



Santa Anita Fire Update

April 28, 2008

**On Scene Contact: Marc Peebles, PIO SCIIMT #3
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Fire Status: Active

Location: City of Sierra Madre Foothills

Acres Burned: 490

Cause: Under Investigation

Full Containment Expected: in 5-7 days

Percent Contained: 23%

Date Started: April 26, 2007 (3:00pm)

Injuries: 2 Minor

Resources: Hand crews 19
Helicopters 3
Air Tankers 3

Engines 56
Water Tenders 3
Dozers 2

Total personnel assigned to fire: 564

The **Santa Anita Fire** started on Saturday April 26, 2008 at approximately 3:00pm in the foothills of City of Sierra Madre located adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The fire spread quickly upslope in both a northwesterly and northeasterly direction due to warm temperatures, wind and low humidity. Fire crews both in the air and on the ground are aggressively fighting the fire. Fire Crews continue to construct containment line and provide for structure protection in the City of Sierra Madre

Effective at 6:00pm on Sunday April 27, 2008 Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 assumed command of the fire. Residents may continue to see fire and smell smoke from this fire.

Approximately 1000 people have been evacuated from approximately 400 residences. The American Red Cross has opened a shelter at the Hart Park House, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The number for the American Red Cross shelter is 626-799-0841.

Last evening the fire burned down canyon in a south / southwesterly direction toward structures; firefighters were able to backfire out around structures and were able to conduct direct attack fire suppression in and around the threatened structures. There was no structure loss last evening.

Evacuations:

- Oakcrest Drive across Carter Ave to East Mira Monte Avenue, continuing down Mountain Trail Avenue, across Grandview Avenue to Santa Anita Avenue.

Road Closures:

- Carter Avenue to East Mira Monte Avenue and all streets north
- Grandview Avenue from Mountain Trail to Santa Anita Avenue and all streets north

Trail Closures:

- All trails leaving from Chantry Flats
- Mount Wilson Trail

Incident Priorities:

- To provide for public and firefighter safety.*
- Be sensitive to the concerns of the public and communities at risk and keep them informed.*
- Protect threatened and endangered species.*
- Fiscal responsibility will be factored into fire line decision making*

Weather, Fire Behavior and smoke Conditions:

Warmer temperatures, low humidity, mild to moderate slope driven winds are expected today.

Agencies Involved:

US Forest Service (USFS), City of Sierra Madre Fire Department, California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection (Cal-Fire), City of Sierra Madre Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3

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Unified Incident Commanders