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Dear OTNA Member:

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were simply wonderful, and that you're able to stick to your New Year's Resolutions for at least a day, or two!

When possible, the OTNA Board tries its best to bring you meetings that are timely and coincide with current events at a local, state and/or national level. In keeping with that effort, the focus of our January meeting will be — *Emergency Preparedness*.

With the wind-whipped fires that raged out of control through four Southern California counties in October, and the 6.5 earthquake that rocked Cambria last month, and . . . with the national threat level having been bumped-up from "Elevated" to "High" (the highest since 9/11) — we thought a meeting on *Emergency Preparedness* would be rather timely. We've invited Torrance Firefighter & Public Education Officer, Charlie Watson, to educate us on what to do in the event of a local disaster or emergency, such as an:

- Earthquake
- Terrorist attack
- Explosion of a chemical plant
- In-home fire

Mr. Watson will also cover "Safety-in-Place" techniques, and explain what local plans have been implemented should a large-scale emergency occur within our City. We hope that you will join us on Wednesday, January 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Bartlett Center (1318 Cravens Street, Torrance) for this informative presentation. The enclosed purple flyer outlines the meeting details.

On another note, I wanted to update you on pending Assembly Bill 1160, which is endeavoring to expand upon the already-in-place AB 1866. If you recall, AB 1160 would allow the state to preempt local control on land use matters and infringes upon the rights of R-1 property owners in an attempt to dictate the specific requirements of local zoning ordinances applicable to every neighborhood in the state. Well . . . I'm happy to report that the author of AB 1160, Steinberg, dropped this second unit bill. This bill, which no doubt died from a lack of support, was strongly opposed by many cities. *See, we CAN make a difference!*

Hope to see you on the Wednesday the 21st!

Sincerely,

Debbie Hays
OTNA President

P.S. If you haven't done so already, please renew your OTNA membership for 2004. If you'd like to verify the status of your membership, please contact Ron Butterworth at (310) 212-5593.