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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS GATHER TO STRENGTHEN CALIFORNIA'S RESILIENCY IN CERRITOS, MARCH 1-3

LOS ANGELES (Wed., Feb. 27, 2013) – More than 350 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers and staff representing 20 counties and 105 cities in the State of California are scheduled to attend the 2013 Statewide CERT Conference entitled "Building Stronger Communities Together" to be held in L.A. County at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (12700 Center Court Dr. North, 90703) and Sheraton Cerritos Hotel (12725 Towne Center Dr., 90703), March 1-3.

California Volunteers and Area E Disaster Management with support from the L.A. County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have partnered together to host the 2013 Statewide CERT Conference.

This year's conference will feature a variety of hands on skills and challenges, workshops and training opportunities that will enable CERT instructors, coordinators and volunteers to make their communities more resilient. The following is a brief list of some of this year's events and activities:

- Hands On Skills and Challenges: Medical Operations and Radio Communications, Size-Up Situational Awareness Skills
- Emergency Volunteer Center – Set-Up and Staffing
- CERT Training Materials and Techniques: Sharing Local Program Innovations
- Using Social Media and Technology to Enhance your CERT Program
- How to Successfully Engage Spanish Speakers for CERT
- Access and Functional Needs/Residential Care Facility Disaster Assistance
- Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program (DSWVP) Overview

This year's conference is sold out and there will be no on-site registration.

For more information, please access the California Volunteers website at <http://www.californiavolunteers.org> and Area E's website at <https://laareaecacert.samariteam.com>.

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