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ADVISORY
LAKE FIRE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA

17 August 2020

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California that a brush fire dubbed the *Lake Fire*, was reported at 3:38 p.m. on 12 August 2020 at Lake Hughes Road and Prospect Road, southwest of Lake Hughes, Los Angeles County, CA.

Local authorities report that poor humidity, adding to hot and dry temperature ranging from 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit (27 to 32 degrees Celsius), together with gusty winds led the fire to spread to approximately 18,526 acres (approx. 7,497 hectares) as of 17 August 2020. It is currently only 31% contained. Complete containment is expected by 02 September 2020.

While the cause of the fire is unknown, news reports indicated that it is moving through heavy and “decadent” fuels, allowing the fire spread to areas **where there is no fire history**. The fire also comes amidst a dangerous heat wave with temperatures expected to reach over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) and causing power outage in some parts of the County.

According further to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, *Lake Fire* has destroyed 21 outbuildings and 12 structures, damaged three more and currently threatens more than 4,500 structures. There were no reported casualties as of this writing.

Evacuations are in place for Lake Hughes Road West of Pine Canyon and North of Dry Gulch Road; East of Ridge Route Road; West of Lake Hughes Road and Fire Station 78; North of Pine Canyon and Lake Hughes Road and South of SR-138.

An evacuation center was set up at Highland High School located at 39055 25th Street West Palmdale, CA 93551 and an animal care (large animals only) center at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds located at 1326 W Ave N, Palmdale, CA 93551.

Due to CoViD-19, evacuees are advised to remain in vehicles and abide by Los Angeles County Health Orders. The Red Cross will assess individual needs of the evacuees.

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.