



EMD BULLETIN

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DATE: August 31, 2009
TO: All Members of the Emergency Management Committee
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SUBJECT: STATION FIRE, HAZARDOUS AIR QUALITY, HOT TEMPERATURES BULLETIN #2

This bulletin contains information and updates on the following items:

- **Station Fire**
- **Hazardous Air Quality Advisory**
- **Hot Temperatures**

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>)
- EMD Public Information: 800-439-2909

The EMD Duty Officer can be contacted at:

- 213-484-4831 (landline)
- 213-200-6414 (cell phone)
- emddutyofficer@lacity.org

STATION FIRE UPDATE AS OF 1530

The Station Fire has now burned 105,000 acres and is 5 percent contained at 1500 hrs, August 31, 2009. Approximately 12,000 residences are threatened at this time (also 500 commercial structures and 2000 other buildings). 18 residences have been destroyed. Two L.A. County firefighters were killed battling the Station Fire.

The Station Fire continues to burn within the Angeles National Forest and near surrounding foothill communities of La Canada-Flintridge, La Crescenta, Acton, Soledad Canyon, Pasadena and Glendale. The

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.



goals of the firefighters are to keep the fire west of Highway 39 and Angeles Crest Highway, east of Interstate 5, south of Highway 14, Pearblossom Highway, and Highway 138, and north of the foothill communities and the Angeles National Forest Boundary. Steep terrain, old growth brush and hot dry weather are factors that drive fire activity. Firefighters are working to build fireline and protect structures within areas affected by the fire.

Fire is heading in two general directions to the North: A finger went through Big Tujunga Cyn Road, crossed Angeles Forest and continues north towards Upper Big Tujunga Cyn Road; a second finger is currently at Santa Clara divide Road, between North Fork station and approx half way to Soledad Cyn Road. Below is additional information related to the fires.

- Large numbers of road signs are burned and will need to be replaced; have also lost sections (approx 7 runs) of guardrail will need replacement along Big Tujunga and one more on Angeles Forest near Angeles Crest
- Big Tujunga Cyn Road was burned from north of LA City Line to about the entrance to the dam.
- Angeles Forest Hwy was burned from just NW of Big Tujunga to about 1/2 way between Big Tujunga and Angeles Crest Hwy.
 - Trees in road right-of-way will need evaluation ASAP. Some at Big Tujunga MM 5.0 go over the road itself.
 - Timber Bridge on Big Tujunga at Ottie Road does not appear to have been effected.
- Private Property damage: About 90% of houses along Stoneyvale and Vogel Flats roads were burned. Also structures burned at Ottie Road, Big Tujunga corridor.

As of 1230 hours, the following are mandatory evacuations in the Sunland-Tujunga area:

Streets North and East of:

- Sevenhills Dr
- Angeles
- Hillhaven Ave
- Dos Rios Dr
- Lonzo St
- Deliban Dr

Streets North and East of:

- Burland Av
- Terecita Rd
- Terecita Pl
- Owens St
- Samoa Av
- Samoa Pl
- Parsons
- Grenoble St
- Silverton St
- Bellclaire St
- Glory Ave
- East of Fairgrove Ave
- North East of Apperson x Fairgrove Ave

Voluntary evacuations in the Sunland-Tujunga area:

- Cardamine Ct.
- Renaissance Dr.
- Periford
- Tamlerly Lane
- Provence Lane
- Chantilly Dr

Large Animals:

- Los Angeles Equestrian Center: 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506
For assistance, call Karen Sund: 310-560-1004 or the LAEC main line: 818-840-9063
- Pierce College: 39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)

Small Animals:

Sunland Park: 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040
(818) 352-5282

Evacuation Center:

Verdugo Hills High School
10625 Plainview Ave, Tujunga, CA 91042-1798

Poor air quality is rapidly becoming a concern due to falling ash and potentially toxic smoke from burned materials. Three injuries have been reported. The fire is expected to be fully contained on September 15th.

EOC Activations:

- City of Los Angeles City Watch – Activated at Level II staffed by City of LA EMD
- Cities of La Canada Flintridge, Glendale and Palmdale - EOC is activated
- Greater LA Red Cross Chapter - EOC is activated and working with DPSS and other chapters in the region to coordinate shelters and evacuation center operations.
- County EOC - Activated; staffing managed by OEM and EOB personnel
- Southern California Regional Operations Center - Activated as a result of multiple hazardous fires in multiple Operational Areas

Emergency Declarations/ Assistance Requests:

- La Canada Flintridge has proclaimed a local emergency
- LA County CEO has proclaimed a local emergency
- Governor has proclaimed a local emergency for Los Angeles County
- LA County Fire is eligible for financial assistance from the Fire Management Assistant Grant (via CalEMA).

To view the fire map: <http://fire.lacounty.gov/>

**HAZARDOUS AIR QUALITY ADVISORY STILL IN EFFECT
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

***Questions about this air quality alert can be directed to (213) 240-8144. ***

Health advisories and other public health information can be found at <http://www.lapublichealth.org/>

HOT TEMPERATURES

The City remains in Phase 1 of the Extreme Heat and Cold Annex. The Annex can be found at:
http://insidela.ci.la.ca.us/eoo/eoosubcommpttf/eointraeoosubcommpttf236860629_06022009.pdf

A list of cooling centers operated by L.A. County can be found at
<http://css.lacounty.gov/docs/July%202009%20Community%20Cooling%20Centers.pdf>