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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SBC-JIC Tea Fire 008
DATE: November 16, 2008
TIME: 10:30 am

The cause of Tea Fire is currently under investigation. If you have information about the fire, please call the Sheriff's anonymous tip hotline 805-681-4171.

Fire Status

- 1,940 acres burned
- 210 residences destroyed, 130 City of Santa Barbara, 80 County of Santa Barbara
- Damage assessment is continuing
- 5,446 homes evacuated
- More than 2,200 firefighters
- 22 injuries from smoke inhalation
- 3 burn injuries

Damage Assessment Lists & Information available at:

Preliminary property assessments have been completed by the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department and the Montecito Fire Department for properties affected by the Tea Fire. A list of properties believed to have been significantly damaged by the fire is available on the County and City websites:

www.countyofSB.org

or

www.santabarbaraca.gov

Property owners with questions regarding the status of their property may also call the following telephone numbers:

- County Emergency Call Center at (805) 681-5197
- SB Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross at (805) 687-1331.
- For City of Santa Barbara residents only, a City-specific information line for structure info at (805) 897-1938 this Saturday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- For Montecito property only, residents can call (805) 565-8021, 8022 or 8023.

The City and County building divisions are in the process of conducting more detailed damage assessment of structures in the affected area. These lists will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Due to evacuations currently in place, residents may not be able to access properties on the list at this time.

Shelter Location

- San Marcos High School at corner of Turnpike & Hollister
- 15 people at shelter

Key Phone Numbers

- Tea Fire Information Center – 805/681-5197
- Animal Hotline – 805/681-4332

Road Closure Information

- Road Closure Hotline - 805/568-3006
- www.countyofsb.org/pwd/roads/closure.htm

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has closed the Franklin Clinic until further notice. Patients needing to be seen can call the Santa Barbara Clinic at 805/681-5488 or the Carpinteria Clinic at 805/560-1050.

Evacuation Area

The following evacuation orders are currently in effect. Additional information will be released as soon as it is available.

Mandatory evacuation orders are in effect for:

Eastern Boundary

- Cold Springs Rd between Sycamore Canyon Rd and East Mountain Drive
- Sycamore Canyon at Chelham Way (*Neighborhood of Chelham, Paso Robles Drive, Stoddard Lane and Dawlish Place are open*)
- Canon View Rd at Sierra Vista Rd.

Southern Boundary

- Sycamore Canyon Rd at 5 Points Roundabout. (Open to residents northbound up to the slide area)

Western Boundaries:

- Las Alturas at APS
- Loma Media at Los Alturas
- Las Alturas Rd at Conejo Rd.
- Stanwood Dr at Mission Ridge Rd.

- Stanwood Dr at El Cielito Rd.
- Mountain Drive at El Cielito
- Gibraltar Rd East at El Cielito Rd
- Mt. Calvary Rd at El Cielito Rd

Northern Boundary:

- East Camino Cielo remains closed from Painted Cave on West to Gibraltar Road on East

Roadblocks remain in effect at the following locations:

- East Mountain Drive at Cold Springs Rd
- Cold Springs at La Paz Rd (moved north from Cold Springs at Sycamore Canyon)
- Sycamore Canyon at Chelham Way
- Canon View Rd at Sierra Vista Rd
- Sycamore Canyon, 5 Pts to Slide Area open to residents only.
- Las Alturas at APS
- Loma Media at Las Alturas Rd
- Los Alturas at Conejo Rd.
- Stanwood Dr at Mission Ridge Rd.
- El Cielito Rd at Stanwood Dr.
- Mountain Drive east at El Cielito Rd
- Gibraltar Rd at El Cielito Rd
- Mount Calvary Rd at El Cielito Rd

We currently have enough Information Center volunteers. Thank you for your generous support.

For more information:

Tea Fire Info Center:	(805) 681-5197
Knight Broadcasting:	KUHL-1410; KINF-1440 (Both AM) KRAZ-105.9 and KSYV-96.7 (Both FM)
Rincon Broadcasting:	KTMS-990 AM KTYD-99.9 KSBL-101.7 (All FM) Plus Rincon's Spanish language FM stations KSPE-94.5 and KIST-107.7
UCSB:	KCSB-91.9 FM
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