

**STATION INCIDENT  
CA-ANF-003622  
CURRENT CONDITIONS**

<b>SEPTEMBER 4, 2009 0800 HOURS</b>	
<b>BRIEF OVERVIEW</b>	<p><i>The fire began on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 3:20 pm 4 miles north of La Canada Flintridge on SR2 (Angeles Crest Highway).</i></p> <p><i>The cause of the fire has been determined as “human caused.”</i></p> <p><i>The fire is named the “STATION INCIDENT” because of its proximity to a nearby USFS Ranger Station.</i></p> <p><i>The strongest front of the fire is moving toward Acton.</i></p>
<b>COMMUNITY MEETINGS</b>	<p><i>Incident Public Information Officers are routinely visiting the Red Cross Shelters to brief residents on current status of the fire.</i></p> <p><i>Unified Command representatives are hosting a series of community meetings regarding the Station Incident. These meetings will give area residents an opportunity to view maps of the fire zone and affected areas and offer them the opportunity to speak with fire and law enforcement officials about specific concerns.</i></p> <p><b><u>COMMUNITY MEETINGS COMPLETED:</u></b>  <b>September 1, 2009 – 7:00 pm</b>  <b>High Desert Middle School</b>  <b>3620 Antelope Woods Roads</b>  <b>Acton</b></p> <p><i>Nearly 250 area residents attended this meeting, which featured comments from US Forest Service Incident Commander Mike Dietrich, LACoFD Incident Commander Mike Bryant, LA County Sheriff’s Incident Commander Dave Fender and LA County Fire Department Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman. Other speakers addressing residents’ concerns included representatives from State Senator George Runner, LA County Department of Mental Health, American Red Cross, and the City of Palmdale. Residents requesting assistance to return to their homes during the evacuation for a specific need were directed to call the Palmdale Sheriff’s Station at (661) 272-2400.</i></p>

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<p><b>COMMUNITY MEETINGS</b> (continued)</p>	<p><b>September 2, 2009 – 7:00 pm</b> <b>Wrightwood Elementary School (athletic field)</b> <b>1175 State Highway 2</b> <b>Wrightwood</b> <i>This meeting was attended by approximately 320 residents. Speakers included San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, 1<sup>st</sup> District, LA County Fire Department Chief Deputy John Tripp, LA County Sheriff's Commander Jim Lopez, and representatives from the US Forest Service and the local emergency preparedness committee.</i></p> <p><b>September 3, 2009 – 7:00 pm</b> <b>First Church of the Nazarene</b> <b>3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.</b> <b>Pasadena</b> <i>Nearly 500 residents from the Sierra Madre, Pasadena, Monrovia, and Arcadia areas attended this meeting, which followed the same format as previous meetings.</i></p> <p><b><u>COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED:</u></b> <b>September 4, 2009 – 7:00 pm</b> <b>Azusa Senior Center</b> <b>740 No. Dalton</b> <b>Azusa</b></p> <p><b>September 5, 2009 – 10:00 am</b> <b>Location still to be determined</b> <b>Big Tujunga area</b></p> <p><i>Other community meetings will be planned as necessary.</i></p>
<p><b>Previously reported fire condition:</b></p>	<p><i>The growth potential for the fire continues to be extreme.</i></p> <p><i>Fire is progressing south toward Pasadena; west toward the Yerba Buena Ridge; north toward the 14 Freeway and Santa Clara Ridge; east toward Mt. Wilson and into the San Gabriel Wilderness.</i></p> <p><i>The fire is in extremely steep and inaccessible terrain, burning in 40+ year old 15-20 foot high decadent vegetation. Fire is active during the day and night operational periods, and is currently directly threatening Mount Wilson, which is a major communications facility servicing all of Southern California.</i></p>

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<b>Significant events:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pacoima Canyon evacuation order has been lifted</i></li> <li>• <i>Spike Camp operational at Central Park in Santa Clarita (this camp is designed as a facility for feeding, bedding, and showering needs of personnel assigned to north fire areas)</i></li> <li>• <i>Preparations are underway to move command post base camp operations to Santa Fe Dam; this move should occur early next week.</i></li> <li>• <i>Triage, prepare, and protect structures when and where necessary</i></li> <li>• <i>Construct and improve handlines and dozer lines</i></li> <li>• <i>Protect critical communication sites</i></li> <li>• <i>Demobilization of excess resources currently underway</i></li> </ul>
<b>Fire's current size:</b>	148,258 acres
<b>Fire's containment area:</b>	42%
<b>Structures Damaged/Destroyed</b>	<p><i>64 Residences have been destroyed.*</i>  <i>3 Commercial Properties have been destroyed.*</i>  <i>74 Outbuildings have been destroyed.*</i>  <i>10 Residences have been damaged.*</i>  <i>17 Outbuildings have been damaged.*</i></p> <p><i>*Damage assessment is ongoing.</i></p>
<b>Injuries:</b>	<p><i>7 Firefighter injuries (minor)</i>  <i>1 Firefighter injury (serious)</i>  <i>2 Firefighter fatalities</i>  <i>3 Civilian injuries (burns)</i></p>
<b>Fire Suppression Costs to Date:</b> (estimated)	\$28,554,000
<b>INCIDENT CONTROL OBJECTIVES</b>	
<b>North perimeter:</b>	<i>Keep the fire south of Highway 14, Pearblossom Highway, and Highway 138</i>
<b>East perimeter:</b>	<i>Keep the fire west of Highway 39 and Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2)</i>
<b>West perimeter:</b>	<i>Keep the fire east of Interstate 5</i>
<b>South perimeter:</b>	<i>Keep the fire north of foothill communities and the Angeles National Forest boundary</i>

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<b>INCIDENT ORGANIZATION:</b> <i>The Station Incident is operating under “Unified Command” structure. The members of the Unified Command staff are representatives of agencies who have jurisdictional responsibility immediately threatened by the fire.</i>	
<b>Current Unified Command Agencies:</b>	<i>USFS – Mike Dietrich LACoFD – Deputy Chief Mike Bryant LASD – Commander Jim Lopez</i>
<b>CURRENT MISSIONS:</b>	
<b>Perimeter Control:</b> (Cities/Communities)	<i>Fire crews and aerial attack on the full perimeter of the fire.</i>
<b>Mandatory Evacuations:</b> (Cities/Communities)	<i><b>Glendale:</b> The only closure is Deukmejian Wilderness Park.  <b>Angeles National Forest:</b> Entire eastern main body of the Angeles National Forest will be closed effective 12:00 noon, September 3, 2009 until full containment of the fire.  <b>Los Angeles City:</b> Riverwood, Sister Elsie Canyon, and Blanchard Canyon are open to residents only.</i>
<b>Voluntary Evacuations</b> (Cities/Communities)	<i>None at this time.</i>
<b>Road Closures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Angeles Crest Highway between Big Pines Highway and Mile Marker 26.7 north of Altadena.</i></li> <li>• <i>Osborne Street at the 210 Freeway (Incident Command Operations)</i></li> <li>• <i>Big Tujunga Road between Mount Gleason Avenue and Angeles Forest Highway</i></li> <li>• <i>Chaney Trail at USFS Angeles National Forest Gate</i></li> <li>• <i>Little Tujunga Canyon Road from Osborne Street to the Bear Divide Ranger Station</i></li> <li>• <i>Angeles Forest Highway between Aliso Canyon Road and Angeles Crest Highway</i></li> <li>• <i>Soledad Canyon Road at Indian Creek Road</i></li> <li>• <i>Placerita Canyon Road and Sand Canyon Road</i></li> </ul>
<b>Red Cross Shelter Locations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>La Canada High School, La Canada Flintridge</i></li> <li>• <i>Golden Valley High School, Santa Clarita</i></li> <li>• <i>Verdugo High School, Tujunga</i></li> <li>• <i>Marie Kerr Recreation Center, Palmdale</i></li> </ul>

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<b>Animal Shelter Locations</b>	<p><b>Small animals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasadena Humane Society</li> <li>• Baldwin Park Shelter</li> <li>• Mission Shelter</li> </ul> <p><b>Large animals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (all large animals)</li> <li>• Pierce College (horses only)</li> <li>• Hansen Dam (full)</li> <li>• Los Angeles Equestrian Center (full)</li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCES ASSIGNED</b>	
<b>Air (fixed wing/copter)</b>	Several helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and other specialized aerial assets.
<b>Fire Engines (# if known)</b>	84 Single resource engines 67 Strike Teams (335 engines)
<b>Crews (# if known)</b>	121 crews
<b>Personnel (# if known)</b>	4,847
<b>THREATS AND CONCERNS</b>	
<b>Homes/ residences</b>	5000 homes threatened 2,000 outbuildings threatened
<b>Commercial Structures</b>	200 commercial properties threatened  Mt. Lukens and Mt. Wilson Communications Facility and Observatory threatened
<b>Other</b>	
<b>SHORT/LONG TERM FORECAST</b>	
<b>Weather</b>	A slight cooling trend will be noticed today as high pressure begins to slide eastward. However, afternoon temperatures will still mostly be in the 90s. Dry conditions will continue across the fire with afternoon readings falling into the teens and lower 20s. The wind pattern will continue to exhibit the usual diurnal trends, northerly/downvalley in the morning then becoming southwesterly/upvalley in the afternoon hours. Ridge tops may experience more northwest flow than the previous few days.

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<b>Fire Activity</b>	<p><i>The growth potential for the fire is now listed as high, rather than extreme.</i></p> <p><i>Fire is progressing west into Pacoima Canyon; east toward Mt. Wilson and into the San Gabriel Wilderness; southeast toward the communities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre.</i></p> <p><i>The fire is in extremely steep and inaccessible terrain, burning in 40+ year old 15-20 foot high decadent vegetation. Fire is active during the day and night operational periods, and is currently directly threatening Mount Wilson, which is a major communications facility servicing all of Southern California. The fire has burned into the San Gabriel Wilderness.</i></p>
<b>Next Operational Briefing (Time – Location)</b>	<p><i>6:00 pm on Friday, September 4, 2009 at Hansen Dam Command Post</i></p>