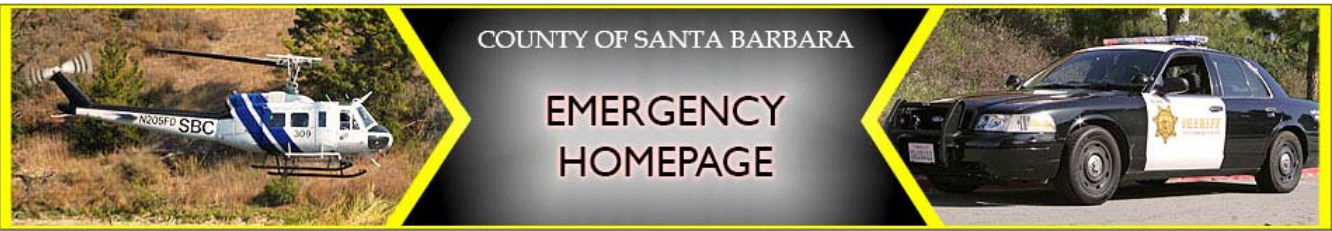


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Jesusita Fire Information

Official Information as of: 5/10/2009 11:48:40 PM

Jesusita Fire

On May 5th, at approximately 1:45 p.m. a fire began in the Cathedral Peak area.

The fire response is being administered by a Unified Command consisting of the Santa Barbara Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Montecito Fire, and the US Forest Service.

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Public Information Call Center

The call center is closed for the night and will reopen at 7:00 AM, May 11th.

The Jesusita Fire County Call Center is now reopened at 805-681-5197. The public may call for information on the fire, evacuations (including assistance for persons who require non-emergency medical assistance and transportation), shelters, road closures, and other information.

Water Conservation

To conserve water and protect local water quality, please avoid hosing ash down the gutters and into storm drains. Instead, we recommend sweeping ash into nearby landscaped areas or picking it up and placing it into the trash.

Since the ash is everywhere, this message and these cleanup methods should be used wherever ash is found.

Maintaining the elevation of the water levels in the reservoirs is essential for the fire department, in order to fight the fire. Please conserve water as much as possible within or without the evacuation zones. If you evacuate, please turn off your water service to avoid potential loss of water pressure in the affected area.

Shelters

The American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter has placed its Emergency Shelter at Dos Pueblos High School on standby status as of 12 noon today through 12 noon tomorrow at which time it will be closed. Anyone in need of a safe place to stay due to the Jesusita Fire is encouraged to go to the Red Cross Emergency Shelter at the MAC Center on the UCSB Campus. This shelter will be open 24 hours a day until further notice.

The American **Red Cross** has established an **additional**

Fire Status:

- 8,733 acres burned
- 65% contained
- Damage assessment in progress – initial estimate of 77 homes destroyed, 22 homes have been damaged, 60 outbuildings destroyed and 69 outbuildings damaged
- Approximately 145 properties evacuated (mandatory evacuation orders); affects approx. 362 people
- More than 3,900 properties under evacuation warning; approx. 9,754 people affected
- Residences threatened – 500; commercial properties threatened – 0
- 4,150 personnel on scene: 428 engines, 110 crews
- 5 air tankers and 15 helicopters
- 28 firefighter injuries to date
- Cause under investigation: Tip line – 805-686-5074
- Air quality warning remains in effect
- Estimated costs to date \$9 million
- Expected containment 5/13/09

MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER

EFFECTIVE AT 9:00 PM May 10th –THE CURRENT MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS IN EFFECT HAVE BEEN DOWNGRADED TO AN EVACUATION WARNING.

RESIDENTS ARE FREE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

TUNNEL ROAD NORTH OF MONTROSE, PALAMINO ROAD NORTH OF WILLIAMS WAY, SAN ROQUE ROAD NORTH OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AN EVACUATION WARNING STILLS EXISTS IN THE ABOVE AREAS.

RESIDENTS RETURNING ARE CAUTIONED TO REMAIN AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR AN EVACUATION ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TO KEEP OUT OF THE REMAINING MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER AREAS: PAINTED CAVE ROAD AT HWY 154, PAINTED CAVE ROAD TO EAST CAMINO CIELO, EAST CAMINO CIELO TO HWY 154, HWY 154 TO PAINTED CAVE ROAD. EAST CAMINO CIELO AND GIBRALTAR ROAD REMAIN CLOSED.

Definitions

An Evacuation Order means that residents are being directed to leave their homes immediately.

An evacuation warning means that residents should be prepared to leave immediately if their area is upgraded to an Order.

Maps

evacuation shelter at the Rec Center on the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara (Mesa Road and Ocean Drive).

Red Cross Shelter at Dos Pueblos High School 7266 Alameda Ave. in Goleta. The Dos Pueblos High School Evacuation Shelter is at capacity. Displaced persons are encouraged to head to the Red Cross Shelter at UCSB and not to Dos Pueblos High School. Take Highway 217 to the campus and follow the Emergency Shelter signs.

Animal Shelters

Owners of small animals

Call the Animal Services hotline – 681-4332 to be directed to a shelter location.

Owners of large animals

(i.e. horses) may continue to take them to the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

Animals now in shelter

Animals now in shelter as a result of the fire are estimated to be 975: (These are estimates based on reports from 4 – 9 pm May 8)

- Santa Barbara Humane Society – 529 animals (239 cats, 127 dogs, 146 birds, 6 livestock and 18 miscellaneous)
- Animal Services – 259 animals (22 birds, 195 cats, 16 dogs, and 25 rabbits or rodents)
- Equine Evac – 187 total 116 horses, 3 pigs, 1 llama, 15 goats, 10 opossums, 10 mules and donkeys, 20 rabbits, and 12 chickens)

[Google Map](#) - Evacuation Shelters, Information Kiosks, Animal Shelter, Road Closures

Current Evacuation Map



Areas

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Public information kiosks are in the following locations:

- Santa Barbara
 - Paseo Nuevo (State and De La Guerra Streets)
 - Loreto Plaza (State Street and Las Positas Road)
 - Scolari's Food Co. (222 North Milpas Street)
 - Lazy Acres (302 Meigs Road)
- Montecito
 - 1400 Block of East Valley Road (Lower Village), Montecito, CA
- Goleta – NEW!
 - Starbucks @ Camino Real, 7030 Camino Real Marketplace, Goleta, CA 93117

The Santa Barbara County UCSB Emergency Operations Center will be redeploying and relocating to the Employee's University Interim EOC on Camino del Remedio, 9 May 2009.

How You Can Help

Donations of Animal Crates Requested

A large number of crates are needed to assist with sheltering the animals evacuated due to the fire. Please consider donating medium to large-sized animal crates by bringing them to the Santa Barbara Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road.

Tip Line

The cause of Jesusita Fire is currently under investigation. If you have information about the fire, please call the anonymous tip hotline

 805-686-5074

The Fire Emergency Operations Center is now located near the **Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center**. As a result the Center is closed May 8th through May 10th. Regular collection hours will resume Friday May 15th.

Traffic & Road Conditions

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 (805)568-3006

Health Information

[Air Quality Recommendations Distribution of Masks to the Public](#)

Fire Preparedness

[Defending Your Home and Hazard Reduction](#)

[Ready.gov](#)

[Get Prepared Checklist](#)

Media Resources

Residents are advised to stay alert for additional information by listening to County Government cable TV station Channel 20, or the following AM or FM radio "Stations of Choice" for Emergency Public Information or other local television stations.

KUHL-1410;
KINF-1440 (Both AM)
KRAZ-105.9 and KSYV-96.7 (Both FM)

Knight Broadcasting:

KTMS-990 AM
KTYD-99.9
KSBL-101.7 (All FM)

Rincon Broadcasting: Plus Rincon's Spanish language FM stations
KSPE-94.5 and KIST-107.7

	<p>UCSB: KCSB-91.9 FM</p> <p>News-Press Radio: KZSB 1290 AM</p> <p>Forest Service: http://www.inciweb.org County of Santa Barbara View CSBTv Channel 20 Live Video Stream</p>

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