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Great Alaska ShakeOut to be Held for First Time

Statewide Earthquake Drill Prepares Alaskans for the Big One

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The State of Alaska will be conducting the first Great Alaskan ShakeOut Drill on October 18, 2012 at 10:18 a.m. The drill is an opportunity for all Alaskans to practice the recommended earthquake safety drill, “Drop, Cover, and Hold On,”

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

Alaska is the most seismically active state in the U.S., home of three of the seven largest earthquakes in the 20th Century, including the 9.2 magnitude 1964 Good Friday Earthquake, the second-largest ever recorded. During the Great Alaskan ShakeOut every Alaskan should practice a *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* drill, review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and act to secure your space to prevent damage and injuries.

In addition to Alaska, numerous states, territories, and countries have elected to participate in the Great ShakeOut. As of today, there are over 13.7 million people that have been registered to participate in ShakeOut drills in 2012, including over 9.1 million people, on October 18th. Over 52,000 Alaskans have registered to participate in the Great Alaska ShakeOut.

Any individual, family, school, business, or other organization can participate in the ShakeOut Drill by going to www.shakeout.org/alaska and registering for the ShakeOut. The Alaska ShakeOut site contains information and resources for anyone who wants to participate in the ShakeOut drill.

This first Great Alaska ShakeOut Drill will only focus on the Drop, Cover and Hold On drill. The ShakeOut is not something you need to leave work to participate in—in fact, participating at work is encouraged! Businesses, organizations, schools, and government agencies can register and have their employees practice *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* or have a more extensive emergency drill.

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