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FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATION EVACUATION



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WE have to stay.
YOU don't.

Preparedness is the key.

*Do you know how to save
your life in case of a wildfire?*

When disaster strikes, it is usually without warning. Mobilization of all the human forces required to counteract and respond to the disaster must happen quickly for maximum protection of life and property.

Decisions must be made:

The Los Angeles County Fire Department Incident Management Teams must decide where to strategically deploy resources ahead of the fire front, and immediately initiate appropriate evacuation procedures.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department must notify residents in immediate danger and alert them of the need to determine a safe exit, and assist them in doing so.

The California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department must decide what traffic controls to initiate to keep roads accessible to ensure disaster-assisting vehicles can safely deploy; and citizens can safely exit the area.

The Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control Department will be informed of areas presenting the greatest threat and alert its teams to begin strategic assistance for horses and animals in the immediate vicinity of the emergency.

Local Volunteer Disaster Response Teams must mobilize and activate their communications network to provide accurate, local information so residents can make the safest choices possible.

The decision on when to leave is critical. Time spent on home preparation ahead of a wildland fire is important to reduce property loss. Every fire is different. In the path of wind-driven fires, residential evacuations may be ordered. If and when an evacuation is ordered, the Fire Department's desire is for residents to leave immediately. Your life/safety is the Fire Department's primary goal. Quick compliance to an evacuation order is critical.

This brochure is intended to inform/assist each and every resident of the Santa Monica Mountains, its Coastal and Valley regions included, learn how you can help yourself and those trained to help you, save your life and property. It's your responsibility, as well as that of participating emergency services, to be familiar with the evacuation procedures contained within this pamphlet. Keep it handy. Check it out.



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