



**Kern County Fire Department and Kern County Public Health Team Up for  
Disaster Preparedness Month**

**Press Conference: Thursday August 31 at 10:00am, Emergency Operations  
Center, 2601 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield, CA.**

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**WHAT:** Kern County Public Health Services and Kern County Fire Department are hosting a press conference to announce September as Disaster Preparedness Month in Kern County.

**Speakers:**

- Chief Brian Marshall, Kern County Fire Department
- Matt Constantine, Director of Kern County Public Health Services
- Georgianna Armstrong, Emergency Services Manager, County of Kern

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 31 at 10:00am.

**WHERE:** Kern County Emergency Operations Center, 2601 Panorama Drive, Building B, Bakersfield, CA.

*Located in the gated county compound near the intersection of Panorama Drive and Mt. Vernon Ave, just east of Bakersfield College. Travel east on Panorama Dr and, immediately after passing Mt. Vernon, will be a right-hand turn lane to enter the compound driveway. Directly ahead are two gates with up/down arms. Press "5" at the gate keypad to ring into the EOC so we can open the gate. When the gate arm lifts, a sliding gate to your left will open. Drive past the sliding gate into the compound parking lot. The EOC is the building slightly to your right.*

**WHY:** As we watch the disaster unfolding in Texas and witness the human toll it exacts, we are reminded that disasters can occur any time, any place, and without warning. Kern County has encountered numerous natural disasters, including earthquakes, flooding, mudslides, extreme weather and wild fires. We should all take action to prepare! The goal of Disaster Preparedness Month is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business and schools.

**VISUALS:** Tours of Emergency Operations Center will be available. View displays of the upcoming billboard campaign and photographs of the 1952 Tehachapi Earthquake.