



# The Great California ShakeOut

Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

## K-12 Schools and Districts

At 10:17 a.m. on October 17, 2013, millions of Californians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great California ShakeOut, the state’s largest earthquake drill ever! All K-12 schools and districts are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.



Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great California ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

**Everyone can participate!** Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Register today at [ShakeOut.org/california](http://ShakeOut.org/california)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what K-12 schools and districts can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Learn more at [ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate](http://ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [ShakeOut.org/california/register](http://ShakeOut.org/california/register) to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from [ShakeOut.org/california/drill/broadcast](http://ShakeOut.org/california/drill/broadcast).
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:17 a.m. on October 17. You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Check your emergency supplies and equipment; make sure they are accessible and functional.
- Download and review school preparedness materials from [ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate](http://ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate).
- Learn about CISN software at [www.cisn.org](http://www.cisn.org)
- Encourage staff and students to prepare at home.
- Distribute ShakeOut take-home materials.

#### Share the ShakeOut:

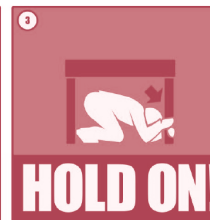
- Encourage students and staff to ask their friends, families and neighbors to register.
- Ask colleagues at other schools to participate.
- Find posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut at [ShakeOut.org/california/resources](http://ShakeOut.org/california/resources).
- Share photos and stories of your drill at [Shakeout.org/california/share](http://Shakeout.org/california/share).



**DROP!**



**COVER!**



**HOLD ON!**

### As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever!
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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If you have any ideas or recent projects you would like to share, please contact Kim Comet at [kcomet@humboldt.k12.ca.us](mailto:kcomet@humboldt.k12.ca.us) or (707) 445-7067

If you do not wish to receive the Safety Zone, please send an email to [kcomet@humboldt.k12.ca.us](mailto:kcomet@humboldt.k12.ca.us) with your name and district.

# Safety ZONE

NEWSLETTER FOR BUS DRIVERS



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# CONGRATULATIONS

**At the August CASTO workshop the following drivers were recognized for their safe driving records:**

- Marsha Allen - Humboldt County Office of Education
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- Kim Charette - Del Norte Unified School District
- Sherryl Ireland - Burnt Ranch School District
- Sherry O'Rourke - Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District
- Rich Moxon - Pacific Union School District

**Thank you for all your hard work in safely transporting our students of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.**



## IN-SERVICE CLASSES

### Original/Renewal Classes Available

Contact your state certified or delegated trainers for additional training dates and activities

<b>Northern Humboldt Union</b>	Sarah Goodwin (707) 825-2434
<b>Arcata</b>	Carol Grimes (707) 822-2614
<b>Fortuna High School</b>	Barbara Lake (707) 752-4461 ext 3097
<b>Del Norte Unified</b>	Carlina Horn/Linda Horton (707) 464-0250
<b>Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified</b>	Tiffany James (530) 625-5600 ext 2
<b>Humboldt County Office of Ed.</b>	Tom McGinnis (707) 445-7089
<b>McKinleyville Union</b>	Scott Oilar (707) 839-2584
<b>Eureka City Schools</b>	Linda Wilson (707) 441-2503

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*In each issue, we will highlight one of our own drivers and their accomplishments.*

## Bus Driver – Fred Grimes

Carol Grimes accepted the award for her husband, Fred. He was given the CASTO Member of the Year Award at the August CASTO workshop, posthumously. His nomination letter stated: It is my honor and privilege to nominate one of the most outstanding school bus driver's this area has ever known. This individual has taken the job of safely transporting the world's most precious cargo and put his own personal caring touches to each individual child to make them feel special, happy and loved.

He has had twenty accident free years of driving.

This driver has put his heart and soul into making sure that every student that stepped on his bus was treated fairly and had the right to feel safe at all times. His good nature was sometimes taken advantage of when a student or students would be sneaky and misbehave without being detected. This was a level of trust that soon would be found out as the many of this bus driver's little student allies would act as informants to bring the disrespectful offenders to their favorite bus driver's attention. As a result, the wisdom of this patient man who knew that you most always get more mileage with kindness would get his message across to anyone suspected of being unkind or unsafe. If the behavior didn't improve, it would ultimately result in finding another way to school for a period of attitude adjustment. You see, one of the signs of a great bus driver is when the principal of the school receives a bus citation from a driver and automatically knows that it was well deserved and there were no other options available. That is powerful. That is respect for doing your job well.

When this driver first came to my office twenty years ago inquiring about a job, I was not thinking that he had what it takes to be a school bus driver. He was always joking, didn't seem to take a lot of things seriously, and had a knack for making fun of most everything – particularly me. He didn't seem to care about the finer things in life. He drove an old rambler sedan with an assortment of leftover plumbing parts displayed in the rear window. He showed up every day on time with the enthusiasm to be a school bus driver. He was perfect! Over the years, we learned many things together.

It became clear to me that this driver was gifted in his ability to communicate with people in a humorous way. He quickly endeared himself to staff and students alike. If you have ever attended our CASTO August workshop before, he has also made you smile with his ability to sell you raffle tickets and laugh out loud while doing so.

This year's CASTO Member of the Year recipient unfortunately is posthumously being awarded to Fred Grimes. For those of you who don't know, Fred left us in July as he lost his bravely fought battle with cancer in six short months. He leaves behind the love of his life Carol, his mother, three sons and several grandchildren. When I went to visit Fred in his days of illness, he would say, "don't you worry boss, I'm coming back to drive school bus for you. I'm not done driving bus yet".

The memorial placed on the fence at Morris School by students and friends when it was learned of his passing evidences the love this community has for Fred. He was a jokester at heart and always filled the garage with laughter. He played many jokes over the years, some of them beyond amateur level. Of course Halloween will never be the same without Fred's over the top characters such as Fredricka.

We miss Fred every day and know that his spirit lives on looking out for the safety of children in all of our hearts that he so deeply touched.

## Do not be a headline like this... “Anderson School Bus Driver Suspended After Wreck Story Debunked”

*Knoxville News Sentinel, May 28th, 2013*

The driver of an Anderson county school bus that crashed last week has been suspended until further notice after the in-bus camera recording show that she was not forced off the road by an oncoming car veering into her lane as she had originally told investigators.

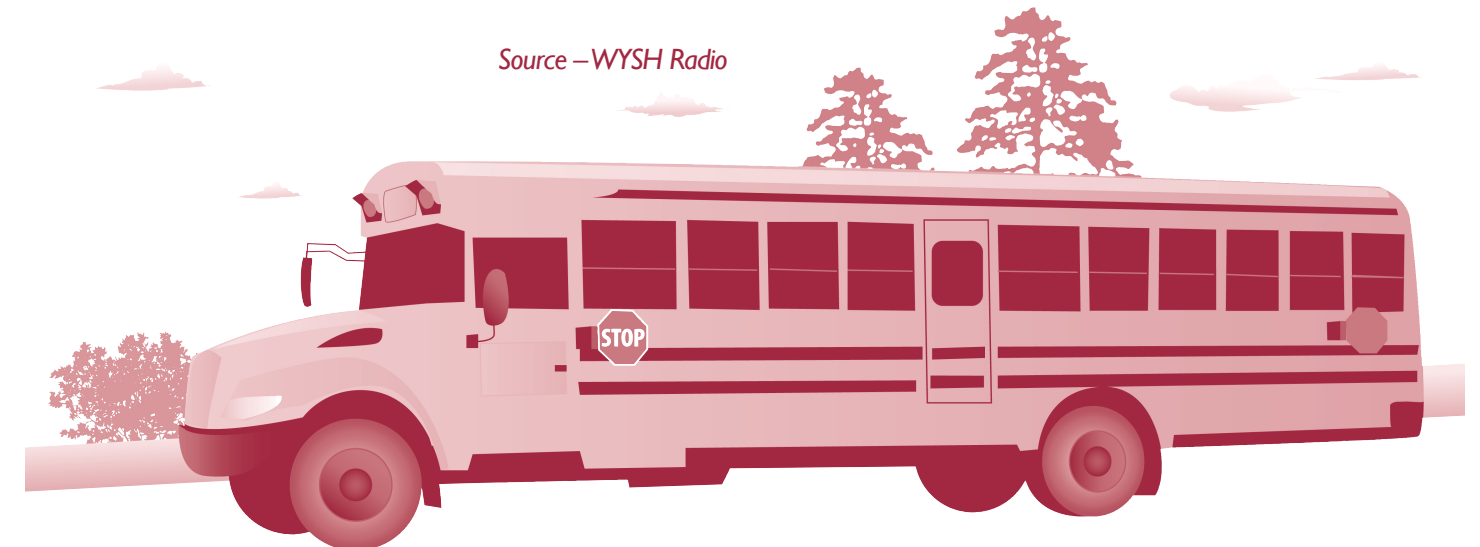
The bus carrying 43 children overturned in a grassy field off of Johnson Gap Road. Immediately after the crash, driver Tammy Moore told investigators that she had swerved to avoid an oncoming car that had veered into her lane, causing the tires on the right side of the bus to leave the road way. The bus traveled about 200 more feet before rolling onto its side.

Three children were treated at, and released from, Methodist Medical Center for minor injuries, and a fourth was treated for a concussion at Children's Hospital in Knoxville.

School officials say that a review of the bus's camera shows that no cars veered into Moore's lane and that the wreck had happened almost 20 seconds after the last car did pass her. Instead, school officials say that Moore was distracted by a student in the aisle in the moments before the crash.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol is investigating the incident and will consult with the district attorney's general's office to determine if any criminal charges will be filed. Moore, who is employed by Parker Transport, was suspended pending the outcome of the investigation after company and school leaders met to discuss the matter.

*Source – WYSH Radio*



## Boy Hit by His Own School Bus

On January 18, 2011, a 6 year old Calloway County, Missouri boy was run over and killed by his own school bus after getting off the bus at his home. A Missouri State Highway Patrol report on the accident concluded that the bus driver did not wait long enough after the student got off to clear the area around the bus before he set the bus in motion again.

One year to the day after the accident, the 78 year old bus driver, who had pled guilty two months earlier to second degree involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced to four years in prison. However, the judge suspended the sentence, and placed the driver on five years' probation. He cannot drive any vehicle, let alone a school bus, and must perform 100 hours of community service, speaking to area bus drivers about school bus safety. The victim's grief-stricken parents did not want to see the driver spend time behind bars. Instead, they wanted to use the tragedy to educate bus drives and riders on the potential hazards so that no other family would have to suffer to loss of a child. Members of the victim's family said the case was not about revenge, but about preventing something like this from happening again.

The Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation (M.A.P.T.) in cooperation with the Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) has produced a video about the North Calloway accident, entitled "DRIVING DISTRACTED...and then it happened"

You can view the video at  
<http://www.moapt.org/news.html#news2>