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### **COUNTY-WIDE EARTHQUAKE DIASTER TRAINING SCHEDULED**

RANCHO SANTA FE, CA – On Saturday, March 17, 2007, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) will be hosting a county-wide Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Drill for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The drill, which will take place at Rancho Santa Fe Station 2 in 4S Ranch, will focus on earthquake safety, search and rescue techniques, and triage and medical aid.

The training, which begins at 9:00 a.m., will include a trailer that simulates an earthquake with a magnitude of up to 7.0, a discussion on earthquake preparedness, and a real-life search and rescue and medical triage exercise. The County Office of Emergency Services, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Solana Beach Fire Department, Del Mar Fire Department, Encinitas CERT, Quake Hold, and Starbucks are sponsoring the event.

CERT was first established by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1986. In 1993, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began promoting nationwide use of LAFD's CERT concept. Since then, CERT programs have been established in all 50 states, including local CERT programs in the cities of Coronado, El Cajon, and San Diego.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "to protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 21,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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