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City of Ventura launches Evacuation Preparedness Community Survey for enhanced emergency planning

Ventura, Calif. — Ventura residents, community stakeholders, and local business owners are invited to participate in the City of Ventura’s Evacuation Preparedness Community Survey to enhance the safety and resiliency of community members during life-threatening emergencies.

The 10-minute survey, available in English and Spanish, is open for participation from September 5 through October 3, 2023, providing respondents four weeks to share feedback that directly influences the refinement of current evacuation plans, allocation of resources, and educational initiatives.

“Our community’s feedback is crucial for understanding the current state of readiness and identifying areas for improvement,” said Mack Douglass, the City’s Emergency Services Manager. “The information gathered through this survey will significantly enhance our emergency evacuation plan, ultimately safeguarding the lives of all residents during times of crisis.”

The survey will gather insights and opinions on all-hazards evacuation preparedness, including familiarity with current evacuation routes, emergency shelters, transportation options, preferred communication methods, and overall readiness.

“Emergency preparedness and efficient evacuation routes are the backbone of effective life-saving response. They empower our residents to act decisively, navigate challenges efficiently, and ultimately ensure we save lives,” said Chief Darin Schindler. “This collective knowledge also assists first responders in executing their duties quickly and with greater confidence.”

The completed Emergency Evacuation Plan will be inclusive of diverse populations, recognizing the needs of individuals with visual or hearing impairments, chronic medical conditions, language barriers, disabilities, access, and functional needs.

For more information and to access the survey, please visit CityofVentura.ca.gov/OES

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