

San José District 1

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Strawberry Square HOA

Do you know what to do when the next disaster strikes? In a major disaster, it might be several days before vital services are restored. The City of San José is exposed to a wide variety of hazards, such as earthquakes, severe storms, power outages are just some of the potential emergencies we may encounter. You, your family, and your neighbors need to be prepared ahead of time.

City of San José, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has partnered with our Neighborhood Commission, Emergency Preparedness Ad-hoc, to educate residents on Emergency Preparedness and here are three ways you can assist and spread the word:

1. Schedule for OEM staff to attend an SSHOA meeting to inform the community on the importance of preparing for an emergency by knowing how to help yourself and your family. Public education varies in length from 30 minutes to 2 hours.
2. Another way for you to assist is to sign up for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that teaches residents to help themselves and then their neighbors. The training is a 20-hour, nationally recognized course which prepares individuals to help prior to, during and after a large-scale disaster and is ideal for those hoping to become part of the city's disaster response.
3. A third way you can be informed is to sign up for Alerts! With the recent storms and cold weather, residents are encouraged to participate in AlertSCC, the Santa Clara County Emergency alert system. AlertSCC is free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or working Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email or landline. To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/2BzQxt0>

The goal is to personally reach out to Neighborhood Associations to schedule for OEM staff to attend their upcoming meetings or events and have them trained on emergency preparedness.

If anyone is interested on having OEM staff attend a meeting at SSHOA or want to learn more about CERT or the upcoming CERT trainings near you please e-mail Gary Cunningham: cunningham.gc@sbcglobal.net.

You can also visit our [OEM Website](#) for more information on services we offer and follow City of San José on Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor.