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ADVISORY
APPLE FIRE IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA
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The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California that a wildfire dubbed the *Apple Fire*, was reported at 4:55 p.m. on 31 July 2020 off of Oak Glen Road and Apple Tree Lane, North of Cherry Valley in Riverside County, CA.

Local authorities report that record low moisture content of the vegetation combined with high temperatures and relatively low humidity drove the fire to approximately 26,450 acres (approx. 10,704 hectares) by today. It is burning an area with no recent fire history and is currently 5% contained.

The Riverside County Fire Department further reports that, as of today, *Apple Fire* has so far destroyed one single-family dwelling and two outbuildings. Local news reports indicate that an estimated 7,000 people have been evacuated. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

As the fire spreads to the north and east into San Geronio Wilderness, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) has announced new evacuation orders for Morongo Road, Millard Canyon Road and Whitewater Canyon Road. Initial evacuation orders covered Cherry Valley Boulevard in Beaumont and Oak Glen area and Potato Canyon Area West in San Bernardino County.

For Riverside County Residents: please visit <https://www.rivcoready.org/ActiveEvents> for an interactive map that will allow you to enter your address to see if you are in an evacuation area.

For San Bernardino County Residents: Forest Falls, Pioneertown, and Rim Rock are all under an evacuation warning.

An evacuation site was set up at Beaumont High School located at 39139 Cherry Valley Boulevard, Beaumont, CA. An animal evacuation center is also set up at the same location.

Filipinos and Filipino-Americans are strongly advised to take safety precautions and monitor fire development at www.fire.gov.ca and at the CAL Fire Incident Information Line (209) 890-8140.

In case of **emergency**, dial **9-1-1** or **877-ASK-LAPD** or **1-877-275-5273**.

Filipinos needing urgent assistance may also call (213) 587-0758; (213) 268-9990; (213) 269-7852. END.