

October 6th Third Annual All School Drill Sees Increase in Participation

Each year, the CAER Outreach Committee organizes the county-wide All School Drill to ensure that children throughout the county know about the Community Warning System and how to “shelter, shut & listen.” The drill takes place on the first Wednesday in October to coincide with the testing of the Community Warning System sirens.

This year, participation continued to increase, with nearly 250 sites confirming their participation. Increases of 50% or more over last year’s participation were seen in Bay Point, Brentwood, Lafayette, and Moraga.

Our goal is to get all schools and daycares to participate, so that new students learn about the Community Warning System and returning students have their knowledge reinforced. Sites that confirm participation are now tracked to understand historic participation across the county.

Participating sites reported that the resource materials, including preparation checklists and instructions, were helpful in preparing for the drill. Each site received a certificate of participation from CAER.

CAER is grateful for the recognition it received from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, who proclaimed October 6th 2004 “Shelter-in-Place Education Day,” along with many cities, including Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Oakley, Pleasant Hill, Pinole, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon and Walnut Creek.

Thank you to all Outreach Committee members, Contra Costa Health Services, the Contra Costa County Office of Education, the Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District for helping to make this year’s drill a success!

Confirmed Sites for 2004

Richmond	40
Antioch	30
Concord	25
Pittsburg	20
Martinez	18
San Pablo	18
Pleasant Hill	11
Walnut Creek	11
Lafayette	10
Brentwood	8
El Cerrito	8
Bay Point	7
El Sobrante	6
Pinole	6
Hercules	5
Moraga	4
Rodeo	4
Oakley	3
Alamo	3
Crockett	3
San Ramon	2
Kensington	2
Clayton	1
Orinda	1
Byron	1
Total sites:	247



Wally Wise (Maureen Erwin, Outreach Committee Chair), along with CAER Executive Director Tony Semenza, County Fire Chief Keith Richter, Joan Siesckowski and Carolyn Taylor of the County office of Education visited model school Willow Cove Elementary in Pittsburg on the day of the drill.



Resource materials included Wally Wise trading cards, pencils, Wally Wise “Ask me how to Shelter, Shut & Listen” stickers and coloring sheets.

Message From the Executive Director's Desk

This past year was a very busy one for the CAER organization and first and foremost, we want to thank all the volunteers who helped to make 2004 so successful. We'd also like to express our gratitude to the member companies and agencies that provide financial support as well as resources to the CAER effort.

To date our Action Teams continue to work on issues aimed at enhancing public health and safety. The Process Safety Management Action Team headed by Cho Nai shares process safety experience and incidents; provides technical sharing; reviews regulation updates; continues to network and to promote process safety.

Randy Sawyer leads the Emergency Notification Team that continues to work on notification policies and procedures. They also provide input on changes to the Community Warning System.

Maureen Erwin and the Community Outreach Team promote Shelter-in-Place education in the community and publicize the many resources provided by CAER. This group along with the Emergency Preparedness Team once again coordinated a very successful All Schools Drill in October. We have been conducting this drill for the past three years and participation has increased greatly as has awareness for the necessity to practice Shelter-in-Place drills to prepare teachers and students about the procedures necessary in the event of an emergency. This team plans CAER's participation in many community events to promote emergency preparedness and Shelter-in-Place education. CAER and Wally Wise Guy frequently make appearances at schools, day care facilities, senior centers and civic groups and provide educational materials regarding Shelter-in-Place and emergency preparedness topics.

Mark Ayers from ChevronTexaco and the PMAO Team continue to refine emergency response procedures and practices, study and implement best practices regarding fire protection and prevention and hazardous material spill/release prevention, evaluate emergency response equipment and supplies, sponsor and conduct emergency response training and review incidents and share lessons learned.

Mark Ayers also heads the Emergency Preparedness Team and will be going through a process of allocating grants to a number of organizations. These grants of up to \$2500 will be used to assist these groups in conducting emergency preparedness drills.

Charles Brantley and the Industrial Hygiene Team discuss new regulations and standards related to industrial hygiene, share best practices and general technical information and expertise, assist in the improvement of air monitoring efforts by community and industry, and review incidents and share lessons learned.

Eric Imhof and the Regional Hazardous Material Team are preparing for a 3-day emergency transportation conference to be held at the Radisson in Concord on April 5-7.

This group continues to work on issues to insure that appropriate emergency response procedures and practices are in place for hazardous materials incidents.

Mark Ayers from Dow facilitates the Security Action Team that continues to work with subject matter experts from facilities and local, state and federal agencies to identify and disseminate information regarding facility security vulnerability issues and activities.

CAER also continues to facilitate the Safety Summit process with four scheduled for 2005. These Summits have proven to be effective in sharing best practices and reviewing lessons learned from incidents involving the petrochemical industry.

As you can see, CAER continues to make excellent progress in all of these areas and this is all happening due to the dedication of all our members. I sincerely appreciate the work that is being done and want to thank every one of you. I am looking forward to a very successful and productive year at CAER.

Check out CAER's website cococaer.org for additional information.

Tony Semenza
CAER Executive Director

2005 CAER CALENDAR

January	February	March
11 th Haz Mat, 10 am 12 th Process Safety, 10 am 19 th Community Outreach, 9 am 19 th Security, 1 pm 25 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 26 th PMAO, 11:30 am 27 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 27 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	3 rd Safety Summit #15, 7:30 am 5 th Antioch's Safety Fair, 10am-3pm County East Mall, Antioch 8 th Haz Mat, 10 am 10 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 12 th Safety Fair, Crockett, 10am-3pm 16 th Community Outreach, 9 am 22 nd Emergency Notification, 11 am 23 rd PMAO, 11:30 am 24 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 24 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	8 th Haz Mat, 10 am 9 th Process Safety, 10 am 16 th Community Outreach, 9 am 22 nd Emergency Notification, 11 am 23 rd PMAO, 11:30 am 24 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 24 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm 31 st CCC Sheriff's Emergency Services Division 3 rd Operational Area Conference, Concord Hilton
April	May	June
5 th – 7 th Haz Mat Transportation Conference, Radisson Concord 12 th Haz Mat, 10 am 14 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 20 th Community Outreach, 9 am 20 th Security, 1pm 26 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 27 th PMAO, 11:30 am 28 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 28 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	10 th Haz Mat, 10 am 11 th Process Safety, 10 am 17 th Quarterly Meeting, 6 pm 18 th Community Outreach, 9 am 18 th Security, 1 pm 24 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 25 th PMAO, 11:30 am 26 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 26 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	9 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 14 th Haz Mat, 10 am 15 th Community Outreach, 9 am 15 th Security, 1 pm 23 rd Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm 28 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 29 th PMAO, 11:30 am
July	August	September
12 th Haz Mat, 10 am 13 th Process Safety, 10 am 20 th Community Outreach, 9 am 20 th Security, 1pm 26 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 27 th PMAO, 11:30 am 28 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	9 th Haz Mat, 10 am 11 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 17 th Community Outreach, 9 am 17 th Security, 1 pm 23 rd Emergency Notification, 11:00 am 24 th PMAO, 11:30 am 25 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	8 th Haz Mat, 10 am 14 th Process Safety, 10 am 21 st Community Outreach, 9 am 21 st Security, 1 pm 22 nd CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 22 nd Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm 27 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 28 th PMAO, 11:30 am
October	November	December
5th ALL SCHOOL DRILL 11 th Haz Mat, 10 am 13 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 19 th Community Outreach, 9 am 19 th Security, 1 pm 25 th Emergency Notification, 11 am 26 th PMAO, 11:30 am 27 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 27 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm	8 th Haz Mat, 10 am 9 th Process Safety, 10 am 15 th Quarterly Meeting, 9 am 16 th Community Outreach, 9 am 16 th PMAO, 11:30 am 16 th Security, 1 pm 17 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 17 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm 22 nd Emergency Notification, 11 am	8 th Industrial Hygiene, 11 am 13 th Haz Mat, 10 am 15 th CAER Board of Directors, 12 pm 15 th Emergency Preparedness, 1 pm 21 st Community Outreach, 9 am 21 st PMAO, 11:30 am 21 st Security, 1 pm

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