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January 11, 2020

Dear Briggs Terrace/Paradise Valley Resident:

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 9:00 am, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be conducting an Evacuation Drill in Briggs Terrace and Paradise Valley. All residents are encouraged to participate, and we anticipate your participation should not take more than one hour.

The purpose of the Drill is to allow residents the opportunity to practice their level of readiness in the event of a large-scale wildland fire, become familiar with evacuation procedures, and work with first responders in preparation for a real emergency.

This Drill is being facilitated in collaboration with the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and the office of 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Kathryn Barger. In addition, this Drill is supported by the Crescenta Valley Town Council and the Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council.

Following the Drill, a voluntary debriefing will be held at the evacuation site where firefighters and law enforcement officers will meet with residents and answer questions. Please see the enclosed Drill Instruction Sheet for more details about the Drill itself.

If you are unable to participate in this Drill, please be aware that traffic may be affected due to the presence of fire engines and law enforcement, as well as vehicles and residents who are participating in the Drill. Most important . . . **THIS IS ONLY A DRILL.**

Additionally, **please note** that the Fire Department will be operating drones in the drill evacuation areas for the purpose of capturing video footage of traffic flows and choke points in an effort to help us identify how we might mitigate these challenges in the event of an actual emergency.

We thank you for your support and involvement. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, at (661) 250-2710.

Sincerely,

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ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, DIVISION III

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## BRIGGS TERRACE EVACUATION DRILL JANUARY 18, 2020

# It's Not a Question of "IF," but "WHEN."

### INCIDENT COMMAND BRIEFING (THIS IS ONLY A DRILL)

JANUARY 18, 2020 – 6:00 AM

Fire Station 63 and Battalion 4 Chief are first on scene responding to reports of a wildland fire in Pickens Canyon. Battalion 4 reports significant fire showing with wind gusts allowing for spot fires up to ½ mile in front of the fire.

**This is now the Briggs Incident. Battalion 4 Chief is Incident Commander (IC).**

IC reports to Command and Control that fire appears to have started on the Mount Lukens Truck Trail, 3 miles northeast of La Crescenta and is heading down Pickens Canyon, threatening Briggs Terrace and Paradise Valley.

Evacuations and structure defense are the highest priority and Incident Command has requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm assignment plus 3 additional strike teams. A multi-agency response of fire engines, fire crews, patrols, and other resources are on scene or en-route. Units arriving in Staging are receiving immediate assignments for structure defense. Evacuations have been ordered by the IC and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is making immediate notifications according to the established plan.

Unified Command has been set up on Montrose Avenue between Ocean View and La Crescenta Blvd. Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles City Fire, Glendale Fire, and Angeles National Forest have engines and firefighters assigned to this incident. Crescenta Valley Sheriff's are also in Unified Command.

Fire Command and Control notified the IC that high winds have grounded all aircraft and air attack is not available. Weather: Red Flag conditions, with Santa Ana winds out of the northeast at 30-35 mph with 60 mph wind gusts. Temperature is 79 degrees, with relative humidity at 15%.

The Alert LA County mass notification system will be utilized to notify residents of Briggs Terrace and Paradise Valley to evacuate the area immediately and report to Rosemont Middle School for further information. Residents of Briggs Terrace are advised to turn off Briggs as quickly as traffic allows to continue west to Rosemont Avenue, as fire resources will be traveling north on Briggs from Foothill to enter. Paradise Valley residents should utilize Ocean View Blvd. south to Foothill, then west to Rosemont.

# Are You Prepared?



**BRIGGS TERRACE EVACUATION DRILL**  
**January 18, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**INSTRUCTION SHEET**

- At approximately 9:00 am, you should receive a call from **Alert LA County** announcing the start of the drill (if you are not yet registered with Alert LA County, please see flyer enclosed for instructions and be sure to register prior to January 18).
  - Please allow about 10 minutes or so for the system to make all of these calls.
  - When you receive the call, please proceed to the evacuation site, which is Rosemont Middle School, 4725 Rosemont Avenue, La Crescenta (main parking lot on Rosemont).
- At approximately 9:10 am, fire engines and sheriff's patrol vehicles will begin canvassing the neighborhood, running with their lights and sirens. This is your **secondary** drill notification, in the event you did not receive a call from Alert LA County.
  - If you did not receive the Alert LA County call, but you heard/saw the engines and/or patrol cars, it is now time for you to evacuate. Please proceed to the evacuation site, Rosemont Middle School.
- At approximately 9:20 am, if you have not yet received a phone call, nor have you seen or heard any fire engines or patrol vehicles on your street, please now proceed to the evacuation site, Rosemont Middle School.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED EVACUATION DRILL SURVEY TO ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Once you arrive at Rosemont Middle School, you can either

- Use the drive-thru lane to just drop off your completed survey with our thanks.
- Park and participate in the debriefing that will be conducted at approximately 9:45 am. While you are there and waiting, please take advantage of speaking with representatives from the Fire Department, Sheriff's, Department of Animal Care and Control, American Red Cross, the Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council, and CV CERT. There will also be various informational brochures for you to pick up.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**