



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### MONTEREY FIRE DEPARTMENT FULLY STAFFED AND READY TO RESPOND AS NEEDED

Monterey, CA – The Monterey Fire Department wants to reassure residents that they are fully staffed and ready to respond as needed to any situation that warrants their services. The current local River Fire and Carmel Fire have both brought concerns and anxiety to residents. The Monterey Fire Department serves Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Sand City, Naval Postgraduate School, La Mesa Village and Monterey Regional Airport, and is ready in all of those areas should a need arise.

“We understand residents' concerns and worry over the current fires happening locally,” said Assistant Fire Chief Jim Courtney. “Multiple jurisdictions from throughout the state are working hard on the two blazes, and we want to assure the community we are still at 100 percent service levels and on stand by to protect our communities.”

The Monterey Fire Department encourages anyone who feels they are in danger to call 9-1-1. To stay informed of the latest local updates, we recommend:

- registering your cell phone at <http://alertmontereycounty.org> - This is a cellular and email based notification system. This requires registration so please log-in to this website and register your information.
- watch local new stations, listen to local radio news
- follow these social media sites - **you do not need a Twitter account to follow this information**, and Twitter is the most timely and up-to-the-minute news.
  - <https://Twitter.com/cityofmonterey>
  - <https://Facebook.com/cityofmonterey>
  - <https://Twitter.com/CalFireBEU>

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- <https://Facebook.com/CalFireBEU>
  - <https://twitter.com/MontereyCoOES>
  - Nextdoor app - We will post information on Nextdoor to relay important information and keep the community updated.
  - The City websites at [monterey.org](http://monterey.org) and [montereyfiredept.org](http://montereyfiredept.org) - will be used to relay information on a developing emergency.
  - Police Officers & PA systems. Our patrol vehicles are equipped with speakers. Should we have an emergency situation, you may hear sirens and our voices over those speakers directing residents.

*Contact Monterey Fire at the non-emergency phone number if you have any questions, (831) 646-3914, or visit [montereyfiredept.org](http://montereyfiredept.org)*

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