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News Release

THOMAS FIRE **MANDATORY EVACUATION OF RINCON** **POINT AREA – CARPINTERIA**

Approximately 300 Carpinteria Residents Evacuated

Santa Barbara – The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of the Unified Command, at approximately 1:45 a.m. this morning, December 7, evacuated approximately 300 residents in the Carpinteria area as the Thomas Fire was threatening the community. This area was previously under a voluntary evacuation warning area. The evacuations included the area E. of Highway 150 from Rincon Hill Road South to the 101 and included Bates Road and the area known as Rincon Point at the south end of Bates Road.

- Eastside 150 from Rincon Hill Rd to Hwy 101
- Bates Rd
- Camino Carreta
- Rincon Pt Rd
- Rincon Pt. Lane
- Buena Fortuna

Highway 101 will be closed in this area until fire passes.

If residents need assistance to leave the evacuation area, please call 911.

There is no other change in status at this time. The following areas remain under voluntary evacuation (warning) status:

- All areas from the 5500 block of Casitas Pass Rd. (Hwy 192) east to the county line to include Lillingston Canyon and Cate Mesa, and all addresses north to the county line.
- All addresses along the east side of Bailard Ave. from Hwy 101.
- All areas south of Hwy 101 to the coast and east of Dump Rd, to include all of the Bates Road and Rincon areas.

Evacuation Shelter: An evacuation shelter is open at the University of California, Santa Barbara Multi Activity Center, 516 Ocean Rd, Santa Barbara, 93106. Evacuees should enter UCSB through the main east entrance, park in parking lot 16. Staff will guide you to the Center. Directions to UCSB from NB Hwy 101: Follow signs for US-101 North through Santa Barbara. At exit 104B, take ramp right for CA-217 toward Santa Barbara Airport /UCSB. Road name changes to CA-217 N / Ward Memorial Blvd (505 ft). At the roundabout, take the first right onto Mesa Road, then turn left on Ocean Rd. Lot 16 is on the left, across the street from the Rec Center.

Animal Evacuations: For assistance with evacuation of large animals, livestock or small pets, please call Santa Barbara County Animal Services hotline at (866) 387-8911.

Emergency Alert System: It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at www.AwareAndPrepare.org. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

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