

# C.A.R.E.

## COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT

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### UPDATED EVACUATION PROTOCOLS

The Foothills Incident Unified Command is announcing modifications to traditional evacuation protocols, specifically for the foothill areas affected by last summer's Station Fire, which are now subject to debris flows and mudslides. These modifications are an attempt to balance public safety in potentially dangerous areas with the acknowledged inconvenience to the public by frequent, recurrent evacuations. These protocols are subject to change by the Foothill Incident Commanders as they continuously re-assess the conditions and danger levels. These new protocols are as follows:

- GREEN LEVEL** - No evacuation orders in effect; Residents advised to monitor weather conditions and to be alert to the possibility of heightened levels of evacuation protocols. Unrestricted entry to impact areas/potentially impacted areas.
- YELLOW LEVEL** - Mandatory evacuations ordered. Residents are directed to remove vehicles, trash bins, other obstructions from the public streets and/or rights-of-way or be subject to tow. Residents who cooperate with orders to evacuate shall be afforded the opportunity to gain re-entry **at the discretion of the Sheriff's Department**. Residents who return shall be required to sign a liability waiver acknowledging their awareness of the hazards/risks and assume liability for their decision to re-enter and/or remain. Re-entry shall be limited to occupants/owners of property within the impacted areas.
- RED LEVEL** - Mandatory evacuations ordered. All residents are ordered out of the impacted and/or or potentially impacted areas. Vehicles, trash bins, other obstructions left on public streets and/or rights-of-way shall be subject to tow. Residents choosing not to evacuate will be asked to sign a liability waiver acknowledging their awareness of the hazards/risks of sheltering in place and assuming liability for their decision to remain. Entry shall be restricted to public safety



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responders. Residents will not be authorized to return as long as a Red Level protocol remains in effect.

### RECOVERY PROTOCOLS

- A - Only persons and vehicles authorized by the Sheriff's Department shall be permitted to enter secured areas
- B - Only residents (with proof of residency) and their authorized family members/relatives, contractors, assistance workers, shall be allowed entry with Sheriff's Department approval. Restrictions on media vehicles may also be in effect (subject to Sheriff's Department review).

Residents, business owners including persons with access and functional needs may also call 211 la county for information and referral services regarding post disaster resources that are available to those affected by the floods and debris and mud flow. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 la county services can also be accessed by visiting [www.211la.org](http://www.211la.org).

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