

## San Luis Obispo County VOAD

225 Prado Road, Suite A  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



# SLO Rumble

## Earthquake Recovery Exercise

January 26, 2011 • 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
The Salvation Army, 815 Islay Street, San Luis Obispo

**All SLOVOAD members** are invited to participate in this quick-paced, discussion-based exercise. Organizations are encouraged to send more than one representative to increase the learning transfer back to the organization after the exercise.

### Purpose

Participating organizations will **assess and improve their capabilities to communicate, coordinate, and collaborate with other organizations** to support the recovery needs of individuals and families following a significant earthquake or other major disaster in the San Luis Obispo County.

### Activities

SLO Rumble will be a **tabletop** exercise, not a drill. After reviewing the exercise scenario, participants will be presented with a series of events, requests for help, problems, and questions designed to stimulate discussions about how they would communicate, make decisions, and solve problems after a disaster. The exercise will be **customized to meet the needs of participants who register by January 12.**

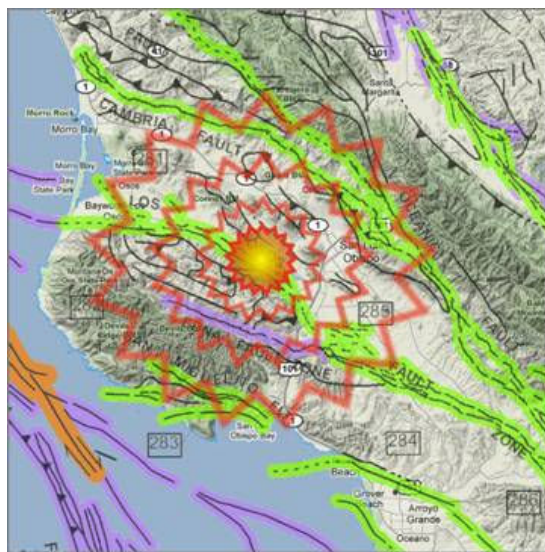
The exercise will conclude with a review of strengths to build on and areas for improvement, which will form the bases of an **After Action Report** summarizing lessons learned and improvement goals.

### Benefits

Your managers, staff, and volunteers are busy every day executing your organization's primary mission and responding to the needs of your clients. They probably don't spend much time reviewing or discussing your organizations disaster recovery plans—**especially in collaboration with other organizations.** This exercise will enable participants to discuss issues, practice making decisions, and solve hypothetical problems in order to:

- **Identify operational strengths**
- **Evaluate potential performance gaps**
- **Develop improvement goals**

Participants will also learn more about the resources of other VOAD members and strengthen relationships with key representatives of other disaster recovery organizations in the county.



## Exercise Scenario

On a quiet Sunday afternoon, residents throughout San Luis Obispo County feel the ground roll and shake. Initial seismic reports indicate that a 6.7 magnitude earthquake occurred on the Los Osos Fault, which runs southeast from Morro Bay for 28 miles through the Los Osos Valley and across Route 101 between San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach.

Within hours of the earthquake striking, local television is filled with images of damaged buildings, roads, and bridges throughout the area.

In the days following the earthquake, damage assessments verify that **hundreds of homes** have been so gravely damaged that they **can never be used again**.



As the earthquake response activities begin to transition into recovery operations, San Luis Obispo County VOAD partner organizations can be found **coordinating recovery activities to meet the disaster caused needs of the county's residents**.



## How to Register

The exercise will be customized to address the needs of participants who register by **January 12**. Register now to ensure your organization receives maximum benefit. You can **register online**, or you can **fax the enclosed registration form** to (805) 682-4655. To register online:

- Go to [www.sloVOAD.memberlodge.org](http://www.sloVOAD.memberlodge.org)
- Click **SLO Rumble—An Earthquake Recovery Exercise**



## For More Information

For more information about this exercise or other SLOVOAD activities, contact:

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San Luis Obispo County VOAD fosters efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

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# Registration Form

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Submit a separate registration form for each participant.

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Service area(s):

- Animal services
- Behavioral health/counseling
- Communication
- Communications
- Donations - Financial
- Donations - Goods
- Food distribution/preparation
- Health/medical services
- Long Term Recovery/Casework
- Seniors/Special Populations
- Transportation
- Volunteer Management
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax this completed form to **(805) 682-4655**

Attention: VOAD Coordinator

Please register by **January 12, 2011**