

Brush Evacuation Plan

Date/Time Plan Completed _____

I. Incident Name/Location: _____

II. Plans Action

This plan will be used to determine areas that require evacuation, types of evacuation, the traffic plan, the communication plan and the public shelter and refuge areas.

- Evacuation Order**
- Evacuation Warning**
- Shelter in Place**

Operational Period of Plan:

Immediate

Delayed

Date: _____ Time: _____ hrs to: _____ hrs

Incident Commander(s) name/agency

Unified Command: Yes No

I/C _____ Agency _____

Deputy _____ Agency _____

Evacuation Group Leader or Branch Director(s):

Leader/Director _____ Agency _____

Deputy _____ Agency _____

Persons authorized to initiate/lift Evacuation Orders, Warnings and Sheltering in Place:

Name _____ Agency _____

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III. Identify Evacuation Areas

- Utilize LAFD 800' Brush Evacuation Map(s), LAFD Wildland Operational Guides, Thomas Bros. Map Book or other appropriate map to determine canyons or brush areas in need of evacuation.
- Identify direction of spread of fire, gas, cloud, etc. by observing direction of smoke/cloud and wind direction. *(Confirm assessment with the Incident Commander or the Ops Section Chief).*
- Determine where the head of the fire will be within 30 minutes, 60 minutes, and 90+ minutes to determine evacuation priorities and which agency will be responsible for specific areas.
- Consider the head of the **fire to be moving at 1½ to 2 miles per hour** when measuring distance with the LAFD Rate of Spread Tool, 1" = 800' Map Scale or Thomas Bros. Map grids (.5 miles wide) to assist in determining evacuation type.

- Identify all areas affected by the incident as either safe, sheltering in place, or the type of level evacuation required. **Specifically identify each area in one of the sections below (1, 2, or 3).**
- Note date/time on 800' Evacuation Map so evacuation information can be kept current.

Note: Voluntary evacuations ordered early can significantly reduce the local population if a mandatory evacuation later becomes necessary.

1. Determine area(s) requiring an Evacuation Order :

- *Specify the level of evacuation as either **Mandatory** or **Voluntary**.*
- *Be specific; use street names, LAFD Operational Areas, Thomas Guide grids, or other predominate geographical features to identify the boundaries (N, S, E & W) for all sides of each area.*

2. Determine area(s) requiring an Evacuation Warning :

- ***Evacuation Warning Areas** should be large enough to include those areas within the potential projected spread within the next 12 to 24 hours.*
- *Be specific; use street names, LAFD Operational Areas, Thomas Guide grids, or other predominate geographical features to identify the boundaries (N, S, E & W) for all sides of each area.*

3. Determine area(s) safe for citizens to Shelter in Place :

- *In some situations potential evacuees would be safer to remain inside rather than take the risk of moving through a hazardous environment. The decision to shelter in place should only be made if the safety of the citizens can be assured if they remain or if evacuation will cause a higher potential for loss of life.*
- *Be specific; use street names, LAFD Operational Areas, Thomas Guide grids, or other predominate geographical features to identify the boundaries (N, S, E & W) for all sides of each area.*

Generally, the level of evacuation for all areas will need verification and approval by either the Incident Commander(s) or Operations Section Chief and incorporated into the Incident Action Plan. Hot Zones should be evacuated by LAFD and all other areas by LAPD during brush fires.

IV. Develop Incident Traffic Plan

1. Determine Evacuation Routes for Incident.

- First priority for evacuation routes should be for Evacuation Order areas; Evacuation Warning areas should be determined second.
- Utilize 800' Battalion Brush Evacuation Maps to assist in selection of Primary (Blue) and Secondary (Green) Evacuation Routes.
- Coordinate routes with Incident Commander or Operations Section Chief, Logistic Section Chief, and Public Shelters.
- Identify and request logistical needs such as transportation (vans, school buses, etc.), barricades, physical barriers, Ambulances, etc.
- Display Evacuation Routes on Evacuation Maps and/or Incident Maps.

List Primary and Secondary Evacuation Routes

V. Identify Public Shelters

1. Identify Regional/Red Cross Shelter(s) for Incident.

- Coordinate efforts through LAUSD, LAPD Dispatch, LAFD OCD, EOC, DOC and PIO's. Identify priority areas, approximate number of evacuees, and possible duration of incident.
- **Call the LAUSD** for assistance in selecting a "High School" Regional/Red Cross Shelter.
Note: LAUSD will notify Red Cross to support their facilities.
- Staff Regional/Red Cross-Shelters with Law Enforcement and Fire Information Officers.
- Augment Logistical support as needed.
- Highlight selected Red Cross Shelter(s) on Evacuation Map and/or Incident Map.

Note: Agency Contact Numbers at end of Document

List Regional/Red Cross Centers (Name and Address)

Note: Consider one (1) Regional/Red Cross Center on each side of the incident.

2. Identify locations of Community Safety Areas, Neighborhood Survival Sites or an Emergency Rescue request.

- Utilize 800' Battalion Brush Evacuation Maps or Canyon/Brush Area Maps to identify/highlight predetermined Community Safety Areas, Neighborhood Survival Sites or Emergency Rescue request in evacuation areas.
- Define resources ("Rescue Teams") to ensure the safety of persons that have evacuated to Community Safety Areas, Neighborhood Survival Sites or for persons that are in need of an emergency rescue.
- Coordinate all emergency rescue resource deployment with Incident Commander and/or Operations Section Chief and appropriate Division Commander.
- Augment Logistical support as needed.
- Highlight selected Community Safety Areas or Neighborhood Survival Sites on Evacuation Map.

List Community Safety Areas and Neighborhood Survival Sites in evacuation areas.

Note: Address, Operational Area, Thomas Guide Grid and GPS Coordinates can be found on the Canyon/Brush Area Description Sheets.

