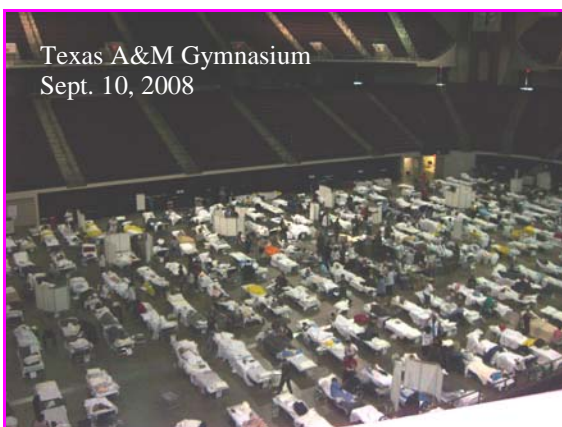




October 2008

The Responder



Texas A&M Gymnasium
Sept. 10, 2008

Finding Our *MISSION*

While responding with my Disaster Medical Assistance Team to Hurricane Ike, it became quickly apparent that one of the most important challenges we all face in time of disaster is the care of the medically fragile. You often hear these people referred to as *Special Needs Population*. Imagine a gym floor filled with 250 elderly and dialysis patients. Some with their own care givers; most without. Assisting these evacuees is what our Team did in the early morning hours as "Ike" was about to slam into the Texas coast.

The care and support of people with and without special needs is a very likely mission for *Team Laguna Niguel Responds* in the aftermath of a wide range of disasters. **This type of service and the possible jobs it**

will entail will be discussed at the next *Team LNR Quarterly Meeting on November 22nd.*



Thank You!

To Lisa Arnold and Dave Tuma for completing an inventory of the American Red

Cross disaster trailer and the Homeland Security Response trailer. Sometime in early 2009 we will have the Team get into the trailer contents and become familiar with the products inside.



FIRE SEASON

Is far from over. Now is the time to make sure that your home and property are safe from the threat of wild land fire. Some insurance companies are even offering fire retardant spraying services. Stay ready for "Red Flag" Fire Watch Patrols. We could initiate them at any time.



AT THE NOV. 22 MEETING MIKE LEE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WILL SPEAK ABOUT SHELTER MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING. DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

DATES TO VOLUNTEER:

October 18—Team LNR invited to MV Walk Against Drugs to apply moulage for demonstration. 10 to Noon at the Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Wear your uniform to show support!

November 8—Team LNR Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Set-Up Training at the LNV Council Chambers 9 AM to 1030 AM.

November 13—Great ShakeOut Exercise; 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM at the LNV Council Chambers (volunteers setup EOC for City Staff to respond to earthquake.)

November 15—Great ShakeOut Exercise continues... Team LNR responds with MV volunteers to post earthquake scenario. Location and time to be determined (morning event.)



Volunteers Needed for Haunted Trails

Want to try out your new Traffic Directing Skills? Members are needed for the evenings of Oct. 23, 24 and 25 to ensure the children's safety at Crown Valley Community Park. Contact Dave Tuma at kdtuma@cs.com to sign up.

The 14" H2O Water Pipe Break...

On Sept. 5th a large water line broke at the intersection of Pacific Island Dr. and Highlands. The damage to Pacific Island was extensive. But, no one was without water pressure for more than 1 hour and repairs are expected to be complete by Oct. 3rd.



IMPORTANT—E-MAIL LIST INFORMATION

We need to create a master E-Mail list of all members for non-emergency usage. This will allow the Leadership Team and other members to contact each other during non-activated times and when personnel are needed for special projects. The list will include only name and e-mail information—no telephone numbers or address will be released. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS SHARED WITH THE GENERAL TEAM MEMBERSHIP, CONTACT PAUL RUSSELL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND YOUR NAME AND E-MAIL WILL BE LEFT OFF THE LIST.**

The Great Southern California ShakeOut is a week of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill in United States history, organized to inspire Southern Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like after. The ShakeOut drill will occur in houses, businesses, and public spaces throughout southern California at 10AM on November 13, 2008.

Team Laguna Niguel Responds will have an important part in the City exercise planned for that morning, as we will setup the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the City staff to participate. If you want to be a part of this, please contact Paul at 362-4312. More on the ShakeOut can be found at www.ShakeOut.org.

