

Cypress College Emergency Preparedness

Fall 2019 Drill — The Great California ShakeOut

October 17, 2019 at 10:17 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your participation in today's emergency-response drills. The Great ShakeOut will include involvement from more than 10 million Californians across the state. Your sincere efforts help prepare the Cypress College community to be ready for future incidents. While no amount of preparedness can ensure a successful outcome in an emergency situation, not taking these steps almost certainly guarantees failure. Not only is emergency preparation our responsibility, but it is also statutorily mandated.

With that in mind, here are some instructions and talking points for the drill. We also ask that you share the talking points with your students and/or staff.

Instructions:

- The drill **will commence at 10:17 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019**
- The drill will commence with a broadcast via the College's Bldg. phone groups, text messages, and over the P.A. system.
- Participation in the drill is required
- Review the talking points (below),
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Talking Points:

- Earthquakes happen without warning
- Survival and safety during and after an earthquake depends on the response action
- It is important to be prepared — both at home and at work
- The Great California ShakeOut provides an opportunity for our campus community to practice skills and coordination essential to a rapid and effective response in an actual earthquake
- Experts say the most important concept to remember during an earthquake is to stay put and to DROP, COVER AND HOLD
- Protecting your head and neck is critical as objects are likely to fall
- This is true for everyone, including those whose mobility limits their ability to take cover under a desk
- People with disabilities or access and functional needs can find vital information in the California Emergency Management Agency's document "How to Protect Yourself During an Earthquake" — which is included as part of this packet and is available on the college's website
- A complete earthquake protocol — with detailed safety tips — is also provided in this packet and on the website
- In an earthquake, or any other emergency, it is important to follow the directions provided by your instructor and other campus officials
- legislation, including the federal Clery Act, compels Cypress College to conduct emergency drills on a regular basis. These drills are held to help ensure the safety of our students and employees
- Earthquakes such as ones in Rome, San Francisco, Napa, Northridge, and Landers/Big Bear caused significant damage and underscore the importance of being prepared

Emergency Preparation:

- Make a list of essential items you may need in the event of an emergency
- Prepare an emergency pack for yourself and your family
- Be sure to include your required medications
- Be familiar with the earthquake procedures
- Faculty should discuss emergency procedures in class
- All members of the campus community should be familiar with the features of each building and the campus including surrounding streets, lots, stairways, exits, and emergency telephones
- In the event of an emergency, you may not be able to get home because of damage to the greater community
- Being prepared at home and having a personal emergency plan in place is important in the event families are separated during such an event
- Discuss emergency response with your family at home and those living separately (parents, adult children, etc.)
- Designate an out-of-state contact to serve as a family information center and check in with them following an emergency; local-to-long-distance calls have proven more reliable in natural disasters than local-to-local calls

Public Employee Disaster Service Worker Status — California Government Code Section 3100-3109:

It is hereby declared that the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the people of the state from the effects of natural, man-made, or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of paramount state importance ... in protection of its citizens and resources, all public employees are hereby declared to be disaster service workers...

As an employee of a California public district, you may be called upon as a disaster service worker in the event of an emergency. The Orange County Department of Education has produced a brochure with valuable information. It can be found at: <http://www.ocde.us/Emergency/Documents/Disaster-Svs-Workers-Broch.pdf>.

As a California city, county, or state agency or public district employee, you may be called upon as a disaster service worker in the event of an emergency. The information contained in this pamphlet will help you understand your role and obligation.

California Public Employee DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS

California Government Code
Section 3100-3109

For more information, please visit the following websites:

California Emergency Services Act

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=go
&group=08001-09000&file=8550-8551](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=go&group=08001-09000&file=8550-8551)

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The California Constitution Oath or Affirmation

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/.const/.article_20

Governors Office of Emergency Services

[http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/PDF/
Laws&RegsCalCodePDFs/\\$file/Ch2.3_%20
DSW.pdf](http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/PDF/Laws&RegsCalCodePDFs/$file/Ch2.3_%20DSW.pdf)



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Did you know?



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All disaster service workers shall, before they enter upon the duties of their employment, take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation...

What does disaster service mean?

Disaster service means all activities authorized by and carried out pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act*.

Who is included in the disaster service worker status?

All public employees are included in the disaster service worker status which are all persons employed by any county, city, state agency or public district.

What are the scope of duties of employee disaster service workers?

Any public employees performing duties as a disaster service worker shall be considered to be acting within the scope of disaster service duties while assisting any unit of the organization or performing any act contributing to the protection of life or property or mitigating the affects of an emergency.

How are public employees assigned disaster service activities?

Public employees are assigned disaster service activities by their superiors or by law to assist the agency in carrying out its responsibilities during times of disaster.

What is the oath or affirmation referred to in the government code?

Before entering upon the duties of employment, all public employees take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation set forth in the California Constitution that declares them to be disaster service workers in time of need.

When do public employees take the oath or affirmation?

Most public employees sign the oath or affirmation during the hiring process and it is kept with the employer.

Do public employees acting as disaster service workers get paid?

Public employees acting as disaster service workers get paid only if they have taken and subscribed to the oath or affirmation.

Can disaster service workers be sued for actions taken while performing duties?

Public employee disaster service workers for non-profit organizations and government cannot be held liable for their actions during a disaster while acting within the scope of their responsibilities.

What if public employees are injured while acting as disaster service workers?

Claims sustained by public employees while performing disaster services shall be filed as worker compensation claims under the same authorities and guidelines as with all employees within their agency.



*California Emergency Services Act

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=gov&group=08001-09000&file=8550-8551>

For further information, please visit the websites listed on the back.