthquake, there may be very little time to protect yourself before strong shaking knocks you down or drops something on you. Most earthquakes have a sharp jolt a few seconds before the strong shaking, and residents need to Drop, Cover, Hold On immediately after feeling the jolt.

The ShakeOut was organized by the Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA), a partnership of earthquake professionals, emergency responders, business leaders and community activists. The group has been planning the ShakeOut since 2006. Major organizations include the United States Geological Survey, Southern California Earthquake Center, California Office of Emergency Services, the City of Los Angeles, Art Center College of Design, State Farm, and the California Institute of Technology.

"I can say without a doubt, Los Angeles is the best prepared city in America," said Councilman Smith. "That doesn't mean there isn't much more we can do."



This map shows the impact of the simulated earthquake, centered near the Salton Sea.

The Scenario

The Great Southern California ShakeOut was based on a potential magnitude 7.8 earthquake on the southern San Andreas Fault near the Salton Sea — approximately 5,000 times larger than the magnitude 5.4 earthquake that shook Southern California on July 29. It's not a matter of *if* an earthquake of this size will happen—but *when*, and it is possible that it will happen in our lifetime.

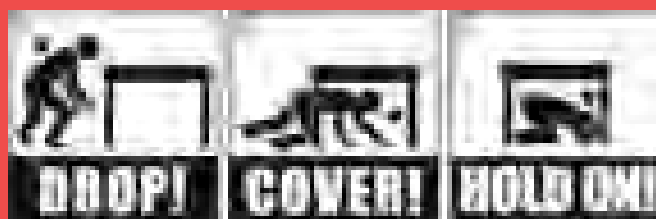
In an earthquake of this size, the shaking will last for nearly two minutes. The strongest shaking will occur near the fault (in the projected earthquake, the Coachella Valley, Inland Empire and Antelope Valley). Pockets of strong shaking

will form away from the fault where sediments trap the waves (in the projected earthquake, it would occur in the San Gabriel Valley and in East Los Angeles).

An earthquake of this size will cause unprecedented damage to Southern California—greatly dwarfing the massive damage that occurred in Northridge's 6.7-magnitude earthquake in 1994. In summary, the ShakeOut Scenario estimates this earthquake will cause some 2,000 deaths, 50,000 injuries, \$200 billion in damage and other losses, and severe, long-lasting disruption. The report has regional implications and is a dramatic call to action for preparedness.

The City 'Responds'

Here is just a sampling of the many places where the City had a significant role to play in the earthquake simulation.



Drop ... Cover ... Hold was the mantra of the day for millions who took part in the simulation. It's the recommended maneuver in the event of a real earthquake.

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But what a test it was – most, if not all, City departments took part in a huge earthquake simulation.



The Red Cross played a large role in the simulation at the gym at the Balboa Rec Center.



Balboa Park

Departments involved:

LAPD

Housing

Animal Services

General Services (Public Safety)

LAFD

Mayor's Office

Rec and Parks

City Council

At Balboa Park, a Rec and Parks facility, the City set up a mock rescue and victim staging area in the gymnasium. There, "victims" wandered in and were "treated" by the Red Cross. "Victims" were given cards featuring a real pet, and Animal Services was on hand to handle those "pets." In many instances, victims of a major disaster will not allow themselves to be treated until they know their pet has been cared for.

Housing was on hand to help set up emergency housing. General Services/Public Safety helped keep things safe.



Sgt. Larry Taylor, Valley Traffic.



Animal Services, from left: Miguel Gonzalez, Animal Control Officer, and Larry Carter, Animal Care Technician.



Volunteers played the role of earthquake victims and were "treated" by the Red Cross inside the Balboa Rec Center gym.

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Photo by Juan Guerra.

A military helicopter soars over the athletic fields at Bishop Alemany High School, as part of the simulation.

The earthquake simulation required the use of lots of stretchers.



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Holy Cross Medical Center/ Bishop Alemany High School

Departments Involved:

LAFD

LAPD

Transportation

At a football field next to a hospital in the suburb of Mission Hills, around 300 students from nearby Bishop Alemany High School were being treated for mock injuries, including broken legs and severed arteries. Fake injury make-up was used, and "victims" had tags on their shirts, depicting the type of injury they had.

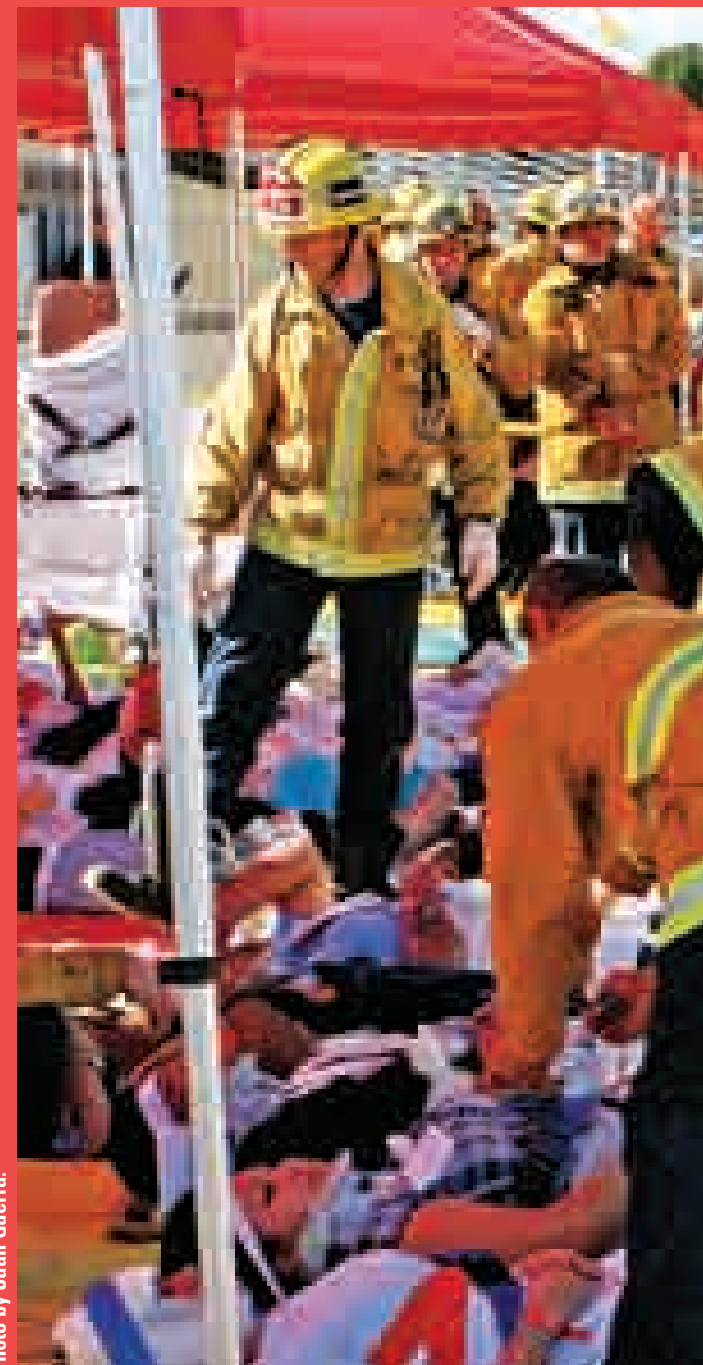


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Makeup artists were employed to make the student actors as realistically injured as possible.



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The LAPD simulated a tactical alert during the exercise.

Much preparation went into making dozens of high schoolers look realistic, so they could be treated by the LAFD during the simulation.



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Emergency Operations Center

Four floors below City Hall East

Departments Involved:

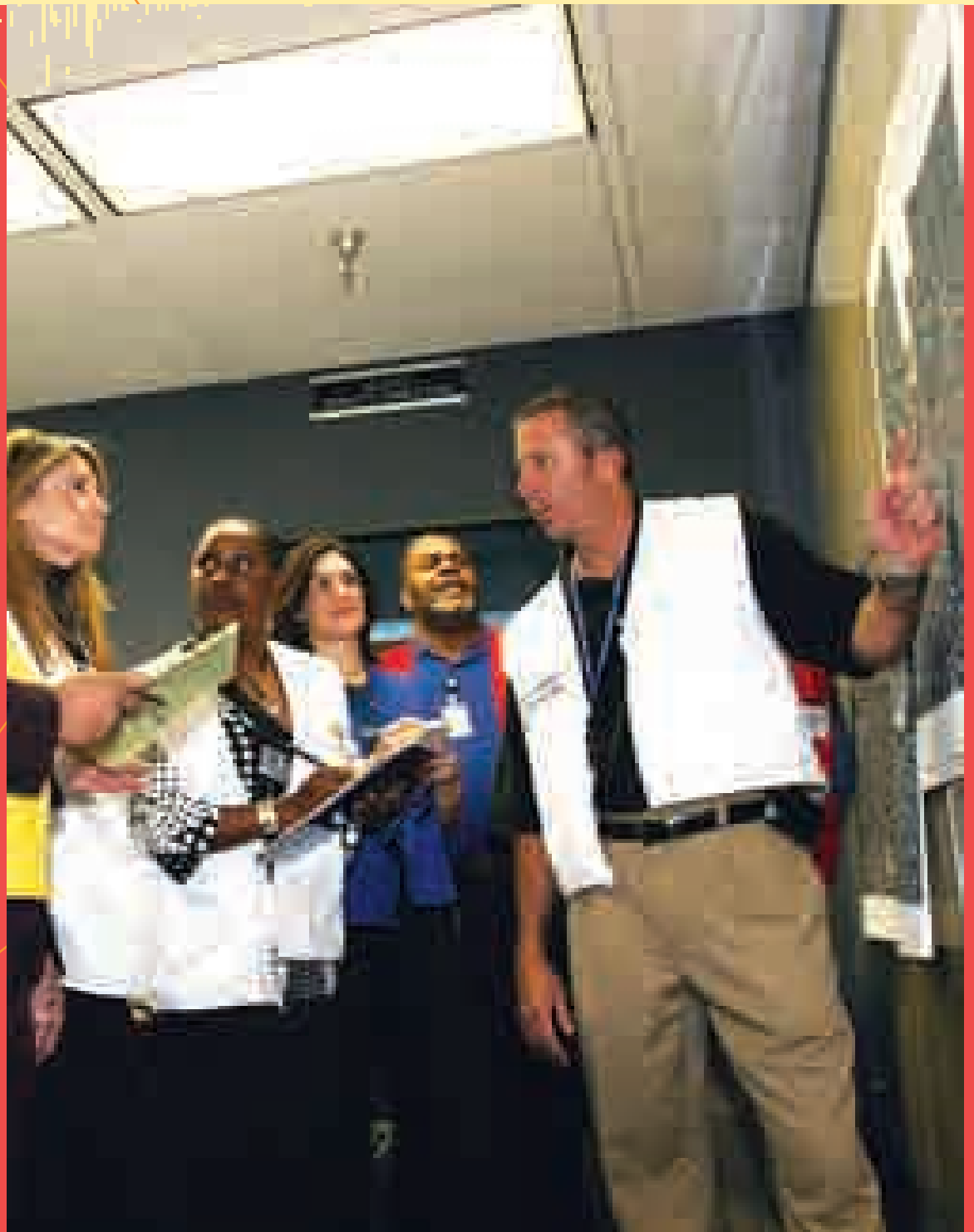
Emergency Management Dept.

The Emergency Management Dept. was one of the instrumental coordinators of the City's involvement in the Great ShakeOut simulation. Other offices that played leading roles were the Mayor's Office and the office of Councilman Greig Smith.

Emergency Management – formerly known as Emergency Preparedness – performed its many duties from the City's Emergency Command Center, four floors underground, deep below City Hall East.

The department staff didn't get to relax very long after the simulation – they were back on their toes, coordinating many of the City's actual emergency operations during the Sylmar fires the following weekend. From a simulation, to a real emergency, which is what they do pretty much every day.

The Club thanks Chris Ipsen, team leader in the Command Center, for assisting *Alive!* in both our overall photo strategy for the earthquake simulation, and for our photos specifically of Emergency Management.



Reviewing their plans are, from left: Michelle Riebeling, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; Veronica Hendrix, Management Analyst II; Devra Brukman, Point of Distribution Planner; Quentin Frazier, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; and Chris Ipsen, Training Division Chief.



Checking on emergency plans are, from left: Veronica Hendrix, Management Analyst II; and Devra Brukman, Point of Distribution Planner.



Using the Emergency Preparedness equipment are, from left: Eric Baumgardner, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; and Training Division Chief Chris Ipsen.



The Emergency Management Division crew, from left: Keith Garcia, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; Michelle Riebeling, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; Owen Lin, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; Devra Brukman, Point of Distribution Planner; Steve Dargan, Health Planner; Veronica Hendrix, Management Analyst II; Chris Ipsen, Training Division Chief; Quentin Frazier, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I; and Faye Cousin, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator I.

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City Hall South Plaza

Departments Involved:

General Services/Office of Public Safety

General Services/OPS ran a mobile credentialing drill. In the event of a disaster, the City would need to establish a credentialing protocol – who is authorized to get into restricted areas? And how would they be identified?

OPS Command and Control operated out of its General Services Police Command Post (CP) vehicle. OPS set up three Identification Enrollment Stations (for initial identification and credentialing/badge making) on the patio and three or four Handheld Verification Units (HVU's) there as well for remote verification of the badges. Three additional handheld units were deployed to perimeters at City Hall, City Hall East and the LA Mall. Those electronic devices communicated back to a Mobile Command Station in the CP to verify badges that OPS had already made.

General Services/ Public Safety set up an Incident Command Center with two of its emergency vehicles, seen here parked next to the City Hall South Plaza.



Stations were set up to simulate the process of identifying and credentialing people who would approach secure areas during a real emergency.



From inside a mobile command vehicle, Rick Thorstensen, Management Analyst II, monitors outside activities via a remote camera.



Shout Out



Los Angeles Convention Center

Departments Involved:

Convention Center

The Convention Center engaged its emergency response team. In a real situation, the team would assess damage to buildings, and injuries to those attending conventions.



The Convention Center's Emergency Response Team, back row, from left: Leroy Plummer, Sam Naylor and Loc Pham. Front: Michael Robertson, Herbert Romero, Art Rios, Ron Lauer, Mario Sanchez, Tom Turner, Steve Alderete, Paul Engelhardt and Greg Cordell. Photo taken by team member David James.

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The Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) exercise included firefighters, dogs and heavy equipment.



Fire Station 88, Sherman Oaks

Departments Involved:

LAFD

The LAFD Firefighters at Fire Station 88 conducted live urban search and rescue exercises.



Heavy equipment was used to help clear debris.



Scott Zing, CATF1, and his search and rescue dog, Callie, take part in the exercise.



TOP: From left: LAFD Capt. Rick Denning and Battalion Chief Jack Wise.

BOTTOM: LAFD Task Force Member Linda Tacconelli, CATF, and her search and rescue dog (in training), Joe.

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Linda Kaufman (school secretary, left) and Dawn Caban (fifth-grade teacher) supervise the "treatment" of students (from left) Miranda Grove, Janay Varela and Rebecca Grove.



Granada Hills Baptist School

At Granada Hills, students acted as "victims" and were taken to a clear area, where they were to await attention from City departments.

Granada Hills Baptist School was just one of hundreds of public and private schools that participated in the exercise.



Student Colin Callaway, acting as if he were injured, is carried by Sandra Zeichiek (second-grade teacher) and Devin Callaway, Colin's brother.



Student Brooke Ibon, bandaged for the simulation.



Student Isaiah Hawkins, bandaged for the simulation, is carried out by Ron Paul, fifth-grade teacher.



Office of Finance

Departments Involved:

Office of Finance

Dozens of Office of Finance employees participated in the largest fire drill in California. Had it not been that taxpayers were making inquiries at the public counter, there would have been more Office of Finance employees on the first floor of City Hall to participate in the emergency preparedness exercise. On the Second Floor of City Hall, Finance's Administration Division employees ducked under their desks for two minutes as soon as they heard the faint siren.

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