



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- RED FLAG WARNING / INCREASED STAFFING -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. July 24, 2018 – A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 3 p.m. today through 10 a.m. Thursday for the Santa Barbara County South Coast and Mountains.

In anticipation of the Red Flag Warning, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department will increase its staffing level during this period. The increased staffing level will include three engines, two dozers, one water tender, two hand crews, one battalion chief and one helicopter with night flying capabilities. In addition, Cal OES has provided a strike team of engines (five engines) that will be prepositioned in the Goleta area. These additional resources will be available to respond throughout the Santa Barbara County Operational Area.

As a result of the issuance of the Red Flag Warning, citizens should take appropriate precautions. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Report any sign of smoke immediately to your local fire department by calling 911.
- Use extreme caution when operating spark-of-flame producing machinery in hazardous grass or brush areas.
- Have an evacuation plan in place and identify two exit routes from your neighborhood. If you are asked to evacuate by fire or law enforcement officials, do so immediately.
- Report any suspicious persons or vehicles to law enforcement.

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