

**Emergency Preparedness Training Events**

The Information Exchange: Join us on October 8th for the first of six seminars presented to you by **SFCARD**. In this first session we will discuss the various hazards that we are exposed to in San Francisco and analyze the impacts of a large scale disaster on our emergency response, water and sewage, utilities, and transportation systems.

This session will be led by a team of expert panelists who will help us to understand the real effects of a disaster and the implications for each of our agencies.

The meetings are free and open to all agencies working with vulnerable populations.

For a complete schedule go online to www.sfcard.org

- **October 8th from 9-11am:** Emergency Planning for Vulnerable Populations Part 1: Risk Assessment hosted by HELPLINK in the United Way Boardroom at 50 California Street, Suite 200. The office is on the corner of California and Davis. The nearest MUNI/BART station is the Embarcadero.

**The Disaster Files**

Fortunately for us in San Francisco things have been relatively quiet this month.

Of note however is the implementation of the **Amber Alert** system in California. Now, under specific circumstances, the police are able to use the Emergency Alert System to advise the public about an abduction in progress in the hopes of bringing the children home alive and safe, as quickly as possible.

Power shortages are again a possibility this summer, especially as it gets warmer. However, chances of rolling black outs have been somewhat reduced this year with an increased energy supply from the new power stations and reduced demand due to the recession.

However, **rolling black outs** are still a distinct possibility so check your PG&E bill to find out which block you are in, it might not be the same as last year. Contact PG&E's Customer Service Line on 1 (800) 743-5000 to learn more about services, payment plans, and rates for seniors and people with disabilities.

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Join the Salvation Army on September 11th at 6pm for a **Memorial Service** in Union Square to remember those we have lost and to strengthen our commitment to peace for the future.

For information on other September 11th events go to:

www.sfdayofrememberance.com or
www.sfvisitor.org/sept11/remembrance.htm

The Fleet Week "Community Disaster Preparedness Fair" is on October 12-13th from 9am -4pm at the Marina Green. Join SFCARD and other agencies such as the SF Mayor's Office of Emergency Services, SFFD, SFPD, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and many, many more to learn how to prepare yourself and keep your loved ones safe in an emergency. Contact JoAnn Scordino for more details: (415) 558-2703

Do you need volunteers this coming holiday season? If so, contact Jill at the Volunteer Center of San Francisco: (415) 982-8999 ext. 228



What's Shaking - SFCARD News

On August 6th **SFCARD** met at the Salvation Army offices for our second Steering Committee retreat of the year. We restated the duties and obligations of the Steering Committee members and are also accepting nominations for new members. At the same meeting, Jim Aldrich, SF Mayor's Office of Emergency Services, and Ruth Mitchell of Meals on Wheels agreed to work together to put together a plan on how to best operationalize **SFCARD** in an emergency. We look forward to hearing the plan at the next meeting.

Funding is still a big question mark so any suggestions would be very welcome!

This month **SFCARD** began work with another new agency: **The IndoChinese Housing Development Corporation: Children, Youth, and Family Development Program** is a nonprofit in the Tenderloin area that provides a number of services to the youth and families of the IHDC and the surrounding neighborhood.

SFCARD continued to work with the **Rhoda Goldman Plaza** and designed a training program to be used by staff members with residents to help the residents prepare themselves for any type of emergency.

Need help with disaster preparedness? Contact SFCARD to set up an appointment for agency disaster preparedness training:

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