

Greetings from the Office of the Fire Chief,

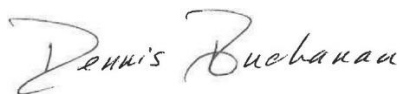
The Long Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is proud to announce the **7th READY Long Beach Community Preparedness Expo**. Please join the Long Beach Fire Department, the City of Long Beach, and other partners as we come together and support this important community-wide event. **READY Long Beach 2023** will take place on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the campus of California State University, Long Beach.**

There are two purposes for **READY Long Beach**: to (1) promote a “whole community” approach to emergency preparedness and readiness through education and hands-on, interactive demonstrations, and (2) raise funds for Long Beach CERT.

Why should you attend? Disasters know no boundaries; they are the great equalizer! Safety personnel will rely on the community to take care of each other during the first hours of a disaster because our resources will be stretched thin. Organizations, businesses, faith-based groups, neighborhoods, and residents must rally and support each other during these times of need. **READY Long Beach** creates an environment that builds relationships and provides families the opportunity to enjoy a free, family-friendly, fun day while also learning how to take care of themselves at home and at work.

Funds raised through sponsorships and vendor fees will go directly toward increasing the safety and well-being of our community by providing outreach, training, and supplies for those who live and work in our city. Your support will enable our city to take action now, before the disaster, to prepare our residents and assist them during response and recovery. It is about empowering Long Beach!

Sincerely,



Dennis Buchanan  
Fire Chief

