



## Press Release Jan. 7, 2018, 7 p.m.

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### **ANNOUNCING WINTER STORM EVACUATION ORDER AND WARNING BEGINNING TOMORROW FOR PARTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Evacuations have been issued for areas below the Thomas, Whittier, Sherpa and Rey Fire Burn Areas beginning at 12 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2018 due to an approaching winter storm.**

This strong storm is expected to produce heavy rain, high winds and extremely dangerous flash flooding, mud and debris flows. Flash floods, mud and debris flows can happen with little or no warning. It is important that you understand the seriousness of the situation and follow the direction of authorities.

**A MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER has been issued for unincorporated parts of Santa Barbara County, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria including all areas NORTH of Hwy 192, EAST of Cold Springs Road, and WEST of Hwy 150/the County line. Also included in this Order are the areas along Tecolote Canyon, Eagle Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon, Gato Canyon, and the Whittier burn areas near Goleta. People in these areas should take action to leave no later than 12 p.m. Monday.**

An evacuation center will be set up and announced on Monday, January 8, 2018. For assistance evacuating large animals, contact Earl Warren Showgrounds. For assistance evacuating small animals, call the County Animal Services hotline at (805) 681-4332.

**A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION WARNING has been issued for all areas SOUTH of Hwy 192 to the ocean and EAST of Hot Springs Road/Olive Mill Road to Hwy 150/the County line. People in these areas should stay alert to changing conditions and be prepared to leave immediately at your own discretion if the situation worsens.**

**Do not delay in taking action to protect you, your family, your animals and your property. If you fail to take action and decide to stay in these areas, you could be stranded with no way for rescuers to reach you if you need help.**

**To determine if your property is in the impact area, please go to [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org) and refer to the interactive map. If you do not have access to the Internet, or need assistance evacuating, call 211 or (800) 400-1572. If you are not yet registered for alerts from Aware and Prepare, you should do so **NOW** – do not wait. To register, go to [www.awareandprepare.org](http://www.awareandprepare.org).**

**In English:**

**Emergency Alert System:**

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

**Stay Connected:**

For ongoing updates, go to [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org), follow @countyofsb on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

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**En español:**

**Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:**

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

**Permanece Conectado:**

Para actualizaciones continuas, ve a [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org), sigue @countyofsb en [Twitter](#) y [Facebook](#) o llama al 2-1-1 desde el código de área 805, o al 800-400-1572 para fuera del 805, o manda por texto tu código postal al 898-211.