

In Los Angeles, our communities are ill-prepared for the destructive potential of the major earthquake that is now overdue. When it happens, police, fire and medical services will be unavailable to local communities for days following the earthquake and citizens will have to rely on their own supplies, knowledge and organization

The NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM PROGRAM (NTP) coordinates L.A. Fire Dept. Trained CERT personnel working alongside their untrained neighbors into NETs, Neighborhood Emergency Teams. Each program is adaptable to the needs, resources and interests of each community, thereby improving preparedness and response at the neighborhood level.

Volunteer teams living within a 3-5 block radius, are led by CERT trained personnel from the area and are instructed in personal, family and limited group preparedness techniques. These include search and report, light search and rescue, damage assessment, communications and field level medical treatment.

Participation in your NTP, will help ensure your family's safety, as well as yourself. You will learn the basics of emergency services protocols. You will learn about your neighbor's strengths and weaknesses. You will be prepared in advance with supplies and contact information. To become a member of the South Carthay Neighborhood contact [ronsokoloff@ca.rr.com](mailto:ronsokoloff@ca.rr.com).

Here is a great link to find out more about what you can do to prepare for the "Big One".