

# EMD BULLETIN



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## Emergency Management Department

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**OCTOBER 14, 2009 – 1200 hours**

### **FLASH FLOOD WATCHES FOR THE STATION, SAYRE, SESNON AND MAREK FIRE AREAS BULLETIN #4 – 1200 HOURS**

#### **WEATHER**

Flash Flood Watches have been issued for the Station, Sesnon, Sayre and Marek burn areas through Wednesday afternoon (due to expire at 1500 hours). Rainfall amounts of 1.5 to 4 inches are expected in these areas. The storm system will slowly weaken across southern California this afternoon. However, numerous showers will continue across the area bringing an additional 1-2 inches of rain for the mountains and lesser amounts for the coasts and valleys. Given the amount of rainfall already received, debris flows will continue to be a concern in and around the recent burn areas today. Along with rainfall, gusty southerly winds will continue across the Ventura and Los Angeles mountains through Thursday morning.

#### **ROAD CLOSURES**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has announced that due to forecasted rain, and in coordination with the US Forest Service (USFS), it has closed all public access to all County roads within the Station Fire burn area as of Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The closures follow a decision by the US Forest Service to issue voluntary evacuation notices to its staff and USFS lessees, and to move its fire-fighting equipment from mountain fire stations to the foothills.

As a result, the Angeles Forest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles and L.A. County Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel. **Residents living in the burn areas will not be permitted to use the roads until the closure is lifted.** Residents are urged to continue to monitor news broadcasts, or visit the CARE website at [www.dpwcare.org](http://www.dpwcare.org) for further updates. For more information on road closures visit the Los Angeles County Department of Public works at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/> or call (800) 214-4020.

#### **About the Emergency Management Department (EMD)**

The Emergency Management Department was established by ordinance in 2000 by the City Council and Mayor. EMD is dedicated to leading the City in comprehensive emergency management including: planning, mitigation, preparation, response to and recovery from natural, manmade and accidental incidents of high consequence.

## **SANDBAGS AND SAND**

Sand and sandbags are available at the following locations:

- Fire Station 7, 14123 Nordhoff Street, Arleta
- Fire Station 24, 9411 Wentworth St., Sunland
- Fire Station 75, 15345 San Fernando Mission, Mission Hills
- Fire Station 77, 9224 Sunland Blvd, Sunland
- Fire Station 91, 14430 Polk St., Sylmar
- Fire Station 98, 13035 Van Nuys Blvd, Pacoima
- Olive View Hospital (at the old Fire Station)
- Riverwood Community Center at the Conover Fire Road
- Council District 2 Office, 7747 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga
- Oakridge Mobile Home Park, 15455 Glen Oaks Blvd, Sylmar
- Veteran's Park, 13000 Sayre St., Sylmar

The Bureau of Street Services also offers free sand and sandbags. Residents must fill the sandbags themselves. Shovels are available at the yard. The maximum number of bags per resident is 25. Yard hours of operations are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Information is also available by calling (213) 473-8410, the 3-1-1 operator or by visiting [www.lacity.org/boss/resurfacing/storm.html](http://www.lacity.org/boss/resurfacing/storm.html)

In the impacted area sandbags are available at:

East Yard	Granada Hills	Canoga Park	Sunland Yard
452 San Fernando Rd.	10210 Etiwanda Ave.	7453 Canoga Ave.	9401 Wentworth St.
(213) 485-5667	(818) 756-8728	(818) 756-8728	(81) 756-9612

Information is also available at:

- UpdateLA (<http://www.updatela.com/>)
- ReadyLA (<http://www.readyla.org/>),
- Twitter (<http://twitter.com/readyla>),
- Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/readyla>),
- National Weather Service Forecast Office (<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/main.php?suite=public>)
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/>)
- National Weather Service Forecast Office (<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/main.php?suite=public>).