

Date: July 26, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Dennis Buchanan, Fire Chief 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Invitation to Attend the Annual READY Long Beach Event**

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, the Long Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), other City departments, and disaster response agencies, will host their 7th Annual "READY Long Beach" Community Preparedness Expo. This free citywide event is open to the public and will be held at California State University, Long Beach campus, in front of the Walter Pyramid, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Complimentary parking is available at Long Beach State University in parking structure 1, off Atherton Avenue and Merriam Way.

September is National Preparedness Month. The expo will feature information booths, emergency preparedness demonstrations, emergency food and supplies for purchase, a kids' fun zone, and emergency response vehicles.

Additionally, the event will include information regarding:

- How to gather and store minimum supplies of food, water, and other essential survival tools;
- How to take action to increase preparedness;
- How to build a family evacuation and response plan; and,
- How to engage neighbors in disaster planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Robbie Grego at (562) 570-2579.

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