



Joe Samet, a frequent visitor to the local fire station, and Paramedic Bill Lockhart show the plaques that name Samet "Civillian of the Year."

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## Quake preparedness man named 'Civillian of Year'

Leisure World resident Joe Samet, called "the driving force" behind this community's earthquake preparedness effort, was honored recently with the "Civillian of the Year" award from the Orange County Fire Department's Battalion 4.

The honor was bestowed at a luncheon May 13 at the Laguna Hills Holiday Inn.

Samet accepted the department's engraved plaque with thanks but typical humility saying his reward will be knowing he did his best to make sure all Leisure Worlders, particularly the frailest residents, are "safe as they can be" in an emergency.

To achieve that aim, Samet has worked closely with Leisure World's Security div-

ision, put together a comprehensive program of pre-and post-earthquake action, and assembled a committee of residents and employees to share their talents.

Among this group are ham radio operators, retired doctors and nurses and even members of the bicycle club who will be able to go where vehicles cannot.

Samet helped organized first aid and CPR courses for residents, emergency drills and supply check lists.

According to Emmy Day of the Orange County Fire Department, Samet "left no stone unturned in the community whether it be providing a check list of medicines for residents, a hose to drain the water heater, or knocking on doors to seek volunteers."