

**ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA**  
**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

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## **Airport Fire evacuation and road closure updates for Orange County**

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is announcing the down grade of the evacuation orders for the Robinson Ranch community in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and a portion of the Ortega Highway from a Mandatory Evacuation Order to a Voluntary Evacuation Warning effective **Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 3 p.m.**

The Robinson Ranch community will be opened to residents only beginning at **3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon**. Residents need to bring identification or proof of residency to enter the community.

This will also include the following road closures:

**Hard Road Closures:**

- Trabuco Canyon Road and Trabuco Creek Road
- El Toro Road and Live Oak Canyon Road

**Soft Road Closures:**

- Plano Trabuco Road at Joshua Drive
- Plano Trabuco Road at Robinson Ranch Road
- Modjeska Grade Road and Santiago Canyon Road
- Modjeska Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road
- Silverado Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road

The Hard Road Closures remain in place on the Orange County side for the Ortega Highway:

- Ortega Highway at Nichols Institute
- Ortega Highway at Rancho Carrillo

**Mandatory Evacuations Orders changed to Voluntary Evacuation Warning:**

**Ortega Highway**

- ORT01A

**Rancho Santa Margarita**

- RSM03

Mandatory Evacuation Orders remain in place for the following areas:

Ortega Highway

- ELCO1 - which includes Blue Jay Campground
- ORT01B - which includes Caspers Regional Park

Voluntary Evacuation Warnings remain in place for the following areas:

Coto De Caza

- CDC01
- CDC02

Modjeska Canyon

- MOD01

Rancho Santa Margarita

- RSM01
- RSM02

Silverado Canyon

- SIL01

Trabuco Canyon

- TBU01

The link below can be used to assist the public in determining if their property is in an area that is under evacuation order or warning: [OCSheriff.gov/AirportFire](https://ocsheriff.gov/AirportFire). Simply visit the link and enter an address in the search field and press enter.

The active fire areas continue to be monitored, as well as those areas remaining closed due to critical infrastructure concerns or safety hazards.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department will have a strong presence in the repopulated and evacuated areas for the next several days to ensure the protection of our residents and their property. All other road closures and evacuated areas for the #AirportFire remain in effect.

For additional information when returning home, refer to [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov). Click on the link "Returning home after a wildfire" for safety precautions.

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