THOMAS FIRE: NEW EVACUATION ORDER ISSUED

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Due to changing conditions, Thomas Fire Unified Command requested the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office to issue an order expanding the mandatory evacuation to include the Carpinteria and Montecito areas east of Buena Vista Drive, north of Hwy 192 to the County line. Residents in this area should evacuate now. The Rincon Point area remains under mandatory evacuation.

The Sheriff’s Office has also issued a voluntary evacuation warning from east of San Ysidro to the County line and south of Highway 192 to the ocean. This includes the city of Carpinteria and some areas of Montecito. Residents in this area need to be prepared to leave in a moment’s notice.

Now is the time to gather your family members, pets, irreplaceable and necessary items including prescriptions and documents in case you are ordered to evacuate. If you are ordered to evacuate, leave immediately. If at any point you feel threatened, don’t wait for a mandatory order.

An evacuation shelter has been established at the UCSB Recreational Center, 516 Ocean Road, 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 Northbound Highway 101: Follow the 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. At the roundabout, take the first right onto Mesa Road, and left on Ocean Road. Lot 16 is on the left, across the street from the Recreation Center.

Power outages have resulted in intermittent Internet access. To get up to date incident information, residents in the 805 area code can call 211. Outside of area code 805, call toll free 800-400-1572. You can also contact 211 via text or simply text your zip code to 898211.

Note: An emergency alert was sent countywide, please disregard if you are not in or near the city of Carpinteria.
An interactive map of the evacuation zones is available at:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1ASoCEnK1yHai2Of55f52E92EXF69JdFdp-
&ll=34.428637627558245%2C-119.51312443389895&z=13

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.

Stay Connected:

For ongoing updates, go to www.CountyofSB.org, follow @countyofsb on Twitter and Facebook, or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code, or 800-400-1572 outside of 805.