

County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services

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PG&E Proactively Shuts Down Power Impacting Multiple Counties in Northern California



On Sunday, October 14, for the first time in its history, PG&E proactively shut the power off to reduce fire risk for more than 59,000 customers in multiple counties in Northern California, including Napa, Lake County, El Dorado County, Calaveras and Amador.

According to Jim Frawley, Fire Chief for Santa Cruz and instructor for the California Special Training Institute (CSTI), cutting power to residents could impact municipal resources, "When their power is shut off, residents will look to government to fill the gaps and mitigate impacts, such as the need for increased law enforcement."

Below is a quick summary of actions taken by PG&E (copied from the [PG&E website](#)). For additional details, visit the PG&E [Community Wildfire Safety Program](#) page.

- On Saturday, October 13, 2018, PG&E activated its Emergency Operations Center in San Francisco to support a wind weather event projected to affect areas of the North Bay and Sierra Foothills.
- Based on localized weather forecasts calling for wind gusts of up to 50 mph Sunday night into Monday morning, PG&E announced Sunday that it will begin proactively turning off power as early as 5 p.m. and continuing throughout the evening as part of a Public Safety Power Shutoff.
- This proactive Public Safety Power Shutoff event included de-energizing more than 78 miles of transmission lines and more than 2,150 miles of distribution powerlines for safety.
- Factors that help determine whether PG&E initiates a Public Safety Power Shutoff include: strong winds; very low humidity levels; critically dry vegetation that could fuel wildfires; and on-the-ground, real-time observations from field crews.

County Social Services Agency Hosts 26th Annual Senior Resource and Wellness Fair



In addition to flu shots, health screenings and social services, fair attendees received emergency preparedness postcards and informative brochures for seniors and people with access and functional needs. Pictured at left are the County's Senior Care Commissioners handing out emergency preparedness materials in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin.

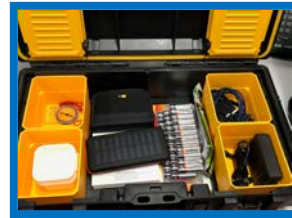
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Incident Management Team Resource Kit

Jim Frawley, Fire Chief for Santa Cruz and CSTI Instructor demonstrated his portable Incident Management Team (IMT) Resource Kit at a recent Essential EOC Action Planning (G626) course. As a member of the South Bay IMT, Jim keeps the kit in his car for emergency deployments. For more information, you can contact Jim at jimfrawley@yahoo.com.



OES offers EOC Basic Training Clinics - 2018

Clinics provide a quiet atmosphere and opportunity to fulfill EOC basic training requirements online. EOC Basic Training Clinics run from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on these dates: [Register](#) for November 8, 15, December 4, 13.

Other Training links:

[FEMA Independent Studies](#)

[California Specialized Training Institute](#)

[Bay Area UASI Training and Exercise Program](#)

[FEMA – Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\)](#)

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

1028 AM PDT Wed Oct 17 2018 - SYNOPSIS...Seasonably warm conditions during the day with patchy coastal clouds at night will continue the rest of the week and into the weekend. The forecast remains dry through the middle of next week. Cooler weather returns next week.

San Jose Forecast Summary:

Thursday	10/18	81° 52°F
Friday	10/19	83° 53°F
Saturday	10/20	83° 52°F
Sunday	10/21	78° 51°F
Monday	10/22	74° 52°F
Tuesday	10/23	74° 54°F

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