



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### - Storm Preparedness -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. January 19, 2010 – As part of storm preparedness, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's (SBC FD) preparation and emergency staffing started Monday January 18, 2010 at 0800 hours and is continuing. The need for increased staffing levels is evaluated each day based on briefings by the National Weather Service (NWS). SBC FD has been in contact with county officials and OP area fire departments to determine county wide storm preparedness and to ensure a coordinated response.

The following is a list of SBC FD additional resources:

1. Two additional Engine companies. One staffed in the north county (Fire Station 24 in Los Alamos) and one in the south county (Fire Station in Goleta).
2. Two Swift water Rescue Teams are available for response.
3. Fuels Crew will be staged at the Fire HQ in case of the need for emergency debris removal, sand bagging etc.
4. Fire Helicopter staged in Santa Ynez with rescue swimmers.
5. Heavy Equipment including one Fire Dozer staged in the north county (Fire Station 24) and one staged in the south county at (Fire Station 11 in Goleta).

Yesterday, SBC FD responded to 20 calls for emergency service during the hours of 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. The weather related calls included vehicle accidents, power lines down, transformer fires, roadways blocked, and trees down. None of these incidents however were considered serious.

Today, the NWS is reporting a second wave of a series storms that are expected to produce significant rainfall rates, gusty winds, high surf and swells, and thunder storms through Friday.

Sand Bangs can found at the following Santa Barbara County Locations:

North County / Santa Maria Road Yard located on Foster Road

Santa Ynez at Airport / County Fire Station 32

In Santa Barbara, Montecito and Goleta areas:

Sand and sand bags remain available at the following South County locations:

- \* County Fire Station 14, 320 N. Los Carneros in Goleta,
- \* The County Yard at the Transfer Station, 4430 Calle Real
- \* The Santa Barbara Botanical Garden Parking Lot
- \* Montecito Fire Station 1, on San Ysidro Road
- \* City of Santa Barbara Annex Yard, 401 E. Yanonali Street
- \* County Fire Station 11 on Stork Road near Home Depot
- \* City of Carpinteria Maintenance Yard located at 5775 Carpinteria Ave.
- \* Carpinteria – Summerland Fire Station 2, located at 2375 Lilly Avenue

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