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STATION FIRE UPDATE...

*(L.A. County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management deactivates
Emergency Operations Center...L.A. County Fire and Sheriff's Departments
Transition Out of Station Fire Unified Command as fire is now 62% Contained)*

LOS ANGELES (Tue., Sept. 9, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.) – The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has deactivated the Emergency Operations Center effective at 12 noon as the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments have transitioned out of the Station Fire's Unified Command.

The County's CEO OEM has returned to "Duty Officer" status at this time. The Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the events involving the Station Fire, and distribute updates and press releases as needed. CEO OEM will continue to move through to the Recovery Phase of Operations which includes Local Assistance Centers (LACs). Once those locations have been determined, the Office of Emergency Management will announce the dates and times of operations for the LACs.

On Thu., Sept. 10, the Small Business Administration (SBA), California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and CEO OEM will be working with the Damage Assessment (PDA) Teams in assessing damage caused to homes and businesses affected by the fires.

The Station Fire is most active on the eastern and southeastern sides. Firefighters are planning to conduct a burn-out operation from an area east of Mt. Wilson, home to a communication facility of radio and television station towers and an observatory, to Red Box Rincon Rd. sometime today pending weather conditions. The last two days the burn-out operation was cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions. Weather and burning conditions need to meet safety parameters for the burn-out to take place. Air tankers and helicopters are committed to support today's operation.

More than 400 firefighters have created a fuel break on the eastern edge of the Station Fire in the San Gabriel Wilderness. The intended fuel break will extend from Mt. Waterman to Cogswell Reservoir. Due to difficulty of the steep terrain, the firefighters have been camping in the wilderness.

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Other fire crews continue to patrol and mop-up along Angeles Forest Hwy. 2, westerly around to Mendenhall Peak, southerly to the Tujunga Canyon following along the fire perimeter easterly to Inspiration Point. Firefighters continue to extinguish and cool smoldering embers around much of the remainder of the fire line. Mop-up extends 300 feet into the interior of the fire. Additionally, road crews from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) and Cal Trans are beginning work to clear the roads of debris, repair damage and replace guard rails. Utilities companies are starting their assessment process which will lead to repair of the power lines and other utilities.

Various road closures remain in effect for safety precautionary reasons.

Quick Facts as of 3:30 p.m.:

Name of Fire: Station...**Start Date of Fire:** Aug. 26 (3:20 p.m.)...**Fire started off Angeles Crest Hwy. (SR-2)** about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station...**Number of Acres Burned:** 160,357 (more than 240 square mile of land)...**Areas Impacted:** Communities of La Canada Flintridge, Arcadia, Altadena, La Crescenta, Acton, Aliso Canyon, Soledad Canyon, Pasadena, Mt. Wilson, Mt. Lukens, Sunland-Tujunga, Glendale and Sierra Madre...**Cause:** Arson (For more information call Sheriff's Homicide Investigator at 323-890-5500)...**Injuries to Date:** 12...Two L.A. County Firefighters were killed on Aug. 30...A special memorial will take place at Dodger Stadium 1000 Elysian Park Dr., in Los Angeles on Sat., Sept. 12 (10 a.m.)...Free parking will be provided...**Number of Residences Threatened:** 3,000, **Damaged:** 13, **Destroyed:** 78...**Number of Commercial Property Threatened:** 100, **Damaged:** 1, **Destroyed:** 2...**Number of Outbuildings/Others Threatened:** 750, **Damaged:** 30, **Destroyed:** 87...**Committed Resources:** 4,497...**Helicopters:** 20...**Air tankers "Available":**...**Engines:** 220...**Hand Crews:** 127...**Dozers:** 53...**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$57,603,000...Station Fire is the largest in Los Angeles County and Angeles National Forest annals (forest was originally referred to as the Timber Land Reserve and established in 1892)...10th Largest Fire in the State of California's history since 1932...State of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency for L.A. County on Aug. 28...L.A. County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency on Sept. 1...L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Board of Supervisors approved a reward of \$50,000 on Sept. 8.

Cooperators:

U.S. Forest Service (Lead Agency), U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Los Angeles County Fire Department, City of Los Angeles Fire Department, City of Arcadia, City of Monrovia, City of Sierra Madre, Glendale Fire Department, Pasadena Fire Department, CAL Fire, Cal Trans, L.A. County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management, DPW, Department of Public Health, Department of Parks and Recreation, American Red Cross, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company

Law Enforcement Agencies:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Glendale Police Department, Pasadena Police Department, Sierra Madre Police Department, Arcadia Police Department, Burbank Police Department, Azusa Police Department, Monrovia Police Department

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L.A. County Departments:

CEO OEM, LASD, Community and Senior Services (CSS), Department of Animal Care and Control, Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Department of Public Works (DPW), Fire Department, Housing Authority and Internal Services Department (ISD)

Forest Closures: Angeles National Forest: An area closure of the southern portion of the Angeles National Forest is still in effect until it is determined that it is safe to reopen the forest areas. For additional information on the closure, go to www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/.

California Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Station Fire Road Closures as of 3:30 a.m.:

Angeles Crest Hwy. (SR-2) @ Mile Marker 26.7; Angeles Crest Hwy. @ Big Pines Hwy.; Aliso Canyon Rd. @ Angeles Forest Hwy.; Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. @ Angeles Forest Hwy.; Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. @ Mt. Gleason; San Gabriel Canyon Rd. (Hwy 39) @ Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.; East Fork Rd. @ 3 Miles East of Hwy. 39; Big Pines Rd. @ Big Rock Creek Rd.; Chaney Trail @ Alta Loma Rd.; Pinecrest Dr. @ Mt. Wilson Gate; Glendora Ridge Rd. ¼ Mile W/O Mt. Baldy Rd. (at the barricades); Santa Anita Canyon Rd. @ Arno Dr. in Sierra Madre to Chantry Flats; and Little Rock Reservoir Gate

Information on Station Fire:

- www.inciweb.org reference "Station Fire."
- Twitter [www.twitter.com/AngelesNF](https://twitter.com/AngelesNF)
- Facebook www.Facebook.com reference "Station Fire"

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