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Emergency Management Services Division
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Dear Oakland Community Members,

We want to keep you informed about upcoming changes to our community preparedness training programs. Due to recent staffing and budget constraints, we must adjust the availability of our training offerings while continuing to prioritize community safety and resilience.

Training Schedule Updates

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training

- CERT trainings are paused for the remainder of 2025.
- Beginning in 2026, we will change our training delivery model. These changes will increase accessibility of the training. Once finalized, the plans will be posted on our website.

PEP (Personal Emergency Preparedness) Training

- PEP training will continue on a quarterly basis.
- We will collaborate with community ambassadors to expand training capacity and reach more Oakland neighborhoods as we develop new tools and strategies.

Looking Ahead

We recognize how valuable these programs are to the community. We plan on taking this opportunity to reinforce the foundation of our CORE program, ensuring that future growth is robust, more sustainable, and better equipped to serve the community long-term.

What You Can Do Today

- [Sign up for a PEP course](#) to build essential emergency skills. While space is limited, we will invite additional participants from the waitlist as seats open up or venue capacity expands.
- Talk to your neighbors and build local interest in community-based training. The more enthusiasm we see from Oaklanders, the stronger our case for additional funding and program support.
- Get involved! Organize a neighborhood safety meeting, volunteer, or advocate for emergency preparedness in your community. We will be publishing digital resources to our website in the coming months.

Stay connected for future updates and opportunities as we move through this transition. We appreciate your commitment to preparedness and resilience. Together we can build a safer, resilient, and Ready Oakland.

Sincerely,

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