

## Emergency Management Department

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**SUBJECT: STATION FIRE, HAZARDOUS AIR QUALITY, HOT TEMPERATURES AND FIRE WEATHER FORECAST BULLETIN #3**

**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>)

The EMD Duty Officer can be contacted at:

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

As of 8:00am, DWP reports no power supply problems and 83 customers with outages. All of the DWP water tanks and reservoirs in the area of the fire remain full and pumping stations in normal operating mode. There is no major power or water supply issue.

California Independent System Operator (ISO) has not issued an alerts, warning and emergency notices regarding excessive service demands statewide.

#### 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.



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### **STATION FIRE UPDATE AS OF 0830 HOURS**

The Station Fire has grown to 121,762 acres and remains 5 percent contained. At least 74 homes, cabins, and other structures have been destroyed, mainly in the Tujunga Canyon and Acton areas. Approximately 10,000 homes, commercial properties, and other structures remain threatened. Governor Schwarzenegger declared a State of Emergency for Los Angeles County in order to allocate additional resources to the Station Fire. Two firefighters were killed while fighting the fire on Sunday afternoon and three civilians were burned by flames on Monday.

Evacuation orders have been issued for:

- 300 homes in Tujunga/Sunland bounded by Apperson St in the west, Sevenhills Dr in the north and Glory Ave in the south and east.
- Residences La Canada Flintridge east of Jenssen Drive, northeast of Los Amigos Street, east of Castle Road and east of Ocean View Road.
- Briggs Avenue to Pennsylvania north of Harmony Place.
- Briggs Avenue north of Rockdale.
- West of Arroyo Seco to Palm Drive north of Olive Lane.
- Residences in Altadena north of Loma Alta between between Lake and Canyon Del Drive.
- Residences in Acton south of Soledad Canyon Road from High way 14 to Crown Valley Road, and residences on Alison Canyon Road from Angeles Forest Highway to Soledad Canyon Road.

This area includes portions of the following zip codes: 91001, 91011, 91042, 91214 and 93510

Multiple mandatory evacuation orders remain in effect for the following areas:

- Juniper Hills: All homes in the Juniper Hills area, north of Juniper Hills Rd, between Emma Rd, Fort Tejon Rd, and Longview Rd.
- Tujunga: Northwest of Day at Blue Gum Canyon Rd, to Glory Ave to westbound Apperson St to northbound Fairgrove Ave to westbound Summitrose St to northbound Pinyon Ave to westbound Hillrose St to northbound Seven Hills Dr to Lonzo St.
- La Crescenta: All previous evacuations remain in effect and new orders were issued for all residents living south of Markridge Rd, to Orange Ave, between Pennsylvania Ave and Oceanview Blvd. That includes residents on Orange Cove Ave. All residents living north of Rockdell St and Faircrest Dr, and between Rosemont Ave and the foothills, have been evacuated.
- Altadena: Evacuation orders have been lifted for the areas north of W. Loma Alta Dr between Aralia Rd and Fair Oaks Ave. Residents living on Prieto Fire Rd and Millard Canyon north of Risinghill Rd remain under mandatory evacuation orders. Chaney Trail and Alzada Dr north of Jaxine Dr also remain under mandatory evacuation orders.

This area includes portions of the following zip codes: 91001, 91011, 91040, 91024, 91214 and 91042

Evacuation centers have been established at La Canada High School, 4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Canada; Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Rd., Glendale; Crescenta Valley High School, 2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta and Verdugo Hills High School 10625 Plainview Ave, Tujunga, CA 91042-1798.

Approximately 800 customers in the La Canada Flintridge area are without power due to burned and damaged power poles and lines. The fire is expected to be fully contained on September 15.

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

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

Due to the fires burning in Southern California, air quality continues to be adversely affected in several parts of Los Angeles County. According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), smoke from the Station Fire near La Cañada has caused **hazardous air quality** in the San Gabriel Mountains and the West San Gabriel Valley. Areas of direct smoke impact include Altadena, La Cañada, Flintridge, La Crescenta, Tujunga, and Sunland. The Los Angeles County Health Officer, Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, urges all individuals in these areas, or areas where there is visible smoke or the odor of smoke, to avoid unnecessary outdoor **and indoor** physical exertion, such as exercise.

The following is recommended for pets:









- Avoid leaving your pets outdoors, particularly at night. Pets should be brought into an indoor location, such as an enclosed garage or a house.
- If dogs or cats appear to be in respiratory distress, they should be taken to an animal hospital immediately. Symptoms of respiratory distress for dogs include panting and/or an inability to catch their breath. Symptoms for cats are less noticeable, but may include panting and/or an inability to catch their breath.

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

**HOT TEMPERATURES**

Hot weather to continue through mid week. A persistent high pressure has produced triple digit heat today over the interior portions of the coastal valleys, the foothills and the Antelope Valley. Tonight overnight temperatures will remain unseasonably warm with lows in some interior locations cooling off only to the upper 70<sup>o</sup>s and lower 80<sup>o</sup>s. Temperatures on Tuesday are expected to be even warmer over the interior up 2 to 5 degrees from today with high temperatures expected to range from the 90<sup>o</sup>s to around 105<sup>o</sup>. In addition to the heat some monsoonal moisture is expected to begin to overspread the region from the Southeast on Tuesday. This increase in humidity will add to the danger of the hot temperatures since only a slight increase in humidity could push the heat indices in the warmest locations to around 105<sup>o</sup> degrees. These locations include the Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley and Santa Ynez Valley. Overnight lows in these areas Tuesday night may not fall below 80<sup>o</sup> degrees. The only real relief from the heat will be along the immediate coast where highs are expected to reach only into the 70<sup>o</sup>s and 80<sup>o</sup>s. This continuing heat event will pose health hazards for anyone outdoors especially for the elderly, small children and pets.

There is an increased risk of heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke during periods of excessive heat. Firefighters, police officers and City employees who work outdoors should hydrate prior to and during their assigned shifts. Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable during hot weather. City employees should evaluate all situations where children and the elderly may be exposed to excessive heat and call 9-1-1 when appropriate.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS – September 1, 2009					
9 am	12 pm	3 pm	6 pm	9 pm	12 am
 <b>79°F</b>	 <b>94°F</b>	 <b>96°F</b>	 <b>89°F</b>	 <b>78°F</b>	 <b>73°F</b>
Feels Like <b>79°F</b>	Feels Like <b>91°F</b>	Feels Like <b>93°F</b>	Feels Like <b>86°F</b>	Feels Like <b>78°F</b>	Feels Like <b>73°F</b>
Today			Tonight		
 Partly Cloudy High <b>98°F</b> Precip <b>10%</b>			 Clear Overnight Low <b>67°F</b> Precip <b>0%</b>		
Wind: <b>From S at 8 mph</b> Max. Humidity: <b>28%</b> UV Index: <b>10 Very High</b>			Wind: <b>From S at 6 mph</b> Max. Humidity: <b>48%</b>		

Because of the increasing humidity and heat index the City will remain in Phase 1 of the Extreme Heat and Cold Annex. The Annex can be found at:

[http://insidela.ci.la.ca.us/eoo/eoosubcommpdff/eointraeoosubcommptff236860629\\_06022009.pdf](http://insidela.ci.la.ca.us/eoo/eoosubcommpdff/eointraeoosubcommptff236860629_06022009.pdf)

Libraries, Senior Centers and Recreation and Parks facilities are available to provide relief from the heat. Information on locations and hours of operations are available at:

- Libraries – Call (213) 228-7000 or <http://www.lapl.org/branches/>.
- Senior Centers - <http://www.lacity.org/RAP/dos/senior/senior.htm>
- Recreation and Parks Facilities - [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

A list of cooling centers operated by Los Angeles County can be found at

<http://css.lacounty.gov/docs/July%202009%20Community%20Cooling%20Centers.pdf>