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Sonoma County Responding to Multiple Fires

Sonoma County Emergency Operations Center Activated

SANTA ROSA, CA - Emergency response agencies throughout Sonoma County are actively fighting numerous fires throughout the County. The County has activated the Emergency Operations Center, and is opening a shelter at the Finley Community Center, located at 2060 West College Ave in Santa Rosa, and will also accept small animals. The Sonoma County Fairgrounds, located at 1350 Bennett Valley Road, is available to accept large animals. Access the Fairgrounds via Gate 7 on Aston Ave.

911 systems are inundated by calls reporting smoke. It is important that people only use 911 if they see actual unattended flames, or are having another emergency.

Evacuations have been ordered in a number of areas. It is critical that residents comply with law enforcement when they are told to evacuate.

Exposure to smoke can trigger life threatening respiratory events in people that are sensitive or who have underlying heart or lung conditions. If you see or smell smoke, keep in mind the following:

- Consider staying inside to avoid breathing smoke particles.
- Run your air conditioner, making sure to keep the fresh air intake closed and the filters clean.
- Do not run swamp coolers. They will pull smoky air in from outside.
- Masks do not protect your lungs from smoke particles.

Information on evacuation areas and shelters will be shared on the Sonoma County Facebook page and the Sheriff's Office Nixle as it becomes available.

Sonoma County Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SonomaCountyCal>

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Nixle: <https://local.nixle.com/sonoma-county-sheriffs-office/>

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The County of Sonoma is comprised of 26 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to the community. It encompasses over 1600 square miles and is home to almost 500,000 residents. Sonoma County government has a history of providing excellent and responsive public service while operating under sound fiscal principles.

Located less than one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma County combines in one location the beautiful Pacific coastline, award-winning wineries, majestic redwoods, historic towns, fine dining, and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities