



EVACUATION & AREA CLOSURE GUIDELINES FOR FRESNO COUNTY RESIDENTS

Types of Evacuations

In Fresno County, there are two (2) types of evacuations notifications. Implementation of one or the other is dependent upon the actual or potential danger to the affected population as determined by the Emergency Incident Commander (IC).

The two (2) types of evacuation notifications are:

Evacuation Warning – Alerting of community members in a defined area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident. An Evacuation Warning may be issued when the potential or actual threat to civilian life is more than 2 hours away.

Evacuation Order – Movement of community members out of a defined area due to an immediate threat to life and property from an emergency incident. An Evacuation Order should be used when there is potential or actual threat to civilian life within 1 to 2 hours or when the IC deems it necessary to protect civilians.

Types of Area Closures

In Fresno County, there are four (4) levels of area closure. An Area Closure is described as:

A closure prohibits the usage or occupancy of a defined area such as a park, beach, or road due to a potential or actual threat to public health and/or safety. Media is allowed under all closure levels unless prohibited under PC 409.5

The four (4) levels of area closure are:

Level 1 Closure / Color Code Green – Area closed to all traffic except local residents; may require escorts.

Level 2 Closure / Color Code Yellow – Area closed to all traffic except FD, LE, and critical incident resources. (i.e. utility companies, Caltrans, County Roads, etc.)

Level 3 Closure / Color Code Orange – Area closed to all traffic except FD and LE.

Level 4 Closure / Color Code Red – Area closed to all traffic including FD and LE.

Evacuation and Closure Information

During an emergency situation, there are several places where you can find information regarding the status of the emergency, evacuations, closures, and shelters. One of the places you can get current information about an emergency is through local media outlets such as radio and television stations. The following are primary stations for Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts:

KMJ 580 radio
Channel 30 or Cable Channel 3 Television
Channel 24 or Cable Channel 4 Television

Other Sources of Information

For periodic updates on the emergency, evacuation orders, and related information people can contact the following phone numbers to hear a recorded message. People can also turn to several social media sites for similar but very brief updates. Social media sites should never be used to report an emergency situation or as an attempt to request help from public service agencies. Those sites are not constantly monitored and should be used as a source of information NOT communication.

CAL FIRE Fresno Kings Unit Emergency Update Information Line 559-493-4398
CAL FIRE/Fresno County Fire Unit Twitter account @FresnoCoFire
Fresno County Sheriff's Office Twitter account @FresnoSheriff
Fresno County Sheriff's Office (Law Enforcement) Facebook
Caltrans Highway Signs