

A yellow and blue Ventura County Sheriff's helicopter is shown in flight, positioned above a large, intense fire. The helicopter has "VENTURA COUNTY" and "SHERIFF" written on its side, and "FIRE SUPPORT" on the side of the cabin. The background is filled with thick smoke and bright orange flames.

Disaster Preparedness Oak Park MAC



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Agenda

- ★ **Ventura County Sheriff's Emergency Services**
- ★ **Hazards**
- ★ **Emergency Notifications**
- ★ **Evacuations**
- ★ **New Technology**
- ★ **Ready Ventura County**



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Ventura County Sheriff Emergency Services

Our Mission:

- ★ To protect life, property, and the environment
- ★ Support first responders from Emergency Operations Center
- ★ Coordinate local, state and federal resources for response and recovery

Who We Are:

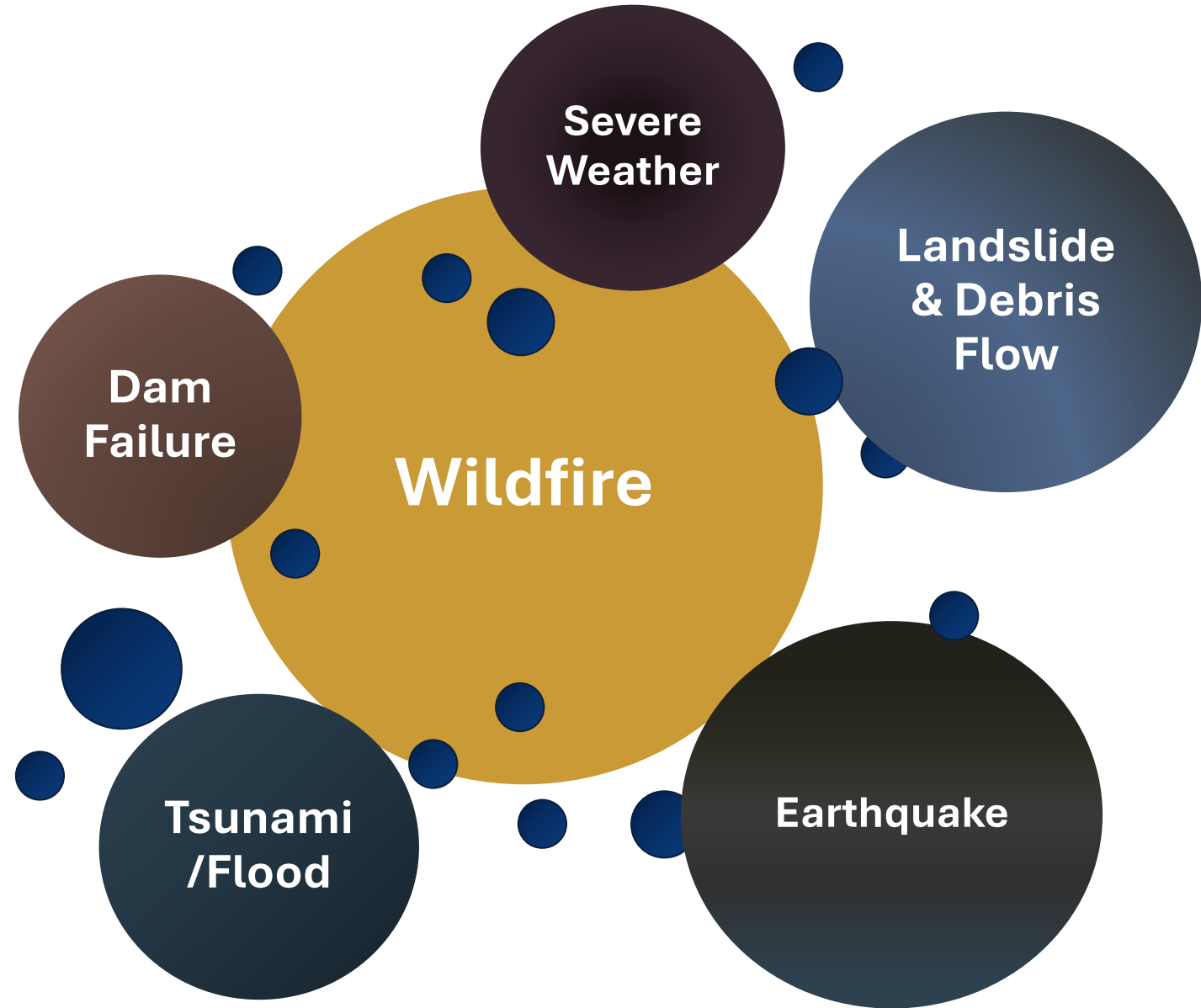
- ★ Full-time & Part-Time Emergency Managers
- ★ Backgrounds in fire, law, medical, county planning, finance, technology, event planning and more



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Local Hazards

- ★ **ReadyVenturaCounty.org**
 - ★ Local Hazard Profiles
 - ★ Personalized Perspective
 - ★ Interactive Hazard Map
 - ★ Individual Preparedness Plan



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Emergency Notifications



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VC Alert

Door Knocks
PA Speaker
Hi-Lo Siren

VCEmergency.com

Emergency
Alert
System
(EAS)

Wireless
Emergency Alerts
(WEA)

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County Map, California



Wireless Emergency Alert



Emergency Alert

VC ALERT: FAST MOVING BRUSHFIRE IN Oak Park, Bell Canyon. Go to VCEmergency.com for more info.

- ★ Sent for urgency via wireless message
- ★ May be first notification in severe conditions
- ★ Provides basic information and resources
- ★ No registration required
- ★ Delivered to all within cell tower range
- ★ Drawback = Bleed over potential



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VC ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



Contacts

- ★ Opt in at vcalert.org
- ★ 911 database
- ★ Residential wireless
- ★ Duplicates welcome

Messaging

- ★ Life safety – yours & theirs
- ★ Pre-recorded by hazard
- ★ Bilingual – English/Spanish
- ★ Custom & Pre-plan maps

Methods

- ★ Phone call
- ★ Text
- ★ Email
- ★ TTY/Fax



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Evacuation Terminology

Evacuation Order

- ★ There is an **IMMEDIATE THREAT** to life. ★
- ★ An Order means to **LEAVE NOW**. ★
- ★ The area is closed to public access.

Evacuation Warning

- ★ There is a **POTENTIAL THREAT** to lives and/or property. ★
- ★ Individuals who require additional time to evacuate should **LEAVE NOW**.

Shelter in Place

- ★ **GO INDOORS** and remain there. Shut and lock all doors and windows.
- ★ Prepare to **STAY PUT** until further notice from public safety.

Incident

Instruction

Initiate



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Time Factors

Situational Awareness: Time to size up

Location of Hazard: Evaluate potential impacts

Coordination: Law/Fire/Cities/Jurisdictions

Technology: Time to launch website/alerts

Evacuations: Limited exits, traffic, road closures

Bottom Line – Don't wait.! If it looks and feels dangerous...LEAVE!

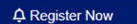


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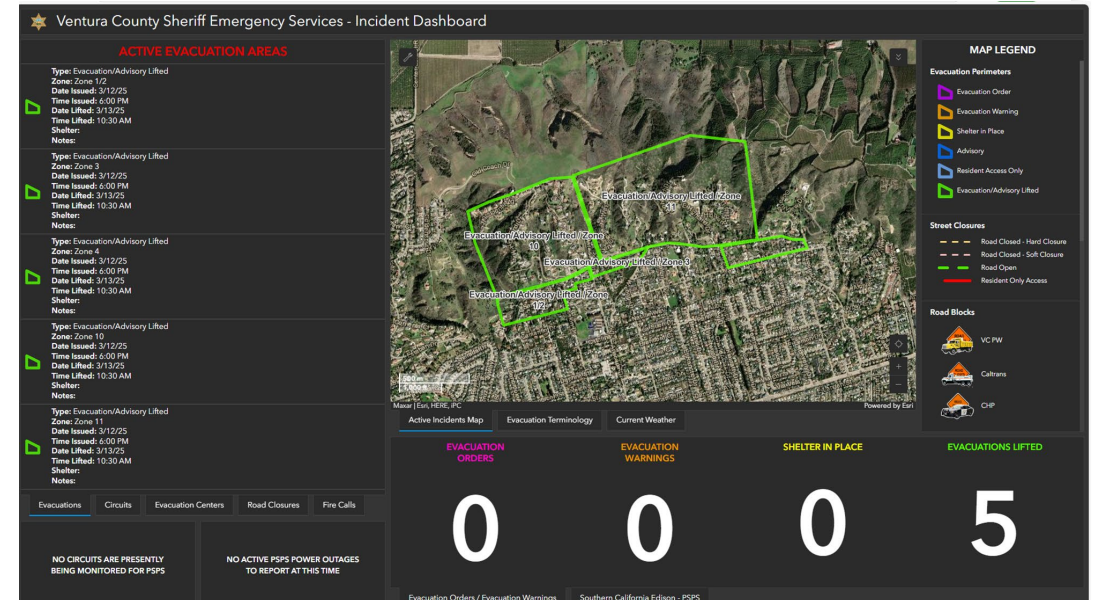
- ★ **VCEmergency.com**
 - ★ **Verified Incident Information**
 - ★ **Incident Dashboard/Map**
- ★ **Official Social Media Channels**
 - ★ **Facebook: Ventura County Sheriff's Office**
 - ★ **Instagram: vcsheriff**
 - ★ **X: @venturasheriff**



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Ventura County Sheriff Emergency Services and The National Weather Service are monitoring a series of



Competing Sources

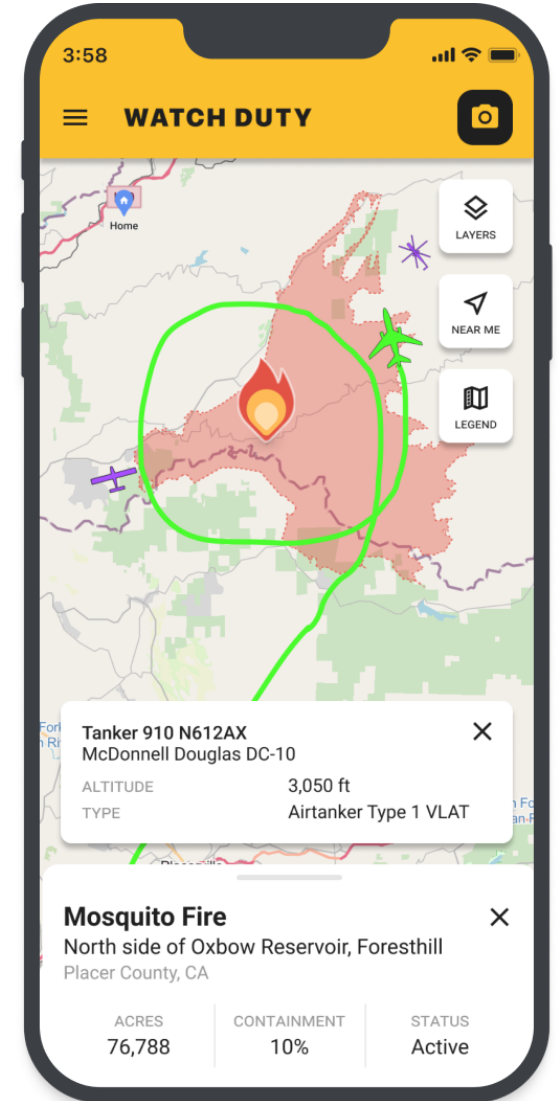
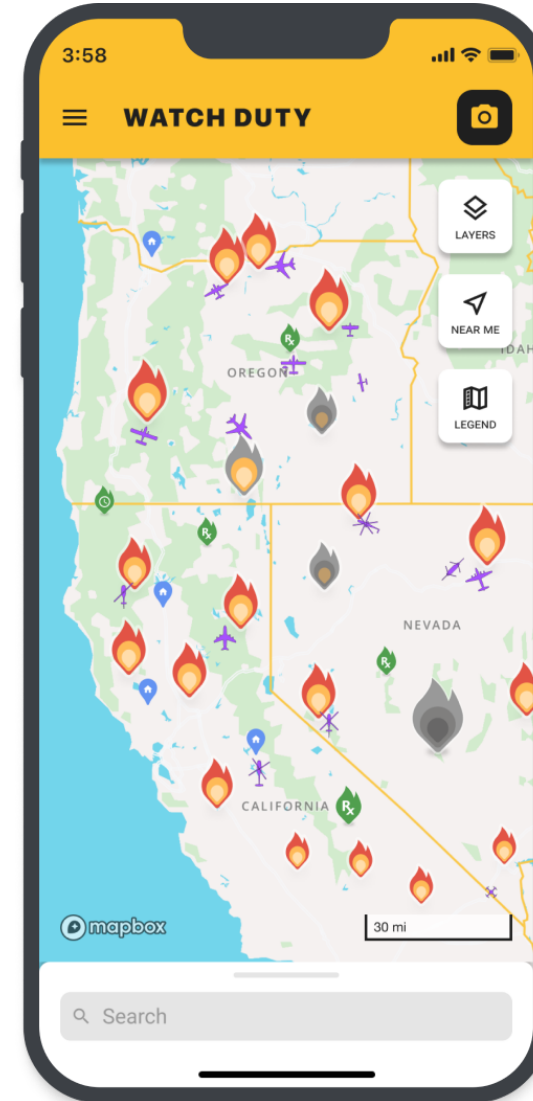
Watch Duty App

- Radio traffic as interpreted by off duty/volunteers
- Imported fire perimeter from FIRIS
- Tied into VCEmergency Dashboard Map
- Their source: VCEmergency.com

Scanners

- Radio traffic as interpreted by individuals
- No access to tactical channels

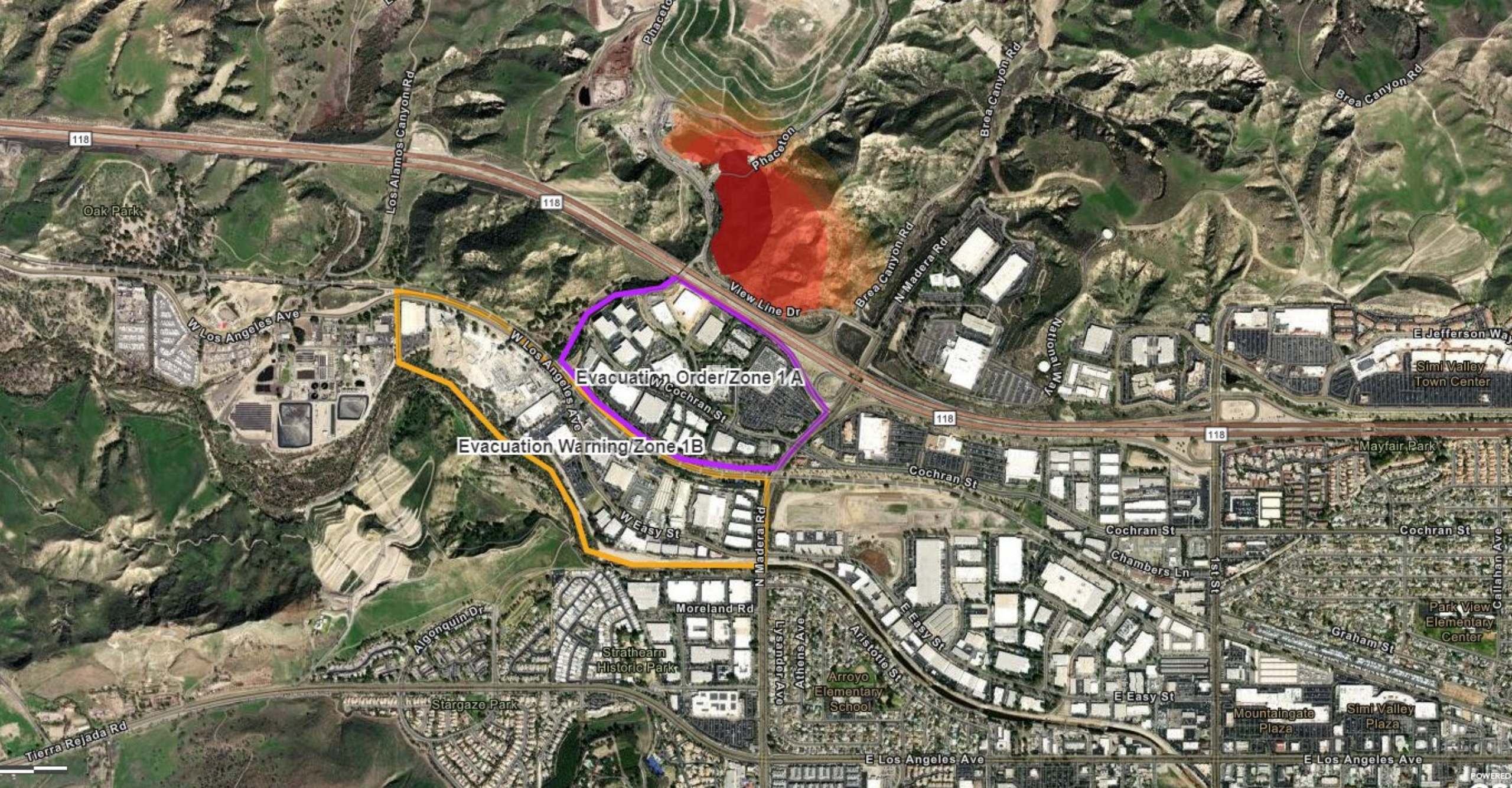
Official source for information is



New Technology

FIRIS







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Stay Informed

- ★ Local Hazard Profiles
- ★ Protective Measures
- ★ Hazard ArcGIS Story Map
 - ★ Map your location
 - ★ Confirm your risk



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Prepare for Disasters



Stay Informed

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Make a Plan

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Make a Plan

- ★ **Build a Network**
 - ★ Access & Functional Needs
 - ★ Who can help evacuate?
 - ★ Who needs your help?
 - ★ 911 should be a last resort
- ★ **Communications Plan**
 - ★ How will you find each other?
 - ★ Plan for kids, older adults, pets

Build a Kit

- ★ **Plan for 3 days food/water**
- ★ **Customize your kit**
- ★ **Consider daily needs**
- ★ **Dependent loved ones**
- ★ **Pets**
- ★ **Medications**
- ★ **Keep it budget-friendly**
- ★ **Dollar store items**



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Get Involved
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Get Involved

- ★ **Build community with collective capabilities**
 - ★ Be a helper/find a helper
 - ★ Store extra supplies for others
 - ★ Include others in your emergency plan
- ★ **Be an Influencer**
 - ★ Use your sphere of influence to encourage others to prepare
 - ★ Make a difference
- ★ **Community Emergency Response Teams**
 - ★ Non-profit and Faith-based organizations

Volunteer Opportunities



United Way of
Ventura County



American
Red Cross



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Questions?

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Instagram: vcsheriff

X: @venturasheriff

VC EMERGENCY.com

OFFICIAL VENTURA COUNTY INCIDENT INFORMATION SOURCE



VC ALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

VC ALERT is an emergency notification system for Ventura County residents that may be used to alert you if there is an emergency in your community. Register your home or business address, landline, cell phone, email, and TTY device to receive emergency alerts. Alerts will be sent in both English and Spanish.

HOW IT WORKS



TO REGISTER

INTERNET - Go to www.vcalert.org. Create a profile and manage your preferences.

E-MAIL - vc.alert@ventura.org

MOBILE APP - Download the Everbridge App from your iOS or Android Device. Click on "Find an Organization or Subscription", type "VC Alert" in the search bar, click on "Ventura County, CA: VC Alert Emergency Notification System".

MAIL - Mail to Ventura County Sheriff's OES at 800 South Victoria Ave. #3450, Ventura, CA 93009.

PHONE - Call 805-648-9283

You will be charged the standard fee from your phone provider for receiving the emergency alerts. The County of Ventura is not responsible for any charges that may be incurred as a result of receiving these alerts.



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Be a Hero to Your Loved Ones