

Emergency Management Department

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STATION FIRE, HAZARDOUS AIR QUALITY, HOT TEMPERATURES AND FIRE WEATHER FORECAST BULLETIN #4 – 1500 hours

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>)
- TTY/TDD 3-1-1 or (213) 473-3221 or (866) 452-2489
- L.A. City Emergency Information Hotline (800) 439-2909

The EMD Duty Officer can be contacted at:

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

Other Important Phone Numbers

- L.A. County Department of Mental Health ACCESS Center 1-800 854-7771
- American Red Cross-(888) 737-4306

POWER ADVISORY

Southern California Edison urges its customers in the Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale areas to conserve energy due to transmission lines that have been damaged by the Station Fire. Edison officials asked customers to turn off and unplug any unnecessary electrical equipment, especially sensitive electronics.

Customers are advised to keep flashlights handy in case a service interruption occurs, not to use candles for lighting because they could pose a fire hazard, and not to cook indoors with charcoal or other fossil fuels not meant for indoor use because they could turn deadly.

If a power outage occurs, one light switch should be left in the on position to serve as a signal when service has been restored.

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.

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.

STATION FIRE UPDATE AS OF 1500 HOURS

The Station Fire started off of Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station around 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 121,762 acres and is 5 percent contained as of 7a.m. this morning. Approximately 10,000 residences are threatened at this time (500 commercial structures and 2000 out buildings as well). Over 3,655 personnel are working the fire. 53 structures including residences and recreational cabins have been confirmed as destroyed. 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, Juniper Hills, Mt. Wilson and Sunland-Tujunga.

The fire has entered the City of Los Angeles jurisdiction but no homes have been damaged or lost.

Two Los Angeles County firefighters were killed Sun., Aug. 30, as they were fighting the Station Fire. Five injures (including the two fire fighters who passed away) have been reported. Law enforcement and fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if you are near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proclaimed a local emergency for Los Angeles County.

EVACUATIONS

North Side Mandatory

- Acton Area: There has been a mandatory evacuation of Soledad Canyon Rd. between Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. and Crown Valley Rd. There is a mandatory evacuation of the area bounded by Soledad Canyon Rd., Aliso Canyon Rd. and Angeles Forest Highway.
- National Forest: Soledad Canyon Rd./Bootlegger Canyon Rd. area as well as Little Rock Recreation Area Mount Emma Rd. and Cheseboro Rd./Cima Mesa area northeast of Juniper Hills.

North Side Voluntary

- Juniper Hills Area: south of Fort Tejon Rd. from Mount Emma Rd to Longview Rd.

South Side Mandatory

- National Forest: There has been mandatory evacuation of the area along Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. from Mount Gleason to Angeles Forest Highway as well as the Chantry Flats area.
- There has been a mandatory evacuation along Little Tujunga Canyon Rd. north of the Little Tujunga Ranger Station and Gold Creek Rd.
- La Crescenta: Vicinity of Rosemont, La Crescenta, and Ramsdale as well as north of Rockedell, Pineridge, Mountain Pine, and Markridge Rd.
- **NEW MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS** have been issued for all residences South of Markridge Rd. to Orange Ave between Pennsylvania Ave. and Oceanview Blvd. including Orange Cove Ave.
- La Canada Flintridge: Mandatory evacuation orders include all residences north of Orange Ave. from Pennsylvania Ave. to Briggs Ave. and all residences north of Ocean View Blvd. north of Castle Rd.

- Altadena: Evacuation orders have been lifted for the areas north of W. Loma Alta Dr. between Aralia Rd. and Fair Oaks Ave. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF Prieto Fire Rd. and Millard Canyon north of Risinghill Rd. which remain under mandatory evacuation orders. Chaney Trail and Alzada Dr. north of Jaxine Dr. also remain under mandatory evacuation orders.
- 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.
- Glendale: Markridge St. between Lowell St. and Pennsylvania Ave. and all residences north to the foothills.

South Side Voluntary

- Glendale: North of Santa Carlotta Ave.

East Side Mandatory

- Sunland-Tujunga: Evacuation orders have been issued for the area bounded by Lonzo St., Terecita Rd., Hillhaven Ave., and Apperson St.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SHELTERS

- **Golden Valley High School** (27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy – Santa Clarita, 91350)
- **Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center** (2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale 93550)
- **La Canada High School** (4463 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada Flintridge, 91011-3797)
- **La Crescenta Valley High School** (2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta, 91214)
- **Verdugo Hills High School** (10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

PET EVACUATION CENTERS (LARGE AND SMALL ANIMALS)

- **Pierce College** 39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)
- **La Canada High School** 4463 Oak Grove, La Canada (small animals)
- **Pasadena Humane Society** 361 S. Raymond, Pasadena
- **Loma Alta County Park** at Lincoln and Loma Alta, Altadena
- **Humane Society** 401 N. Verdugo, Glendale
- **East Valley Shelter** (For Tujunga Residents) 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405 – 888-4LAPET1 or 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter** (For Altadena Residents) 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park 626-962-3577
- **Lancaster Animal Shelter** 5210 W. Ave. I, Lancaster, CA 93536, (661) 940-4191

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Los Angeles County Office of Education is sending the following summary information available at this time regarding Station Fire-related school district closures in the county for Tuesday, September 01, 2009:

- Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District-All Schools Closed
- Burbank Unified School District-All Schools Open
- Glendale Unified School District-All Schools Closed
- La Canada Unified School District-All Schools Closed
- Los Angeles Unified School District-Schools in the impacted area are not in session until Sept. 9.
- Pasadena Unified School District-Schools not in Session until September 10.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Angeles Crest Highway
- Tujunga Canyon Road
- Big Tujunga Canyon Roads;
- Highway 14 - off and on ramps that have been closed are: Soledad Canyon in Canyon Country, Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Escondido Canyon, Red Rover Mine Road and Crown Valley Road.

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^os and lower 80^os. 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^os to around 105^o. 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^o 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^o degrees. The only real relief from the heat will be along the immediate coast where highs are expected to reach only into the 70^os and 80^os. 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
 79°F	 94°F	 96°F	 89°F	 78°F	 73°F
Feels Like 79°F	Feels Like 91°F	Feels Like 93°F	Feels Like 86°F	Feels Like 78°F	Feels Like 73°F
Today			Tonight		
 Partly Cloudy High 98°F Precip 10%			 Clear Overnight Low 67°F Precip 0%		
Wind: From S at 8 mph Max. Humidity: 28% UV Index: 10 Very High			Wind: From S at 6 mph Max. Humidity: 48%		

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/eoosubcommpttf/eointraeoosubcommpttf236860629_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

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>