

Status Update on City's Ongoing Disaster Response to Windstorm and Eaton Fire

January 13, 2025





- Currently under Red Flag Warning
- Need to remain on high alert
- Potential for new evacuations exists
- Continued risk through Wednesday, Jan 15



- Preparation: January 5 and 6
 - Initiated plans to activate the Emergency Operations Center due to anticipated high wind event expected from 1/7-1/9
 - Requested fire strike team to be available for Area C beginning on 1/7 at 8am
 - Subsequently re-deployed to the Palisades Fire
 - Prepared to call in additional suppression units



- Wind event once in a 20-year event
- Drawdown of resources to another major fire in the region
- Hurricane and tornado force winds precluded air support
- Embercast for over 2 miles ahead of fire in multiple directions



- Preparation and Activation: January 7
 - 6:15 pm: Fire Resources dispatched to respond to reported vegetation fire
 - 6:29 pm: Fire grows to 10 acres
 - 7:00 pm: EOC Activated
 - 7:07 pm: 10 strike teams and 20 engines requested for additional support
 - 7:12 pm: Evacuation orders begin
 - 7:14 pm: Fire grows to 200 acres
 - 8:00 pm: Convention Center agrees to host evacuation center AND Rose Bowl agrees to host incident command post
 - 8:14 pm: Fire grows to 400 acres





Video from Pasadena Transit bus supervisor – morning of January 8 on Lake Avenue





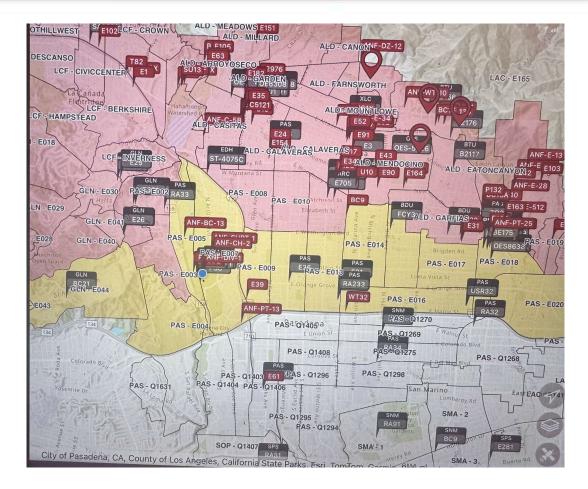
Pasadena Police Officer assisting with evacuations



- Joint Unified Command for all impacted areas
 - Two incident management teams
 - Fire response
 - Repopulation and Recovery Efforts
- Relocation of City's Emergency Operation Center to City Hall basement



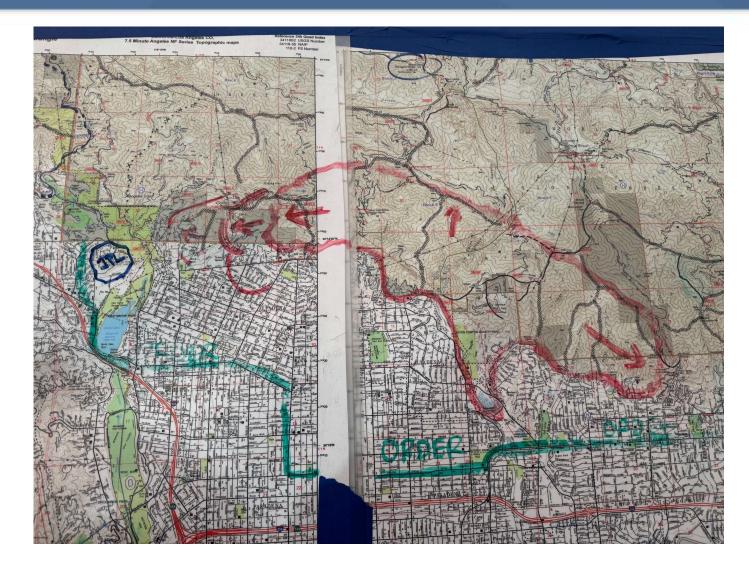




Weds, Jan 8 8:00 am - Fire Resources

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Eaton Fire outline and wind direction



- Status of Eaton Fire (as of Jan 13 at 7 am)
 - > 14,117 acres burned
 - > Containment 33%
 - > Assigned Personnel 3,408 with 375 engines, 50 hand crews, 29 dozers, 90 water tenders, and 16 helicopters
 - > Structures threatened 39,428
- Damage Assessment
 - > Urban Search and Rescue
 - > Inventory of damaged buildings City and CalFire
- Preparations in case of wind shift



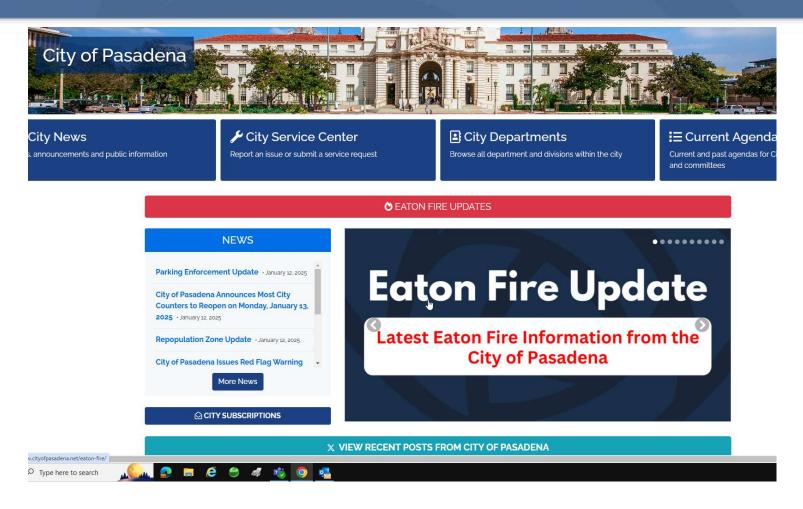
Evacuation response

- Height of Incident
 - Evacuation orders 32,800 people and 12,453 structures
 - Evacuation warnings 42,100 people and 11,505 structures
- As of Jan 11
 - Evacuation orders 729 people and 352 structures
 - Evacuation warnings 31,400 people and 11,731 structures
- No curfew neighborhood protection provided by Pasadena PD and National Guard as needed



- City and Interagency Resources
 - > Evacuation shelter In-House and Red Cross
 - > Medical support Kaiser and AltaMed
 - > LA County Family Assistance Center
- Disaster Recovery Center FEMA, State, and Local Resources
 - > Pasadena City College Community Education Center at 3035 E Foothill
 - > Days and Hours 7 days a week from 9 am to 8 pm for 30 days
- Thank you to faith community, educational partners, elected officials, non-profits, volunteers, business partners, city staff, and community members who have contributed





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