



AIRPORT FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/12/2024 Time: 9:00 A.M.



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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 09/09/2024		Incident Start Time: 1:03 pm	
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire			
Incident Location: Trabuco Canyon, CA			
Acreage: 23,410		Containment: 5%	
Injuries: 12 (10 Firefighters, 2 Civilian)		Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Structures Threatened: 21,993	Structures Destroyed: 0		Structures Damaged: 6

SITUATION

Current Situation:

The Airport Fire remains a significant threat to Orange County and Riverside County communities. While the Orange County Incident Management team has transitioned to California Incident Management Team 2, a unified command structure remains in place to coordinate efforts across all cooperating agencies. Through relentless firefighting, crews have managed to contain 5% of the Airport Fire, marking a positive step towards controlling the fire.

To effectively combat the fire, firefighter priorities include containing the northern flank, constructing fire lines, seizing favorable weather conditions for direct engagement, and maintaining strong coordination between agencies. Ongoing tasks involve monitoring fire behavior and supporting affected communities. By prioritizing these actions, firefighters can minimize damage and protect the affected communities. The fire continues to spread along all fronts, with the southeastern fronts showing the most growth. The fire made several runs at the Santiago Peak communications array this morning. Although there was some damage, the facility continues to function. The fire has crossed Ortega Highway and the fire has impacted structures in the area; firefighters are actively engaged in these areas. Crews will continue constructing direct and indirect fire lines while scouting for additional opportunities to establish containment lines.

Weather permitting and when terrain and fire behavior allow, firefighters will build line directly along the fires edge. The work of current and incoming hand crews is essential for capitalizing on this favorable window. Firefighters continue working both day and night shifts, along with helicopters, air tankers, and heavy equipment, to continue engaging the fire on all sides to limit the lateral spread. Additional resources are in neighborhoods and communities, providing defense of structures and critical infrastructure. Damage assessments will be conducted within the fire area as conditions allow, prioritizing safety. Due to the nature of the fire, multiple areas have experienced structural damage, and the full extent of the losses is currently being evaluated. A damage assessment team will be deployed to survey the affected areas and provide a more accurate count of damaged structures. Additional firefighting resource requests are being made to our partner agencies around the state.

Evacuations remain in place to protect lives, but the unpredictable nature of the fire poses risks to those who remain in the affected areas. To minimize the damage and ensure the safety of all, individuals and communities should follow evacuation orders, stay informed about the situation, prepare for potential power outages, protect their property if possible, and support relief efforts.

The safety of firefighters and the public remains paramount in our response to the Airport Fire. Unfortunately, there have been reported injuries among both firefighters and the public. The fire managers will continue to actively implement measures to mitigate these risks and ensure the safety of all personnel involved.

Evacuation Center Locations & Services:

Orange County:

Civilian:
RSM Bell Tower Community Center
 22232 El Paseo; Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Open 24 Hours)

Large Animals:

<i>Orange County Fairgrounds</i>	<i>Los Alamitos Race Course</i>	<i>Nohl Ranch Saddle Club</i>
<i>88 Fair Drive; Costa Mesa, CA</i>	<i>4961 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA</i>	<i>6352 E. Nohl Ranch Rd. Anaheim, CA</i>
<i>(714) 708-1588</i>	<i>(714) 820-2830</i>	<i>(714) 308-1093</i>

Animal Services:
OC Animal Care
 1630 Victory Road; Tustin, CA

Riverside County:

Civilian:

<i>Temescal Canyon High School</i>	<i>Santiago High School</i>
<i>28755 El Toro Road, Lake Elsinore, CA</i>	<i>1395 E Foothill Pkwy, Corona, CA</i>

Temescal Canyon High School
 28755 El Toro Rd, Lake Elsinore, CA.
In the big gym equipped with cots, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, water, snacks, and welcoming staff.

Animal Shelters:
 Jurupa Valley Animal Shelter:
 6851 Van Buren Blvd, Jurupa Valley, CA

Large Animal Shelter:
 Murrieta Equestrian Center
 42670 Juniper St, Murrieta, CA.
 Basic food and water are available at animal shelters. If your pets/animals have special diets or special needs, please bring special food or medications with your animals.

Large Animal Evacuations:
 Riverside residents that need animal assistance can call (951) 358-7387.

Evacuation Orders:

Orange County:

<u>Evacuation Warning</u>	<u>Evacuation Order</u>
<i>Rose Canyon</i>	<i>Robinson Ranch</i>
<i>Trabuco Canyon</i>	<i>Ortega Highway</i>
<i>Dove Canyon</i>	<i>Caspers Park</i>
<i>Silverado Canyon</i>	<i>Blue Jay Campground</i>
<i>Modjeska Canyon</i>	<i>El Cariso</i>
<i>East Side Coto de Caza</i>	

For updated evacuation zones, please visit ocsheriff.gov/airportfire



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Evacuation Warning

RVC-1153-A, RVC-1265, RVC-1267, RVC-1269, RVC-1395, RVC-1396, RVC-1397, RVC-1398, RVC-1399, RVC-1400, RVC-1401, RVC-1402, RVC-1404, RVC-1405, RVC-1522, RVC-1523, RVC-2076, RVC-2077, RVC-2145, RVC-2146, RVC-2147, RVC-2244, RVC-2245, RVC-1160, RVC-1154, RVC-1156, RVC-1052, RVC-1155, RVC-1263, RVC-1158, RVC-1262, RVC-1161, RVC-1157, RVC-1261, RVC-1259, RVC-1260, RVC-1266, RVC-1159, RVC-1050

Evacuation Order

LSN-1524, LSN-1525, LSN-1526, LSN-1623, LSN-1624, LSN-1625, LSN-1626, LSN-1627, LSN-1799, LSN-1803, RVC-1521, RVC-1622, RVC-1724, RVC-1725, RVC-1726, RVC-1728, RVC-1729, RVC-1798, RVC-1800, RVC-1801, RVC-1802, RVC-1804, RVC-1806, RVC-1807, RVC-1808, RVC-1809, RVC-1810, RVC-1865, RVC-1866, RVC-1867, RVC-1868, RVC-1869, RVC-1870, RVC-1933, RVC-1934, RVC-1935, RVC-1936, RVC-1999, RVC-2000, RVC-2074, RVC-2075, RVC-2142, RVC-2143, RVC-2144, RVC-2197, RVC-2243

For updated evacuation zones, please visit <https://rivcoready.org/alert-rivco>

Road Closures:

Plano Trabuco / Joshua Drive
Plano Trabuco / Robinson Ranch
Antonio Parkway / Alas de Paz
Santiago Canyon Road
Ortega Highway (east of Quarry to Grand Avenue in Lake Elsinore)

Santa Margarita Parkway / Antonio Parkway
Avenida Empressa / Santa Margarita Parkway
Trabuco Canyon / Trabuco Creek
Live Oak Canyon Road

RESOURCES

Engines:134

Water Tenders: 17

Helicopters: 10

Air Tankers: 10

Hand Crews: 8

Dozers: 7

Other: 0

Total Personnel: 771

Cooperating Agencies: CHP, Orange County Parks, California State Parks, Orange County Animal Control, CalOES, OC Public Works.

Get prepared, visit: www.ReadyForWildfire.org