



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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Mr. Tony Shakal
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Dear Mr. Shakal:

This letter is to certify that the City of Mountain View has adequately funded data utilization and seismic education activities pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2705(a), and (c)(1-2) and that Mountain View intends to use the funds retained pursuant to this subdivision to improve preparation for damage assessment.

Mountain View funds a full time Office of Emergency Services Coordinator. The mission of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) is to ensure the City of Mountain View is ready and able to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of emergencies that threaten lives, property and the environment. OES serves as a resource for schools, businesses, community groups, service organizations and neighborhood associations by providing information, training, assistance with exercises and participation in community events.

Mountain View has a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the Police/Fire Administration Building that serves as the central command center when the City is faced with multiple incidents during an emergency or disaster. The EOC provides a central location for gathering information, including damage assessment, and determining how resources will be allocated.

Mountain View also funds an education and preparedness program for citizens called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which provides an opportunity for all members of the community to become better prepared and assist local government with responding to a large scale emergency. This program now has over 1100 graduates.

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CERT members are trained to extinguish small fires, provide medical care and perform damage assessment and light search-and-rescue operations until professional first responders are on the scene.

Mountain View also funds a very active Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (ARES/RACES) group. The Amateur Radio base station, K6MTV, is located near the 9-1-1 Communications Center in the Police/Fire Administration Building. Amateur Radio antennas are also installed on all five fire stations, as well as the Community Center, the Senior Center and El Camino Hospital.

By working with CERT members Amateur Radio enables residents to report damage assessment information directly to the EOC.

We believe these programs, practices and procedures meet the requirements of Public Resources Code section 2705(a), and (c)(1-2) and will greatly assist the City in preparing for future emergencies and disasters.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



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