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Subject: Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council Awards Ceremony to recognize six individuals for Emergency Preparedness Activities

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Palo Alto, CA - The Palo Alto Stanford Citizen Corps Council will host its fourth annual Awards Ceremony, Keynote and Reception on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Six individuals will be formally recognized for helping ensure that the community is safer and better prepared for emergencies. The public is invited to attend. The 2012 Community Partnership Awards will be given to the following 6 outstanding Emergency Service Volunteer recipients.

- **Doris Fravert**, NPC (Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator)
- **Keith Kvenvolden**, BPC (Block Preparedness Coordinator)
- **Esther Nigenda**, NPC (Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator)
- **Geri Spieler**, Emergency Medical Unit Leader
- **John St. Clair III**, ESV (Emergency Services Volunteer) Team Leader: City-wide CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- **Cynthia Tham**, BPC (Block Preparedness Coordinator)

In addition to the recognition of these individuals for their outstanding achievements, a keynote presentation will follow the ceremony and will feature:

Dr. Karel Schrijver, Senior Staff Physicist, Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center in Palo Alto, California. Dr Schrijver, recently quoted in National Geographic, will talk about the space weather forecast for the next few years with a chance of catastrophic blackouts: "Solar Storms - Sun Struck...Are we prepared?"



Mayor Greg Scharff will host the Community Partnership reception and will be joined by Jim Keene, City Manager; Dennis Burns, Public Safety Director; Eric Nichols, Fire Chief; and Kenneth Dueker, Director of Office of Emergency Services. A reception, catered by Ada's Café, will follow the event.

Gifts will be provided to the first 75 attendees.

About the Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council (CCC)

Citizen Corps is a federal best practice, designed to integrate government and community resources in partnership for all-hazards preparedness. The Palo Alto/Stanford CCC is our local coordinating body for all activity related to emergency planning and homeland security, The CCC is meant to be a clearing house for information and best practices, as an advisory body to the City Manager and therefore, integral to the Emergency Services Council (ESC) of the City of Palo Alto.

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