

CITY OF VENTURA

# NEWS RELEASE

501 Poli Street  
Ventura, CA 93001

12/05/2017

For Immediate Release

Critical Incident Hotline, 805-477-3711

### **Thomas Fire Incident:**

On 12/4/17, a fast moving active brush fire that started North of Santa Paula along Highway 150 and Bridge Road was pushed by strong east winds toward the City of Ventura. More than 500 firefighters from over 20 agencies are on scene or en route. The fire is currently estimated at 25,000 acres. There are multiple structures on fire throughout the City.

City of Ventura officials declared a local State of Emergency and Sheriff Geoff Dean declared a County State of Emergency.

### **Road Closures**

Soft Road Closures (residents will need to provide proper identification to access their homes)

- Wheeler Canyon Rd at Foothill Rd
- Highway 150 at Reeves Rd
- Highway 150 at Santa Barbara St

Hard Road Closures (only public safety personnel will have access)

- Highway 150 at Sisar Rd
- Highway 150 at Stonegate Rd
- Wells Rd at Foothill Rd
- Peck Rd at Foothill Rd

### **Mandatory Evacuations**

- Residents east of Dickensen Rd, north of Monte Vista Drive along Highway 150 and South of Thomas Aquinas College to the area of Bridge Road.
- Residents west of Dickerson Road to Atmore Rd, north of Foothill Road and west to Wheeler Canyon Rd.
- Residents north of Highway 150 from Koenigstein Road west to the Dennison Grade, north of Reeves Road, east to McAndrew Road and north to Grand Ave.
- Residents north of Foothill Road west to Wheeler Canyon road, north to Canada Larga Road and east to Barlow Canyon Road
- Residents in Ventura, south of Highway 33, east of Main Street, north of Foothill Road and Hall Canyon Road and west of Canada Larga Road

Total homes under Mandatory Evacuation - 7,786

**Evacuations Shelters**

- Ventura County Fairgrounds (Miners Building), 10 W. Harbor Blvd; includes an Animal Shelter for all types of animals), Ventura, CA 93001
- Nordhoff High School, 1400 Maricopa Highway, Ojai, CA 93023

**School Closures**

Ventura Unified School District – All schools will be closed 12/5/17.

**Power Outage**

According to Southern California Edison, approximately 180,000 customers in Ventura County area were without service. Customers may report or inquire about outages at 800-611-1911 and get the latest information using the SCE outages app at [sce.com/outages](http://sce.com/outages). Customers can also get the latest information by visiting [www.sce.com/staysafe](http://www.sce.com/staysafe).

Residents are encouraged to stay informed by registering to receive emergency notifications from VC ALERT ([www.vcalert.org](http://www.vcalert.org)) and by checking [vcemergency.com](http://vcemergency.com) for incident information, closures and evacuations.

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