DEM highlights spring as a Season of Preparedness and there are numerous special events and initiatives taking place this spring to promote San Francisco’s preparedness and resilience. Here’s a snap shot of some of these great events and we hope to ‘see’ you there!

**NERT Citywide Drill**

April 14, 2012 at Everette Middle School located at 450 Church St. from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) members from all over the city are invited to meet to put their training into action during this three-hour drill. At the drill, NERT volunteers practice search and rescue techniques, triaging injured victims, setting up staging areas, and other essential disaster response skills.

**Save-A-Life Saturday**

April 14, 2012 at the Salvation Army, Chinatown located at 1450 Powell St. Cantonese only sessions: Sessions will be offered at 9 am, 11 am, and 2 PM

Save-A-Life Saturday 2012 will train Bay Area residents in lifesaving skills of disaster preparedness, basic first aid, hands-only CPR, and identifying and managing shock. The presentations are non-certified, shortened versions of Red Cross courses, and are offered at no cost.

**Emergency preparedness Planning Seminar**

April 17, 2012 at The Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St. from 3 – 5 p.m.

The British American Business Council Northern California and the Hotel Council of San Francisco are bringing together a panel of experts to discuss how organizations can be better prepared and ready to know what they should do if disaster strikes again. Join us for presentations from our expert panelists followed by Q&A and networking.

**106th Anniversary of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire at Lotta’s Fountain**

April 18, 2012 4:45am at 3rd and Market Street, San Francisco

On the anniversary of the Earthquake, San Franciscans gather around the fountain at 5:13 am to mark the exact time of the quake.

**SPUR “Safe Enough to Stay” Exhibit**

Runs through April 18, 2012 at the SPUR Urban Center, 654 Mission Street, San Francisco

This exhibition focuses on what steps can be taken now to ensure that homes are safe to occupy after an earthquake strikes. Learn what it will take to make sure your housing is Safe Enough to Stay.

**San Francisco Interfaith Council’s “Building Resilience beyond Our Walls: Disaster Preparedness Congregations Workshop”**

May 2, 2012 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St.

This workshop will provide clergy, lay leadership, clerical and facilities staff with valuable resources for partnering with neighborhood congregation and stakeholders as part of Resilient San Francisco’s equation for managing the immediate and long term aftermath in the event of a disaster.