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CITY OF CHINO HILLS RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FREE **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills will host a free <u>Emergency Preparedness Workshop</u> on Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at the Chino Hills Community Center, located at 14250 Peyton Drive. Residents will learn practical steps from the City and officials from Chino Valley Fire District (CVFD) and the Chino Hills Police Department (CHPD) on how to prepare themselves and their families for emergencies. Informational booths will begin at 6:00 pm, with the presentations starting at 6:30 pm.

City of Chino Hills staff will teach residents how to prepare for extended outages, including how to build an emergency kit and safely store food and water, and provide an overview of the City's local water and power system reliability. CVFD officials will provide insights into evacuation terminology, and how to prepare homes with proper defense zones. Law enforcement officials from CHPD will review evacuation protocols, including how residents are notified, how zones are determined, and what to expect with road closures and re-entry after an event.

The workshop will also feature a panel of telecommunications experts from major wireless carriers including AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon, to share how to stay connected during emergencies through cell service, Wi-Fi, and their outage response protocols. Attendees will gain practical tips for hardening their homes against wildfires and see real-world examples of how these measures proved effective during the January wildfires in Los Angeles.

In addition to the City of Chino Hills, CHPD, and CVFD, various other community partners and local agencies will be in attendance and available to provide emergency preparedness information such as American Red Cross, Chino Hills Auxiliary Radio Team, Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A, LifeStream, Southern California Edison, and SoCalGas.

At the end of the presentation, attendees will receive a free phone stand while supplies last, and raffle prize winners will be announced. For more information on the City's Emergency Management Program, visit <u>www.chinohills.org/EmergencyPreparedness</u>. For questions on the workshop, please call the City's Emergency Services Coordinator at (909) 364-2713.