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NOVATO—ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EARTHQUAKE?

Last Sunday, moments after our region was struck by a 6.0 magnitude earthquake from a fault near Napa, most of us were fortunate not to have experienced any damage or injury. But in Napa and Vallejo, the damage was severe--with estimates already reaching \$1 billion and approximately 200 people injured.

IF THIS EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED NOVATO, would you:

- Have an evacuation plan and know what to do, once you were required to evacuate?
- Know how to contact your family and friends?
- Have food, water, medicine and other supplies **for at least 72 hours--** for you, your family and your pets?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE?

Get trained

- **Take a Get Ready Class**--this free 2-hour class is sponsored by the Novato Police Department and a special session is scheduled for Monday, 09/15/14 at 7pm. Following the class, you can have a tour of the Police Department. Register by calling 415-897-4361.
- **Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course**--this 16-hour course is a nationwide program that provides training to the community to assist immediately after a disaster occurs until the arrival of professional rescuers: www.readymarin.org.

Get free resources & information

- **Check out the American Red Cross:** www.redcross.org
- **Check out Ready Marin:** www.readymarin.org
- **Register for Nixle**--this free service sends you bulletins and preparedness tips from the City of Novato and Novato Fire District: www.nixle.com
- **Check out FEMA Readiness:** www.ready.gov

Also, register your cell phone or VoIP (voice-over internet protocol) phone to receive local emergency alerts sent by call, text, or e-mail from the County of Marin Office of Emergency Services: **[Alert Marin – Telephone Emergency Notification System](#)**.

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