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April 30, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: **Community of Interest: The Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance (SMMFSA), Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Fire Safe Councils (FSC).**

Dear Commission Members:

The SMM Fire Safe Alliance was an outgrowth of the process that developed the Topanga Disaster Survival Guide (2005), the prevention and response model developed by Los Angeles County for the unincorporated area of Topanga. The issues facing Topanga were revealed to be universal in the communities and public lands that comprised the wildland/urban interface of the Santa Monica Mountains. A monthly meeting of a wide umbrella of stakeholders, lead by LA County Fire and the Office of 3rd District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, began in early 2008 (after the 2007 Malibu Canyon and Corral Canyon Fires), to address the differing missions of public land agencies (NPS, State Parks, MRCA, MRT, RCDSMM), local governments (Malibu, Calabasas, County Fire Department/Forestry, County Agriculture Dept. Caltrans, Water Districts), and private concerns (Southern California Edison, FAIR Plan Insurance), eventually creating an Alliance of 19 stakeholders.

This Alliance not only led to an open and cohesive line of communication among partners, but also manifested in the creation of a wildfire prevention and preparedness manual, A Road Map to Fire Safety; How to Create Defensible Space. The manual, an outgrowth of the Topanga Disaster Survival Guide model, specifically addressed the high fire hazard conditions in the wildland/urban interface prevalent throughout the entire Santa Monica Mountains region (the majority of which is encompassed by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area). This Guide was distributed throughout the five cities (Malibu, Westlake, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas) and the unincorporated areas of the region, (Topanga, Old Topanga, Monte Nido, Malibou Lake, Seminole Springs, Triunfo, Latigo, Decker Canyon, et al.)

Part of the motivation behind the guide was to help promote the creation of local Fire Safe Councils across the area. These councils, locally founded non-profits geared towards community fire preparedness, are able to apply for government grants specifically created to address fire preparedness/preventative actions on

private property. To enhance the creation of these councils, the Alliance, lead by LA County Fire/Forestry and the National Park Service, undertook the creation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the region of the Santa Monica Mountains west of the City of Los Angeles. This year long process entailed over a dozen community educational and input meetings across the area, as well as an extensive community and agency review process. The final document, available to any FSC formed in the area it covers, fulfills a critical step in applying for grants that can be used to remove high fire hazard brush and foliage (such as stands of hazardous non-native Eucalyptus) and other preparedness/preventative measures.

Coupled with other volunteer supported community groups across the region, like CERT, Arson Watch and unified by the LA County Public Safety Agencies of LA County Fire and Sheriff (contracted to the five cities Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village), the region, especially in terms of emergency response, planning, and preparedness, represents a vital and well-established interdependent community of interest. We urge the Commission to keep this cohesive community of interest united within one State Senate District, and State Assembly District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Nissman, Member SMM Fire Safe Alliance



Tim Pershing, Member SMM Fire Safe Alliance





GOVERNMENT

Alliance Members and Contact Information

LA County Third District Office 818-880-9416
State Senate District 23 Office 310-314-5214
State Assembly District 41 Office 818-596-4141
California Coastal Commission 805-858-1800
California Department of Fish and Game 916-653-7664
California Department
of Parks and Recreation 818-880-0363
California Fire Safe Council 626-335-7426
City of Calabasas 818-224-1600
City of Malibu 310-456-2489

County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Brush Clearance Unit 626-969-2375
Fuel Modification Unit 626-969-5205
Fire Plan Unit 818-890-5783
Malibu Forestry Unit 818-222-1108
FAIR Plan (Fire Insurance) 800-339-4099
Agricultural Commissioner
County of Los Angeles Weed
Abatement Division 626-575-4393
Mountains Recreation and
Conservation Authority and Santa
Monica Mountains Conservancy 818-871-9645 ext 34
Mountains Restoration Trust 818-591-1701 ext 203

National Park Service
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area 805-370-2300
Resource Conservation District
of the Santa Monica Mountains 818-597-8627
Southern California Edison 310-315-3201
UC Cooperative Extension—Los Angeles
County Sustainable and Fire Safe
Landscapes Program <http://ucanr.org/safelandscapes>
USDA—Natural Resources
Conservation Service 805-386-4489



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CITY of CALABASAS

MARY SUE MAURER
Mayor pro Tem

April 30, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Re: City of Calabasas Position on Redistricting

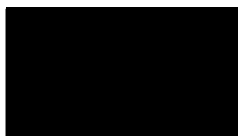
Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Calabasas to outline our position on the issue of State Electoral Redistricting. First, let me thank the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) for the opportunity to add our input to the process. We welcome and appreciate the occasion to contribute our thoughts and testimony to this important procedure.

The City of Calabasas is a unique, identifiable community best known as a gateway to the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains. Over the years, our city has established a number of cooperative governmental and business relationships with the surrounding communities. From transportation corridors, fire protection, watersheds, to recreational and employment destinations, our communities share a lot in common. Additionally, these cities are all a part of the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains featuring the rare Mediterranean ecosystem. We strongly request that our city be part of a district that includes the other mountainous communities of Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County within the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga, and portions of the West San Fernando Valley that are within the City of Los Angeles including Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, and West Hills.

Below is a summary of the various governmental, economic, and environmental organizations that link Calabasas to our neighboring communities:

- The **Las Virgenes Unified School District** includes Calabasas, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, and a portion of the West San Fernando Valley community of West Hills.
- The **Las Virgenes Municipal Water District** includes Calabasas, the cities of Westlake Village, Agoura Hills and Hidden Hills, and the unincorporated areas throughout the Santa Monica Mountains in western Los Angeles County.



- The **Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains**, an agency of the state government, includes the cities of Calabasas, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Malibu and most of Woodland Hills, Tarzana and the Sepulveda Basin, located just west of the 405 Freeway.
- The **Las Virgines-Malibu Council of Governments** links our city in a community of interest for regional planning with the Cities of Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village.
- The Cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Malibu, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village, are served by the **Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station**.
- The only newspaper that covers news and city activities in the region is **The Acorn**.
- Calabasas and the surrounding communities share a dedication to protect and promote the **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** which is so critical to our history as well as our property values.

There is virtually no organization that links us to West Los Angeles and the surrounding areas or to Ventura County. We should definitely not be included in districts that cross into Ventura County or the West Los Angeles area. We also do not desire to be a part of a district with East San Fernando Valley communities such as Burbank or Glendale because we do not share enough common interests.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to explain how Calabasas and the surrounding communities share economic, transportation, educational, and environmental concerns and need to be in the same district to continue to prosper and work together to solve problems of concern.

Sincerely,



Mary Sue Maurer
Mayor pro Tem

cc: Mayor and City Council

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TOPANGA TOWN COUNCIL
P.O. Box 1085
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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Topanga Town Council urges the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep our town of 10,000 residents connected with the communities that touch its boundaries on all sides. We encourage the Redistricting Commission to allow Topanga to continue to enjoy the fruits of the current and past districting plans that have been in place since 1991 & 2000 respectively, which allow our town to be completely and firmly planted in the surrounding communities. This will continue to ensure stability in shared projects and programs effecting our lifestyle, environment, livelihood, safety, education, growth and spirit.

Topanga was first settled in 1839 and has always been a unique, historic and isolated wildland community occupying 13,000 acres within the Santa Monica Mountains. However, Topanga does not exist independently. Our neighbors of Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and Woodland Hills have played a significant role in the shaping of Topanga because of our similar interest---the Santa Monica Mountains.

In particular, the emergency issues faced by our mountain neighbors are as intimately intertwined as the natural surroundings. The fires, flooding, mud and rockslides that are part and parcel of this natural environment, don't start or end with a single community. They affect us all and require continued, joint cooperation and preparedness planning. Unlike grid cities where one area can be easily separated from another, the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains area have a closely connected and symbiotic relationship.

For example, the boulder that closed Topanga Canyon Boulevard in the 2005 winter storms, equally affected the commuters from the Las Virgenes and West San Fernando Valleys on their way to school and jobs in the Westside. Frequent emergency closures on PCH impact all of these communities because traffic is diverted through Topanga Canyon, the primary mountain connector between the SFV and the Westside. The 1993 Old Topanga Canyon/Malibu Fire roared through the Santa Monica Mountains to the sea, burning Topanga, and Malibu, and threatening Pacific Palisades and Calabasas. Since then, jointly prepared and pre-rehearsed evacuation and emergency preparedness exercises with our surrounding communities, municipalities, and our first responder agencies have made disaster response more effective and better managed.

On the local front, Topanga has many programs that integrate with surrounding communities:

CERT – The Topanga Certified Emergency Response Team is comprised of local volunteers that work in harmony with Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and West Hills CERT groups, both in cross-training and actual emergency response.

ARSON WATCH – Topanga's Arson Watch, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's program, works in tandem with the Calabasas and Malibu Arson Watch organizations during Red Flag and High Fire Hazardous conditions. The Arson Watch surveillance routes cross multiple municipal and jurisdictional boundaries across the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and expand into Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Malibu, and Woodland Hills.

SCHOOLS – Beyond Topanga's local LAUSD Elementary Charter School, our youth continue their middle school and high school education in Malibu, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, and San Fernando Valley located public school districts. For those pursuing higher education, community colleges in Santa Monica (SMCC), and the San Fernando Valley (Pierce Community College), and public universities including UCLA and California State University in Northridge, all offer advanced education opportunities in proximity to our community and are a distinct community of interest for all students.

ANIMAL RESCUE/LACODACC/ERT– During a wildfire disaster, Topanga's trained and certified all-volunteer animal rescue groups (e.g. Equine Response Teams, Topanga Animal Rescue) are activated and work in harmony with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control, and rely on SFV and Las Virgenes Valley shelters where animals must be evacuated and/or treated. Pre-rehearsed evacuation plans with animal rescue organizations have been in existence for decades. LACO Agoura Hills Animal Shelter, Pierce College, and other small and large animal emergency centers are essential for the safe evacuation and care of our large and small animals during catastrophic disasters like a wildfire.

SENIORS – Topanga's local senior organization, the Canyon Sages, has over 100 volunteers and members inside and outside of Topanga Canyon providing critical support to our aging community. Topanga, lacking its own dedicated senior center, relies upon senior programs offered in Santa Monica, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park and Calabasas to help aid and provide activities for our senior population. Access Services, Dial-a-Ride, and a County-sponsored summer Beach Bus, provide essential transportation for these Topanga seniors, a growing population.

T-CEP – Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness is an all-volunteer organization within Topanga that activates its Emergency Operation Center during a disaster. Established in 1994, after the devastating 1993 Old Topanga/Malibu Fire, T-CEP works collaboratively with various County emergency organizations and first responders to prepare, inform and educate residents in Topanga about potential disasters, and provide updated emergency information during a disaster for local and surrounding communities. The T-CEP EOC is self-activating, but works directly with Incident Command to provide vital, verified information to not only Topanga residents, but to surrounding mountain communities and their citizens, as well. In the 1996 Calabasas Fire, the T-CEP EOC Hotline operators received over 16,000 calls requesting status information on the Fire. Many of these calls came from Malibu citizens who did not, at the time, have their own EOC.

DRT – The Disaster Radio Team of Topanga is a group within T-CEP and is part of the Inter Op-22 Group, headquartered at the Los Hills Sheriff's Station in Calabasas; and consists of the regions of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Oak Park, Westlake Village and Topanga. This alliance of communicators is critical when disasters strike. All government agencies have communication issues in the Santa Monica Mountains and often rely on the verified information collected and distributed by T-CEP and its DRT. During an emergency, the DRT is scheduled to update Topanga's emergency status with DCS-22 at the bottom of every hour, whereby T-CEP is then able to pass critical information about needs or problems to the government agencies that can address them. And vice-versa. The information received, can be given out to the residents via T-CEP's website, manned Hotline phone bank, and through T-CEP's Neighborhood Network teams. The DRT has volunteers from Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, Malibu and Hidden Hills.

TEM TASK FORCE – The Topanga Emergency Management Task Force is, perhaps, the greatest example of 'communities of interests' integrating services and programs for the greater good of the mountain community. Authorized by the Los Angeles County Board of Directors to create community-based emergency management and preparedness plans for the unincorporated at-risk community of Topanga, government and community members began meeting in 2003 to develop emergency response strategies. The Topanga Disaster Survival Guide was the first product of this effort. Addressing preparedness and planning issues for all kinds of disasters, it was published by the County and distributed to over 10,000 residents. This Survival Guide is the "bible" by which Topanga prepares, plans, and exercises its community for disasters. An essential component of the Survival Guide is the Topanga Zone Map that divides the Canyon into 9 "tactical zones", and identifies Community Safety Areas, and Neighborhood Safety Areas within those zones to serve evacuees attempting to escape fire.

Another joint effort was the publication of "A Road Map to Fire Safety", a collaboration of the TEM Task Force (disaster related public agencies, departments and communities) and the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance to present solutions and resources for property owners and land managers to improve stewardship in the wildland urban interface. This Alliance helps create safer communities and protect the natural areas by involving and educating stakeholders, sharing information, and locating and providing beneficial resources.

Every year since the publication of the Survival Guide (and supporting materials), these evacuation strategies are tested in a Los County Fire Department-coordinated Topanga Emergency Exercise, working in conjunction with the Topanga Community, the LA County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Animal Care & Control, CHP, LAUSD, Los Angeles OEM, LA City Fire and Police, plus State and National Parks, to prepare, protect and defend Topanga (and surrounding communities) in the event of a wildfire or other major disaster. It is imperative these ongoing relationships continue to practice and collaborate; integrating lessons learned from drills and actual disaster events. The TEM Task Force is mandated to meet within 30 days of any declared disaster to debrief and re-examine the effectiveness of their emergency response strategies. Lives depend upon this continued collaboration.

The Topanga Emergency Management Task Force is co-chaired by LA County OEM (Office of Emergency Management) and T-CEP, Topanga's community, volunteer organization. Appointed members include: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's 3rd District, LA County OEM Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Public Works, LAUSD/Topanga

Elementary School, LACDAC ERT, Topanga Town Council, Topanga Animal Rescue, American Red Cross, Arson Watch, CERT, Topanga Coalition of Emergency Preparedness, and Topanga Chamber of Commerce.

PARKS & BEACHES— The communities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake, Malibu, Topanga reside in a unique wildland/urban interface that includes Federal and State parklands and other publically owned open space under the umbrella of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). Topanga itself is completely surrounded by this parkland and offers a connection to surrounding cities via its roads and park trails. Topanga State Park is entirely within the Los Angeles city limits and is considered the world's largest wildland within the boundaries of a major city. The park is bound: on the south by Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, on the west by Topanga Canyon, and on the east by Rustic Canyon.

Topanga State Park offers more than 24 trail entrances---from Topanga, Pacific Palisades, and Encino; and makes up 5% of the area of the City of Los Angeles. A local volunteer organization, the Topanga Canyon Docents offer field trip programs that are free to the public, schools, church and private schools in Simi Valley, San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature in 1980, to form an "interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public. The Conservancy works closely with Topanga and surrounding communities to protect this area for future generations to enjoy.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity established in 1985 pursuant to the Joint Powers Act. The MRCA works in cooperation with the Conservancy and other local government partners (including Topanga Emergency Management Task Force) in part, to participate in vital emergency planning processes, education programs and fire prevention awareness.

The Santa Monica Mountains is well-recognized as a community of interest by business groups who understand that the parks and public spaces, its creeks and beaches, are a major economic engine with over 30 million visitors each year, many of whom are regularly drawn from the nearby regions of the San Fernando Valley and the greater Westside communities. Topanga State Beach is just one area beach that is visited by locals and vacationers alike. Access to this beach is from PCH at Topanga Canyon Blvd (Malibu) and has direct handicap access onto the beach.

On the extended front, surrounding communities offer Topanga residents & businesses essential services and opportunities:

BUSINESS - Art & Entertainment Industry - Topanga's socio-economic traits and employment are in direct alignment with cities like Malibu, Calabasas, Pacific Palisades Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Studio City and Universal City. It is estimated that 60% of Topanga's residents work in the outlying communities. About 40% work in entertainment/art (or related) industries---tying them to areas beyond Topanga .

SHOPPING-ENTERTAINMENT – Given the limited shopping and entertainment opportunities within our town, Topangans rely upon stores in the surrounding communities for their day-to-

day existence: groceries, clothes, supplies, services and entertainment. The San Fernando Valley has the most to offer both in variety and economical choices. Santa Monica offers unique products and services for our residents. Many outlying area businesses have one-to-one relationships with Topanga businesses, residents, seniors, low-income residents and our volunteer organizations. The Topanga Chamber of Commerce has spent years building bridges of commerce by offering memberships within and outside the Topanga community.

MEDICAL – With no major medical facility within Topanga, residents must rely upon the medical services outside the canyon: St. John’s Hospital in Santa Monica, or the valley hospitals of West Hills, Kaiser and Northridge.

TRANSPORTATION – Topanga has no local or mass transit transportation service, which leaves some residents and employees totally dependent on outside area transportation programs. Dial-A-Ride, Access Service and Los Angeles County’s Summer Beach Bus, along with the Expo Line, Orange Line and Blue Line are critical to connecting Topanga to the San Fernando Valley, the Westside and beyond. These integrated transportation services are vital to the livelihood and lifestyle of many of our residents, employees and visitors.

Topanga’s Hwy 27 serves as an important transportation bridge from the Valley to the West side, serving 15,000 commuters per day.

CRIME & PATROL – The Las Virgenes area is a community of interest spanning the cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Topanga and other nearby unincorporated areas. These cities are all County “contract cities” and are served as a unit by the same Sheriff’s Station, Fire Stations and County Services. Topanga is protected and served by the Lost Hills (Calabasas) Sheriff’s Department and West Valley (Woodland Hills) CHP. The Topanga Town Council has worked hard to develop and maintain an effective, united working relationship with the Sheriff’s Dept. and CHP; all of who agree that Topanga is a difficult community to protect, given our terrain, commuter traffic, and potential disaster situation. The Town Council, with support of these agencies has developed a Topanga Resident Access Card that enables these emergency responders to better assist local residents during a catastrophe.

In conclusion, Topanga’s association with its surrounding communities is a harmonious, organic, symbiotic, living relationship whose supportive, collaborative and united effort has for many years, ensured the safety, social and economic programs we commonly share. Keeping us united with our neighboring cities will continue to give us the ability to share our environmental structure, community consciousness, educational commitment and personal lifestyle. The 1991 and 2000 districting plans have proved successful. Our request to the Citizens Redistricting Committee is to keep it this way.

Respectfully submitted,

The Topanga Town Council

Topanga Association for a Scenic Community

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THE ARSON WATCH GUIDE



FOR RESIDENTS
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Emergency Grab 'n' Go Kit



BEFORE the wildfire season, you should have the following assembled and ready to go:

- medications
- water & snacks
- flashlight and extra batteries
- eyeglasses or goggles
- personal travel-size toiletries & toilet paper
- cotton clothing (with long sleeves)
- sturdy shoes (preferably not rubber-soled)
- N-95 respirator
- photos of every member of household, including pets (possibly on disk)
- first aid kit
- battery-powered radio
- extra sets of keys for car, home, & safe deposit
- credit card & cash
- copies of essential documents not already in safe deposit box: e.g., birth certificate, driver's license, proof of insurance
- pet food, medication, and supplies
- walkie-talkies for family communication
- space blanket
- toys for children
- video of house contents (in safe deposit box)

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310-455-4244 • www.arsonwatch.com

Where Do I Call?



Keep this info with you at home, in your car, or on hikes.

In a life-threatening emergency, or if a fire starts:

911

Poison Control System: 800-876-4766

Fire Dept. HazMat: 323-890-4317 (M-F 7-5)

(If you see someone engaged in an activity that MIGHT start a fire, call the nearest fire station.)

If the situation is not an emergency but law enforcement needs to respond:

Lost Hills Sheriff's Station: 818-878-1808

CHP Dispatch: 323-982-4900

LAPD, Topanga Station: 818-756-4810

For URGENT safety issues in parklands:

MRCA (to page a ranger): 310-456-7049

(Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority)

National Park Service dispatch: 661-723-3620

California State Parks dispatch: 951-443-2969

For info about road work or road closures:

CHP roads status: cad.chp.ca.gov

CalTrans highway info: 800-427-7623 (enter route no. + #)

Public Works, roads & water emergency: 800-675-4357

For problems with utilities:

Southern California Edison line clearing: 661-257-8256

Verizon California: 661-942-5117 (navigate to "repair")

To help animals:

L.A. County Animal Care & Control (Agoura): 818-991-0070

L.A. City Animal Services: 888-452-7381

California Dept. of Fish and Game emergency: 888-334-2258

For info on a major disaster in the mountains:

Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness,

www.t-cep.org or 310-455-3000

Other help:

L.A. County social services: 211

Board of Supervisors field office: 818-880-9416

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: 800-232-4636

Disaster Survival Guide: www.topangasurvival.org

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The fall forecast calls for a Niña weather pattern associated with an increase in winds—the kind that dry out vegetation and produce a bumper crop of fire. The V expects an active fire season.

The Community Arson Watch is serving the Malibu-Los Angeles area. Looking for fires or fire hazards in your neighborhood, giving your neighbors, giving your community safe.

ARSON WATCH DONATIONS. Nob maintain radios and support the Arson Watch donation form and r (which stands for Fire Services, Inc.; we are tax-deductible. support both Arson designated for one

We know times are tough. Greatly appreciated and safe!

Emergency Phone Numbers

Please save these numbers!

To report any emergency:
call 911

If at all possible, use a land line, not a cell phone when calling 911.

Human Services: 211

Sheriff: 818-878-1808

CalTrans: 800-427-7623

So. Cal. Edison: 800-655-4555

Verizon: 800-483-2000

American Red Cross: 800-540-2000

California Highway Patrol: 818-880-0980

L.A. County Dept. of Animal Care and Control: 818-991-0071

Public Works (Blg. & Safety/Flood/Road/Water): 800-675-4357

L.A. Unified School District: 213-241-4500

For information about any Topanga emergency:

www.t-cep.org, or call T-CEP hot line: 310-455-3000

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Topanga

Emergency Survival Tips

Topanga can be a dangerous place, with fire, floods, and earthquakes.

Since 1963, seven major fires have swept through the Canyon, resulting in injury, death, and millions of dollars in damage. In 1993, the Old Topanga Fire took less than two and a half hours to sweep through the Canyon from the summit at Old Topanga to the beach.

In addition, winter rains periodically cause major flooding in Topanga. Mudslides cover homes, cars are swept downstream, and people drown in rising creek waters.

What if you are in Topanga when a brushfire happens?

What if floodwaters rise and mudslides threaten the roads?

What if you are in an earthquake?

How can you protect yourself and those around you in these situations?



for Fire, Earthquake, and Flood



Topanga Zone Map

Find your nearest
Community Safety Area.
It may not be in your
Tactical Zone.

Please note:
Pre-designated individual
CSAs can change.
Please check
www.topangasurvival.org
to verify their current status.
CSAs will be annually
reviewed by the County Fire
Department Brush Clearance
Unit to confirm their availability.

PREVENTION: HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Don't smoke out of doors.
 2. No campfires. EVER!
 3. Don't throw cigarettes or ash out of car windows.
 4. Don't park your vehicle in high grass.
 5. When clearing brush: Have a hose, bucket of sand or water, shovel, or other fire extinguisher nearby.
- Call 911 immediately if you see or smell smoke or see fire.
 - Watch for sparks caused by hitting rocks or debris.
 - Refuel weed whackers on hard surfaces only.



Community Safety Areas (CSAs)

A CSA is an area set aside for individuals to find refuge during a large wildfire fire. Please take the time to locate the CSA closest to where you live, work, or wait for work in Topanga. CSAs are identified on this map. Refer to the map to find locations in your area. Please take the time to learn these locations.

ZONE ONE	ZONE TWO	ZONE THREE	ZONE FOUR	ZONE FIVE	ZONE SIX	ZONE SEVEN	ZONE EIGHT	ZONE NINE
 1A VIEWRIDGE (entire street)	 2A MILL CREEK RANCH 1881 Old Topanga Canyon Rd.  2B MUSE ELEMENTARY 1717 Old Topanga Canyon Rd.	 4A COMMUNITY HOUSE 1440 Topanga Canyon Rd. 3 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone)	 6A OLD ELYSIUM 814 Robinson Rd. 7A STATE PARK Entrance Rd. 7B PINE TREE CIRCLE 120 Topanga Cyn Rd. 7C TOPANGA CENTER 101, 137, 139 N. Topanga Cyn Rd.	 9A WATER TANK SITE 2300 Tuna Canyon Rd.	8 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone)	8 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone)	8 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone)	8 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone)