

# **2010-2011 FOOTHILL INCIDENT UNIFIED COMMAND EVACUATION PROTOCOLS FOR POSSIBLE DEBRIS FLOW EVENTS**

- GREEN LEVEL:**
- No evacuation orders in effect;
  - No rain-related parking restrictions in effect;
  - Residents encouraged to monitor weather conditions and be alert to the possibility of changing conditions;
  - No restricted entry to any city/county areas.

- YELLOW LEVEL:**
- No evacuation orders in effect;
  - Rain-related parking restrictions in effect;
  - Residents encouraged to remove vehicles, trash bins and other obstructions from the streets and/or travel lanes;
  - Residents advised to monitor weather conditions and be attentive to the possibility of evacuation orders;
  - Unrestricted entry to impact areas/potentially impacted areas.

- ORANGE LEVEL:**
- Evacuation orders in effect;
  - Residents directed to remove vehicles, trash bins, other obstructions from the streets and/or travel lanes prior to evacuating as they will be subject to tow or removal by authorities;
  - Residents electing not to evacuate will be asked to sign a Refusal to Evacuate Form acknowledging their awareness of the hazards/risks and assuming all liability for the decision to remain and shelter in place;
  - Residents in foothill communities cooperating with the evacuation order will be afforded the opportunity to re-gain entry to their residential area at the discretion of the Sheriff's Department upon the showing of proof of residency and signing a waiver form acknowledging their awareness of the hazards/risks and assuming all liability for their decision to re-enter and/or remain. (NOTE: Residents within mountain areas along closed forest roads cannot be afforded this opportunity, and once evacuated, must remain outside closure areas as the gates will be locked.)

- RED LEVEL:**
- Mandatory evacuation orders in effect. All residents ordered to leave the impacted and/or potentially impacted areas;
  - Residents ordered to remove vehicles, trash bins, other obstructions from the streets and/or travel lanes prior to evacuating as they will be subject to tow or removal by authorities;
  - Residents electing not to evacuate will be required to sign a Refusal to Evacuate Form, acknowledging their awareness of the hazards/risks and assuming all liability for the decision to remain and shelter in place;
  - Entry into the area shall be prohibited to all persons except public safety first responders;
  - Residents will not be allowed to return to their homes so long as the "Red Level" protocol remains in effect.

# RE-ENTRY PROTOCOLS

- A. - Only persons and vehicles authorized by the Sheriff's Department will be permitted to enter secured/impacted/potentially impacted areas.
- B. - Only residents (with proof of residency) will be permitted to enter secured/impacted/potentially impacted areas, with Sheriff's Department approval.
- C. - Only residents (with proof of residency) and their authorized relatives/contractors/assistance workers will be permitted to enter secured/impacted/ potentially impacted areas, with Sheriff's Department approval.
- D. - No restrictions.

EVACUATION AND RE-ENTRY PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED AND TO BE USED  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEBRIS-FLOW POTENTIAL AS PART OF THE  
FOOTHILL INCIDENT COMMAND

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