

County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services

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CALIFORNIA FIRE UPDATES

Unified Command:

- **Mendocino Complex, Vegetation Fire, Mendocino and Lake Counties, Update**
 - State/Federal DPA, SRA/FRA, Mendocino Unit, Mendocino National Forest
 - 410,482 acres grass, brush, timber and timber slash, 74% contained

- **Ranch:**
 - **Old Lake County x Hwy 20, Blue Lake, 8 miles NE of Ukiah**
 - 361,562 acres oak woodland, brush 67% contained
 - Evacuations affecting 6,008 people in Mendocino, Lake, Colusa and Glenn counties
 - USFS fire station and infrastructure remain threatened
 - Wilderness areas and threatened/endangered species are threatened
 - Continued threat to private and public timberlands
 - Threat to Lake Pillsbury Basin, Pine Mountain Lookout and the Summer Homes area

- **River:**
 - Old River Rd, north of Hopland
 - 48,920 acres, 100% contained

- **Carr, Vegetation Fire, Shasta County, Update**
 - Hwy 299 x Carr Powerhouse Rd, Whiskeytown Lake
 - Federal/State DPA, FRA/SRA, Whiskeytown National Park/Shasta-Trinity Unit
 - 229,651 acres, grass, oak woodland and timber, 93% contained

For additional updates on fires burning in California, visit [Cal Fire's incident page](#).

IN THE NEWS

[Throttling and Net Neutrality — Verizon Throttled Fire Department's "Unlimited" Data During Calif. Wildfire](#)

[Fire dep't had to pay twice as much to lift throttling during wildfire response.](#)

Excerpted from *ARS TECHNICA*, By Jon Brodtkin - 8/21/2018, 12:49 p.m.

Verizon Wireless' throttling of a fire department that uses its data services has been submitted as evidence in a lawsuit that seeks to reinstate federal net neutrality rules.

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"County Fire has experienced throttling by its ISP, Verizon," **Santa Clara County Fire Chief Anthony Bowden** wrote in a declaration. "This throttling has had a significant impact on our ability to provide emergency services. Verizon imposed these limitations despite being informed that throttling was actively impeding County Fire's ability to provide crisis-response and essential emergency services."

Bowden's declaration was submitted in an addendum to a brief filed by 22 state attorneys general, the District of Columbia, Santa Clara County, Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District, and the California Public Utilities Commission. The government agencies are seeking to overturn the recent repeal of net neutrality rules in a lawsuit they filed against the Federal Communications Commission in the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Update: In a statement to ARS three hours after this article was published, Verizon acknowledged that it shouldn't have continued throttling the fire department's data service after the department asked Verizon to lift the throttling restrictions.

"Regardless of the plan emergency responders choose, we have a practice to remove data speed restrictions when contacted in emergency situations," Verizon's statement said. "We have done that many times, including for emergency personnel responding to these tragic fires. In this situation, we should have lifted the speed restriction when our customer reached out to us. This was a customer support mistake. We are reviewing the situation and will fix any issues going forward." [Read full article.](#)



Bill Stites watches his neighborhood burn in the hillside neighborhood of Fountaingrove early on Oct. 9, 2017. Skeleton crews of firefighters had mostly given up on saving homes that sat in the path of high winds. A fire engineer told us, "It was like Armageddon, something I've never seen before and hope to never see again." Oct. 9, 2017. (KENT PORTER / PRESS DEMOCRAT)

[Sonoma County to overhaul emergency management program following wildfires](#)

Excerpted from article By **HANNAH BEAUSANG**

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT | August 14, 2018, 8:53PM

After months of harsh criticism for Sonoma County's response to October's firestorm, the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a slate of changes designed to improve the county's ability to handle future disasters.

The emergency services division — broadly denounced for its failure to issue widespread alerts as the Tubbs fire raced toward Santa Rosa — will be reorganized

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into an independent department with its own leader. The change will boost training, communication with elected officials and response before and during disasters, said Interim Emergency Manager Chris Godley, who described it as “one of the most ambitious reorganizations” of such a department in the state in at least two decades.

“It’s a subtle bureaucratic shift, a slight adjustment in polices, but it’s a significant move relative to what we see in other organizations,” Godley said. “I believe that, combined with the board’s action in June to better resource the program with staff and funding, you’ve got a good chance at making this a premier emergency management program, if not in Northern California, in the entire state as well.”

Supervisors in June voted to approve \$1.2 million to bolster the county’s alerts and the emergency services department, adding five new staff. That included funding for a director, two jobs related to alerts and warnings, an emergency services coordinator and a community preparedness staffer. [Read full article.](#)

September 4, 2018 is Deadline for Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

Cal OES has received the Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement for the 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Programs. These programs provide funding for the development of local hazard mitigation plans (LHMPs) and implementation of hazard mitigation projects. The Notice of Interest for both the PDM and FMA grant programs must be submitted to Cal OES by September 4, 2018. Further information and application process may be accessed on the [Cal OES Pre-Disaster and Flood Mitigation Division webpage](#)



September 13, 2018
1:00 PM—3:00 PM
Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office Auditorium

The County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services is hosting a presentation on the DSW (Disaster Service Worker) Volunteer program requirements and demystifying volunteer workers compensation requirements and liabilities. Anita Chant, Teri Flores, and Kathryn Chin from the CalOES Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program will be presenting via webcast on September 13th from 1 PM to 3 PM. **Please invite any jurisdictional personnel or volunteer leadership that would benefit from this informative workshop from CalOES.**

For information and/or to submit questions in advance, contact: Jeff Walker, Santa Clara County Fire Department Program Specialist (408) 808-7837 jeff.j.walker@oes.sccgov.org

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OPERATIONAL AREA - UPCOMING CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Shoreline Amphitheater – Mountain View

August 29 Rod Stewart

City of San Jose

August 25-26 Silicon Valley Pride Festival and Parade
www.sanjosepride.com

Plaza de Cesar Chavez

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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 September 13, 25, October 3, 16, 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

1036 AM PDT Wed Aug 22 2018 SYNOPSIS...Dry weather conditions along with temperatures near seasonal averages will persist through the upcoming weekend. Widespread night and morning low clouds will continue with only partial afternoon clearing expected in coastal areas.

San Jose Forecast Summary:

Wednesday	8/22	77° 58°F
Thursday	8/23	79° 58°F
Friday	8/24	79° 56°F
Saturday	8/25	82° 56°F
Sunday	8/26	80° 58°F
Monday	8/27	76° 56°F
Tuesday	8/28	74° 56°F

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If you have items of interest to share, please provide to Patty Eaton: patty.eaton@oes.sccgov.org.