

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

SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 0800 HOURS	
BRIEF OVERVIEW	<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 is under investigation.</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>
COMMUNITY MEETINGS	<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>Last night Command representatives hosted a community meeting regarding the Station Incident at High Desert Middle School, 3620 Antelope Woods Road, in Acton. Nearly 250 area residents attended this meeting, which featured comments from members of the Command Staff (Mike Dietrich, US Forest Service; Mike Bryant, LACoFD; Dave Fender, LASD), as well as remarks from LACoFD Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman. Other speakers addressing residents' concerns included representatives from State Senator George Runner, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, American Red Cross, and the City of Palmdale. Maps of the fire zone and affected areas were made available for review and residents were given the opportunity to ask questions. 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> <p><i>A similar community meeting will take place tonight at 7:00 pm at Wrightwood Elementary School (on the athletic field), 1175 State Highway 2, in Wrightwood. Command Staff representatives will be joined by San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, First District.</i></p> <p><i>Community meetings will continue to be planned as necessary.</i></p>

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Previously reported fire condition:	<p><i>The growth potential for the fire continues to be extreme.</i></p> <p><i>Fire is progressing south toward La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Pasadena, and Glendale; west toward the Yerba Buena Ridge; north toward the 14 Freeway, Acton, and Santa Clara Ridge; east toward Mt. Wilson.</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>
Significant events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evacuations were lifted in La Crescenta and La Canada Flintridge, as well as parts of Acton, Juniper Hills, and Littlerock</i> • <i>Spike Camp established 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> • <i>Triage, prepare, and protect structures when and where necessary</i> • <i>Construct and improve handlines and dozer lines</i> • <i>Protect critical communication sites</i>
Fire's current size:	140,150 acres
Fire's containment area:	22%
Structures Damaged/Destroyed	<p><i>62 Residences have been destroyed.*</i> <i>3 Commercial Properties have been destroyed.*</i> <i>27 Outbuildings have been destroyed.*</i> <i>6 Residences have been damaged.*</i> <i>5 Outbuildings have been damaged.*</i></p> <p><i>*Damage assessment is ongoing.</i></p>
Injuries:	<p><i>6 Firefighter injuries (minor)</i> <i>2 Firefighter fatalities</i> <i>3 Civilian injuries (burns)</i></p>
Fire Suppression Costs to Date: (estimated)	\$21,029,000

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INCIDENT CONTROL OBJECTIVES	
North perimeter:	<i>Keep the fire south of Highway 14, Pearblossom Highway, and Highway 138</i>
East perimeter:	<i>Keep the fire west of Highway 39 and Angeles Crest Highway</i>
West perimeter:	<i>Keep the fire east of Interstate 5</i>
South perimeter:	<i>Keep the fire north of foothill communities and the Angeles National Forest boundary</i>
INCIDENT ORGANIZATION: <i>The Station Incident is operating under a “Unified Command” structure. The members of the Unified Command staff are representatives of agencies who have jurisdictional responsibility immediately threatened by the fire.</i>	
Current Unified Command Agencies:	<i>USFS – Mike Dietrich LACoFD – Deputy Chief Mike Bryant LAFD – Greg West LASD – Commander Dave Fender Pasadena FD – Martin Johnson Glendale FD – Greg Godfrey</i>
CURRENT MISSIONS:	
Perimeter Control: (Cities/Communities)	<i>Fire crews and aerial attack on the full perimeter of the fire.</i>
Mandatory Evacuations: (Cities/Communities)	<p>ALTADENA AREA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chaney Trail at Angeles National Forest Gate</i> <p>GLENDALE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sky Ridge, Sky View Lane, Brittany Lane, and Deukmejian Wilderness Park</i> <p>TUJUNGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On and north of Day Street between Haines Canyon Road and Lowell Avenue</i> <p>ACTON/AGUA DULCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soledad Canyon Road from 14 Freeway to Bootlegger Canyon Road</i> • <i>Angeles Forest Highway south of Aliso Canyon Road into Angeles National Forest</i>

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Voluntary Evacuations (Cities/Communities)	<i>None at this time.</i>
Road Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Angeles Crest Highway between Big Pines Highway and the Angeles National Forest Boundary in La Canada Flintridge</i> • <i>All roads within the mandatory evacuation locations</i> • <i>Osborne Street at the 210 Freeway (Incident Command Operations)</i> • <i>Little Tujunga Road between Mount Gleason Avenue and Angeles Forest Highway</i>
Red Cross Shelter Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>La Canada High School, La Canada Flintridge</i> • <i>Golden Valley High School, Santa Clarita</i> • <i>Verdugo High School, Tujunga</i> • <i>Marie Kerr Recreation Center, Palmdale</i>
Animal Shelter Locations	<p><i>Small animals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pasadena Humane Society</i> • <i>Baldwin Park Shelter</i> • <i>Lancaster Animal Shelter</i> • <i>Agoura Hills Animal Shelter</i> <p><i>Large animals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (all large animals)</i> • <i>Pierce College (horses only)</i> • <i>Hansen Dam (full)</i> • <i>Los Angeles Equestrian Center (full)</i>
RESOURCES ASSIGNED	
Air (fixed wing/copter)	<i>Several helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and other specialized aerial assets.</i>
Fire Engines (# if known)	<i>63 Single resource engines 85 Strike Teams (425 engines)</i>
Crews (# if known)	<i>73 crews</i>
Personnel (# if known)	<i>4,128</i>

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THREATS AND CONCERNS	
Homes/ residences	<i>10,000 homes threatened 2,000 outbuildings threatened</i>
Commercial Structures	<i>500 commercial properties threatened Mt. Lukens and Mt. Wilson Communications Facility and Observatory threatened</i>
Other	
SHORT/LONG TERM FORECAST	
Weather	<i>Mostly sunny with isolated dry thunderstorms possible in the afternoon. Areas of smoke. Max Temp – 83-100 degrees. Minimum relative humidity – 10-30%. Ridgetop winds – NNE 5-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph becoming SW to W 12-20, gusts to 30 PM. Slope/Valley winds – variable 4-8 becoming SW or upvalley 8-15 with gusts to 25 mph in PM</i>
Fire Activity	<i>The growth potential for the fire continues to be extreme. Fire is progressing south toward La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Pasadena, and Glendale; west toward the Yerba Buena Ridge; north toward the 14 Freeway, Santa Clara Ridge, and Acton; east toward Mt. Wilson. 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>
Next Operational Briefing (Time – Location)	<i>6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at Hansen Dam Command Post</i>