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PRESS RELEASE

Important

(Revised information on Animal Shelters and Newly Scheduled Community Meeting)

STATION FIRE UPDATE

(Shelters, Community Meetings, and Road Closures)

For Immediate Release

LOS ANGELES (Friday September 4, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.) – 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. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 148,258 acres (that area encompasses 232 square miles) and is 42 percent contained as of 6 a.m., Friday, September 4. Approximately 5,000 residences are threatened at this time (200 commercial structures and 2000 outbuildings and others). Over 4,847 personnel are working the fire. The Station Fire continues to actively burn and has moved farther east into the San Gabriel Wilderness and is staying south of Highway 2 and Mount Waterman. In the Mount Wilson area, fire crews continued extensive fuel modification work along with more retardant drops. The fire is currently directly threatening Mt. Wilson communication and observatory. Estimated cost of the Station Fire is at \$28,554,000.

Two Los Angeles County firefighters were killed Sunday, August 30, as they were fighting the Station Fire. It has been determined that the cause of the Station Fire is arson and is now a homicide investigation. If you have any information or questions please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at 323-573-2387.

Eight injuries have been reported. Law enforcement and Fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

The Governor proclaimed a state of emergency for Los Angeles County on August 28. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency, Tuesday, September 1, due to the various wildfires.

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Community Meetings/Station Fire Update:

- Today, Friday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m., Azusa Senior Center, 740 N. Dalton Ave., Azusa, CA 91702
- Saturday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m., North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA

Cooperators:

- U.S Forest Service (Lead Agency)
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Los Angeles City Fire Department
- Glendale Fire Department
- Pasadena Fire Department
- CAL Fire
- Cal Trans
- American Red Cross
- Southern California Edison

Law Enforcement Agencies involved:

- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- LAPD
- CHP
- Glendale Police
- Pasadena PD
- Sierra Madre PD
- Arcadia PD
- Burbank PD
- Azusa PD
- Monrovia PD

American Red Cross Shelters:

- Golden Valley High School
(27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy - Santa Clarita, 91350)
- Verdugo Hills High School
(10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

Pet Evacuation Centers (Large and Small Animals)

- Pierce College
6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (can only accept horses, donkeys and mules)
- Pasadena Humane Society
361 S. Raymond, Pasadena

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- **East Valley Shelter**
14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, 91405 - 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter**
4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, 626-962-3577
- **Antelope Valley Fairgrounds**
2551 W. Avenue H, Lancaster (will accept all large animals)
- **Lancaster Animal Shelter**
5210 W. Avenue I, Lancaster (dogs)
- **Agoura Animal Shelter**
29525 Agoura Road, Agoura
- **Castaic Animal Shelter**
31044 N. Charlie Canyon Road, Castaic (cats)

Evacuations:

All residential evacuations associated with the Station Fire have been lifted at this time

Area Closures:

Glendale: Dukmejian Wilderness Park

Angeles National Forest: Entire eastern main body of the Angeles National Forest will be closed effective 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 03, 2009, until full containment of the Station Fire.

Open to Residents Only:

City of Los Angeles

- Riverwood
- Sister Elsie Canyon
- Blanchard Canyon

Pacoima Canyon

- Pacoima Canyon to Little Tujunga Canyon Road between Wildlife Way Station and Dillon divide.

Road Closures:

- Angeles Crest Highway between Big Pines Highway and the Angeles National Forest Boundary in La Canada Flintridge
- Little Tujunga Road between Osborne Street and the Bear Divide Ranger Station
- Big Tujunga Road between Mt. Gleason Avenue and Angeles Forest Highway
- Angeles Forest Highway between Aliso Canyon Road and Angeles Crest Highway
- Chaney Trail at Angeles National Forest gate
- Aliso Canyon at Avenue Y-8, Acton

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For information on road closures access the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website at <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>.

Information for Residents:

- Emergency Alerts www.lacounty.gov
- U.S. Forest Service www.inciweb.org/incident/1856
- LA County 211
- L.A. County Department of Mental Health ACCESS Center 1-800 854-7771
- American Red Cross-1 (866) GET-INFO
- For area closures and current evacuation information check out the Los Angeles County Fire web-site at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov>. Click on: "Ready! Set! Go! For areas that may need to evacuate in the near future.
- In the event of an evacuation recommended by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, residents are urged to register their telephone and cellular numbers at Alert LA County <http://alert.lacounty.gov>
- To view a map of the fire areas, go to <http://gis.lacounty.gov/FireFlex/>
- For information on the fire via Twitter, type in 40404, send a blank text message and Twitter will instruct used to create a user name. Then type 40404 and follow space to angelesnf.
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department www.lasd.org
- City of Palmdale www.cityofpalmdale.org

Health Advisory:

Los Angeles Department of Public Health has issued a hazardous air quality advisory. Poor air quality is rapidly becoming a concern due to falling ash and potentially toxic smoke from burned materials. Health advisories and other public health information can be found at <http://www.lapublichealth.org/>. Extreme heat continues to be a problem. Residents are urged to stay indoors if at all possible. 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>.

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.

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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.

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