

Evacuation Safety and Preparedness

Being prepared is the Key:

Get together with your family and friends put together your Evacuation Checklist:

(Include the following minimums in your checklist)

- > Important personal documents.
- > Photo Albums.
- > Medications.
- > Memorabília and personal valuables.
- > Pets and possible transportation for large pets or livestock, food for your pets.
- > An out of town bag, clothing, toiletries etc.
- > Cell phone.
- > Maps which include the best routes of travel.
- > A fire proof home safe for important documents.
- > Practice your Plan.
 (Get together with your family and friends and practice your procedures for effective evacuations. Be sure to keep important contact numbers handy and identify locations for you to stay during evacuations.)

The Evacuation Process:

- > Your Emergency Officials will determine the area(s) needing evacuated.
- > Law enforcement agencies are responsible for enforcing evacuations, follow all of their directions.

(State law authorizes officers to restrict access to any area where a menace to public health or safety exists due to a calamity such as flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident or other disaster. Refusal to comply is a misdemeanor.)

- > The Safest routes to use will be determined and presented utilizing the incidents location, behavior, winds, terrain, etc.
- > You will be advised of potential evacuations as soon as possible.
- > Take the initiative to stay informed and aware.
- > Listen to your radio and TV for information from law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- > You may be directed to a temporary area to await moving to a final evacuation site. (shelter in place)

In case of Entrapment:

Stay calm.

If in a vehicle:

- > Park in a clear area away from vegetation.
- > Close vehicle windows and vents.
- > Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket.
- > Get down close to the vehicle floor.
- > Use a cell phone to inform officials of your location, call 911.

If you are on foot:

- > Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression if possible.
- > Lie face down, cover up.
- > Use your cell phone to advise officials Call 911.

If you are in your home:

- Keep all of your family/friends together.
- > Call 911 and inform authorities of your location.
- > Keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked.
- > Stay inside your home.
- > Stay away from exterior walls and windows.

After the fire passes, and only when it is safe, check your property for fire:

Returning Home:

Your Emergency Officials will determine when it is safe for you to return home. This will be done as soon as possible.

When you return home:

- > Do a thorough inspection of your property, check for damage and or other hazards.
- > Be alert for downed power lines, broken or leaking gas lines, leaking water lines and other hazards.
- > Check propane tanks, regulators, and lines before turning gas on.
- > Check your property carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.

(Report any hazardous findings immediately - Call 911)

Should you have any questions or need further information regarding evacuations please contact us: @