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**WILL YOUR FAMILY BE READY IF DISASTER STRIKES?  
FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AT SCHABARUM PARK**  
*First-responders, law enforcement agencies, community organizations and other exhibitors will be on hand Saturday, May 2 with advice and tools to help you develop a plan to survive fires, earthquakes and other disasters.*

Disaster can and does strike anywhere, without notice. Because it is impossible to know when the unthinkable — a major fire, earthquake, flood or landslide, for instance — might occur, experts agree that preparation is the best way to ensure that your loved ones not only survive a catastrophic event, but also have their essential human needs met in the aftermath.

This message is the driving force behind the second annual Emergency Preparedness Fair at Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park (17250 E. Colima Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748), sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Set for Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the fair will feature dozens of exhibitors and guest speakers united around the mission of raising awareness about the need for households and businesses to maintain an emergency preparedness plan — one that takes into account universal needs like food, water and shelter. Select vendors will be offering home, workplace and vehicle emergency preparedness supplies for sale.

Parking and admission for this event are free, and there is more information available at (626) 854-5560 or [parks.lacounty.gov](http://parks.lacounty.gov).

"We live in a region that is susceptible to fires and earthquakes, and residents need to be ready in case of an emergency," said Supervisor Knabe. "I encourage all residents to attend this free event, because in the event of a disaster, it's critical to have a plan to get themselves and their families out of harm's way."

The family-friendly event will also feature activities for children, emergency-response vehicle displays and on-site food vendors.

"This is an issue in which everyone plays a role, so we have created an event that is welcoming for all ages," said Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park Superintendent Connie Douglas. "We want to provide members of our communities with the most up-to-date information on what they can do to be prepared."