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FACT SHEET

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SBC-JIC Jesusita Fire 071
DATE: May 12, 2009
TIME: 0900 (9:00 A.M.)

Jesusita Fire Fact Sheet as of May 12, 2009 at 0900 (9:00 A.M.)

Fire Status:

- 8,733 acres burned
- 80% contained
- Damage assessment teams have been working in the field providing more accurate survey numbers. Assessment to date: 78 homes destroyed, 22 homes damaged; 67 outbuildings destroyed and 69 outbuildings damaged
- Approximately 145 properties evacuated (mandatory evacuation orders); affects approx. 362 people
- Residences threatened – 500; commercial properties threatened – 0
- 3,141 personnel on scene: 257 engines, 88 crews
- 5 air tankers including the DC10, and 13 helicopters
- 28 firefighter injuries to date
- Cause under investigation: Tip line – 805-686-5074
- Air quality warning remains in effect
- Estimated costs to date \$13.5 million
- Expected containment 5/13/09

JESUSITA FIRE EVACUATIONS:

THE UNIFIED COMMAND TEAM HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR THE SAFE, STRUCTURED RETURN OF RESIDENTS TO THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2009, AT 9:00 PM –THE CURRENT MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS IN EFFECT HAVE BEEN DOWNGRADED TO AN EVACUATION WARNING. RESIDENTS ARE FREE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- TUNNEL ROAD NORTH OF MONTROSE, PALAMINO ROAD NORTH OF WILLIAMS WAY, SAN ROQUE ROAD NORTH OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AN EVACUATION WARNING STILLS EXISTS IN THE ABOVE AREAS. RESIDENTS RETURNING ARE CAUTIONED TO REMAIN AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR AN EVACUATION ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TO KEEP OUT OF THE REMAINING MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER AREAS:
PAINTED CAVE ROAD AT HWY 154, PAINTED CAVE ROAD TO EAST CAMINO CIELO, EAST CAMINO CIELO TO HWY 154, HWY 154 TO PAINTED CAVE ROAD. EAST CAMINO CIELO AND GIBRALTAR ROAD REMAIN CLOSED.

Road Closures:

- Road Closure Hotline – 805-568-3006
- www.countyofsb.org/pwd/roads/closure.htm

Evacuation Shelter Location:

- Multi-Activity Center
UC Santa Barbara at Mesa and Ocean Roads

Key Phone Numbers:

- County Jesusita Fire Call Center – 805-681-5197
- Evacuation Shelter (Red Cross) – 687-1331
- Animal Services Hotline – 805-681-4332

Everyone is advised to conserve water.

Animal Shelter Locations:

- Large animals: Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real – Santa Barbara
- Small animals: Call the Animal Services Hotline - 805-681-4332

The Internet:

- City of Santa Barbara website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov
- County of Santa Barbara website at www.CountyofSB.org.

Television:

- CityTV Channel 18
- County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20
- KEYT-TV Channel 3

Radio Stations:

- FM: KCSB-91.9; KSYV-96.7; KTYD-99.9; KSBL-101.7; KRAZ-105.9
- AM: KTMS-990; KZSB-1290; KUHL-1410; KINF-1440
- Spanish language FM stations KSPE-94.5 and KIST-107.7

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