



ADVISORY REGARDING THOMAS AND CREEK FIRES 05 December 2017

The Philippine Consulate General informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans that based on information from Ventura County, there is a fast moving, active brush fire that began north of Santa Paula along Highway 150 and Bridge Road on 04 December 2017 at approximately, 6:23 p.m. and has burned into the city limits of Ventura and toward Highway 33. The fire, now called “Thomas Fire”, is presently estimated at 45,000 acres with 0% containment and is being pushed by strong east winds.

The County of Ventura, City of Santa Paula and City of Ventura have all proclaimed a local emergency.

Mandatory evacuation has been ordered for the entire community of Casitas Springs to evacuate to Ventura County Fairgrounds - 10 West Harbor Blvd., Ventura. Voluntary evacuations have been ordered for residents in the City of Ventura south of Loma Vista, east of Day Road, West of Victoria Avenue and north of Telegraph Road and residents in the City of Ventura, east of Victoria north of Loma Vista South of Foothill west of Wells Road.

Another fire called Creek Fire also developed along Little Tujunga Canyon Road, Los Angeles around 4:00 a.m. today, threatening homes north of the 210 Freeway. The fire burned through 4, 000 acres near Sylmar. More than 650 firefighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles County Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the scene to contain the fire.

Mandatory evacuations have been ordered within the zone of the north of the 210 Freeway from (eastern border) La Crescenta to (western border) Glenoaks Blvd off ramp / Sombrero Canyon.

The Philippine Consulate General reminds all our kababayans in the affected areas to monitor and take heed of the advice of the Ventura County Fire Department and continue to monitor the situation by visiting readyventuracounty.org; check the Twitter Feed of the Ventura County Fire Department (@VCFD); or call the incident information hotline at (805) 465-6650 for updates on the Thomas Fire. For the Creek Fire, please check the Twitter Feed of the Los Angeles Fire Department (@LAFD) and follow the Los Angeles Police Department’s Twitter account (@LAPDFoothill) for further evacuation information.

In case of a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 immediately. For any assistance, the Philippine Consulate General may be reached at phone number 1 (213) 268-9990 or 1 (213) 587-0758. **END**