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## CITY OF LA MIRADA AND BIOLA UNIVERSITY TO HOST KEY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT EVENT ON OCT. 16

Southeast Los Angeles County will serve as the “Epicenter” of activities for Los Angeles area media for the 2014 Great California ShakeOut (ShakeOut) being held in the City of La Mirada on Thursday, October 16.

The City of La Mirada and Biola University will host a full-scale exercise as Biola Campus Safety, Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), City of La Mirada Public Safety and Community Emergency Response Teams respond to a simulated 6.7 magnitude earthquake centered on the Whittier Fault that causes significant damage to the Biola University campus. The Whittier Fault triggered the 5.1 magnitude La Habra Earthquake on March 28.

The 2014 ShakeOut activities begin at 4 a.m. with the Ready America “Big Shaker” earthquake simulator that will be available to media throughout the morning for television news reporters and weathercasters. A ShakeOut press conference is scheduled to start at 8:45 a.m. featuring invited guests speakers from Federal, State, County, Non-Government Organizations and earthquake experts. At 9:40 a.m., the City of La Mirada and Biola University ShakeOut full-scale exercise will start. At 10 a.m. the City of La Mirada will conduct a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill followed immediately with the activation of its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which will receive a call for assistance from the Biola University Emergency Response Team. Within minutes, LACoFD will arrive on scene at Biola University, and conduct Urban Search and Rescue and triage operations highlighted by students made up with a wide range of moulage injuries. At 11:30 a.m., the City of La Mirada EOC will experience a simulated aftershock, where first responders and EOC staff will participate in another “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill. The full-scale exercise is scheduled to conclude at 12 noon.

Parking for the media vehicles will be located at 13301 University Drive/Oakwood Lane entrance, just off of La Mirada Boulevard, approximately 250 yards from the La Mirada City Hall and EOC. Car parking will be available via the same campus entrance in Parking Lot K (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Floor levels). Please refer to attached aerial photograph for all Biola University ShakeOut activity locations.

Now in its seventh year, The Great California ShakeOut provides organizations, schools, businesses, government offices and agencies, first responders, emergency managers, and general public with the opportunity to practice the essential life saving “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” immediate response to an earthquake, and to focus on initiating or reviewing their earthquake emergency plans and preparations. This year a record number of more than 10 million Californians have registered in advance and will be joined by an additional 25-plus million people worldwide (50 countries and 47 U.S. states) will participate in this year’s The Great ShakeOut Earthquake drills. If media members require special accommodations, please contact OEM Ken Kondo at 213-792-5128.

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