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Emergency Evacuation Zones within High Fire Hazard Severity areas Los Angeles County – Santa Monica Mountains Region

Los Angeles County public safety agencies and Board of Supervisors 3rd District office, along with the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village – are excited to announce the “Know Your Zone” campaign, a collaborative effort that aims to prepare residents and businesses for emergencies or evacuations.

Using the Zonehaven AWARE platform, first responders and residents will refer to the same set of Zone maps used for planning and conducting evacuations. Beginning with the Santa Monica Mountain region, residents can now see their “Zone” and have access to information about emergency services in their zone, see real-time zone status updates, shelter options, and more. During a large-scale incident that requires evacuations, the Zone map will be updated in real time, so residents should check it regularly for status information.

Zonehaven AWARE is a mapping tool that is used in combination with public alert and warning systems such as ALERT LA County and local City emergency alerting systems. Residents should sign up for systems in their area to receive evacuation orders when issued by public officials. When evacuations warnings or orders are issued, notices will include Zone designations in addition to major streets and intersections.

To find their zone, residents enter an address into the interactive map on Zonehaven AWARE at community.zonehaven.com using the search bar in the upper left. This will open a pop-up window, which includes the zone name and information about the zone and its emergency services. Residents should look up and record the names of all the zones they frequent – such as home, work, school, or homes of loved ones – and keep them in an easily visible place (on the refrigerator or next to the door). Zones will be used in emergency alert notifications, so knowing the name of your zone is an important part of your emergency plan.

Learn more about public alert and warning systems in LA County here:

<https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/>

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