



the following is a message from the
city of newport beach

On Sunday, May, 17, 2009 at 8:39 pm the Los Angeles area experienced 4.7 magnitude earthquake.

Twenty minutes after the earthquake, Newport Beach RACES (Radio Amateur volunteers) completed a full check-in of all RACES and CERT Communicators (CERT Radio volunteers).

Eight RACES volunteers and 12 CERT Communicators checked in and reported the status of their neighborhoods. This most recent earthquake on the Newport-Inglewood fault highlights the importance of community preparedness.

AT A MINIMUM, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD

- **Build a disaster supply kit with enough food and water for your entire family for a minimum of 3 days**
- **Develop a family plan and discuss it with all family members**
- **Remember to plan for pets and family members with special needs**
- **Get trained- join the Newport Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to learn valuable life saving skills and how to prepare your family and neighborhood for unexpected disasters**

For questions or for information on the Newport Beach CERT program call (949) 644-3112 or e-mail nbcert@nbfd.net.

Excerpt from the US Geological Survey:

"A magnitude 4.7 earthquake struck about 3 miles east of Los Angeles International airport at 8:39 p.m. (PDT) local time, at a depth of 8.5 miles. Given that the location is in a densely populated part of the Los Angeles basin, it was widely felt. Initial estimates from the USGS ShakeMap indicate that although strong shaking will have been felt by many people, damage is expected to be light.

In 1920, the Inglewood earthquake (M 4.9) occurred in nearly the identical location to this evening's earthquake. The 1920 event was the original reason for identification of this as an active fault zone capable of damaging earthquakes, which then later proved to be the case in the 1933 Long Beach event. After the 1933 event, the name of the fault zone was changed to the Newport-Inglewood fault zone in recognition that it is continuous from Beverly Hills to Newport Beach."