



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**JANUARY 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

**MEDIA ONLY:**

**SB County Joint Information Center  
(805) 696-1188**

### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

The following is a summary of information and resources related to the damaging debris flows that occurred in the Thomas Fire area in Santa Barbara County beginning at about 4 a.m. this morning:

Search and rescue operations are ongoing.

Fatalities: 13

Injuries: 25

Rescues: 50 rescues by hoist, dozens more by ground

Mandatory Evacuation affecting 7,000 people

Voluntary Evacuation affecting 23,300 people

**Road closures:**

- Highway 101 between Milpas and Seacliff – expected to be closed at least 48 hours
- 192 at multiple locations
- Numerous local roads in the Montecito area

**Services:**

- Natural gas shut off to most parts of Montecito to repair the distribution system; expected to be several days before restoration. For additional gas outage information, go to [socalgas.com/Montecito](http://socalgas.com/Montecito) or dial 1-800-GAS-2200 (1-800-427-2200).
- Power outages are affecting over 6,000 homes and businesses, primarily in the Montecito area.
- Many areas of Montecito are without potable water and sanitary services.

A family assistance center is open at the First Presbyterian Church

- 21 E. Constance Avenue, Santa Barbara, (805) 364-1822

- Open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday
- Purpose is to provide assistance in finding friends or family who may have been affected by the storm.
- Staffed by Sheriff, Red Cross, Behavioral Wellness, Social Services and Public Health

Red Cross Safe and Well – go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to list yourself as safe and well and to search for family members.

Red Cross Evacuation Center - Santa Barbara City College Campus Gymnasium  
(805) 687-0766

Large Animal Shelter - Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Small Animal Shelter – Santa Barbara Humane Society  
For assistance with large and small animals, call (805) 681-4332

For more information, go to [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org), or call 211 or outside the 805 area code, call toll free to (800) 400-1572. The county has established an additional call center for assistance at (805) 681-5542 or text to (805) 699-0165.

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#### **In English:**

##### **Emergency Alert System:**

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

##### **Stay Connected:**

For ongoing updates, go to [www.CountyofSB.org](http://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, or text your zip code to 898-211.

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#### **En español:**

##### **Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:**

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

##### **Permanece Conectado:**

Para actualizaciones continuas, ve a [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org), sigue @countyofsb en [Twitter](#) y [Facebook](#) o llama al 2-1-1 desde el código de área 805, o al 800-400-1572 para fuera del 805, o manda por texto tu código postal al 898-211.