Evacuation Precautions for Individuals with Special Needs

Residents who live in West Goleta in areas adjacent to current Evacuation Warning zones with medical, physical and developmental disabilities or other special needs are encouraged to formulate an emergency evacuation plan to assure readiness to evacuate. All residents who are in or close to warning areas and may be subject to evacuation should be prepared to evacuate with all medications, equipment and important papers at any time.

According to Jan Koegler, Emergency Preparedness Manager for Santa Barbara County’s Public Health Department, “Group homes and assisted living facilities are required to have evacuation plans in place. Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency works directly with facilities in warning and mandatory evacuation zones to assure the safety of all residents.”

Individuals who cannot evacuate themselves but can be evacuated by car should make arrangements with those who typically transport them to be ready to do so. If subject to an immediate mandatory evacuation order, residents who do not have transportation options and who require a wheelchair van, ambulance transport or have no one who can transport them by car may call 911.

EVACUATION NOTICES

Mandatory:
From east of the Refugio burn area, Refugio State Beach: Refugio Canyon, Canada del Venadito Canyon, Las Flores Canyon, El Capitan Canyon, El Capitan Ranch, El Capitan State Beach, Canada de la Destiladera.

Warning:
Areas east of El Capitan Canyon to Farren Road: Las Llagas Canyon, Gato Canyon, Las Varas Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon, Eagle Canyon.
The County of Santa Barbara and its partners continue to make the safety of the public and firefighters the highest priority as the fight to contain the Sherpa Fire continues. Local residents are asked to monitor the status of the fire and find related information online at www.countyofsb.org. Residents may also sign up for “Aware and Prepare” alerts at www.awareandprepare.org.

Everyone potentially affected by the fire needs to remain vigilant, as conditions can change rapidly. Anyone in serious danger should contact 911 and evacuate immediately.

County of Santa Barbara Fire, Sheriff, Office of Emergency Management and Public Health departments have posted information on their social media including Twitter, Facebook and Nixle.

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