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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- First Annual Multi-Agency CERT Drill -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. August 23, 2011 – On Saturday, August 27, 2011, the First Annual Multi-Agency CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Drill will take place from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm, at the Devereux Campus, located at 7055 Seaway Drive in Goleta

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat life threatening conditions by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

The CERT course is delivered in the community by a team of first responders who have the requisite knowledge and skills to instruct the sessions. These recently trained CERT volunteers will put their skills to the test at the First Annual Multi-Agency CERT Drill.

CERT Drill Agenda

10:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Safety Briefing, Scenario

11:00 a.m. –11:15 a.m. CERT Team Assignments

11:15 a.m. –1:00 p.m. Drill

1:00 p.m. –2:00 p.m. Review with all participants

This drill is the first of its kind done here in Santa Barbara County and we want our CERT graduates to have a great learning and team-building experience. The media is welcome to observe the drill.

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