



## **Santa Anita Fire Update**

**April 29, 2008**

**On Scene Contact: Marc Peebles, PIO SCIIMT #3  
626-821-6700**

**Fire Status: Active**

**Location: City of Sierra Madre Foothills**

**Acres Burned: 583**

**Cause: Under Investigation**

**Full Containment Expected: Friday, May 2**

**Percent Contained: 57%**

**Date Started: April 26, 2007 (3:00pm)**

**Injuries: 4 Minor**

**Resources:** Hand crews 35  
Helicopters 3  
Air Tankers 3

Engines 75  
Water Tenders 4  
Dozers 3

**Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,055**

The **Santa Anita Fire** started on Saturday April 26, 2008 at approximately 3:00pm in the foothills of City of Sierra Madre located adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The fire spread quickly upslope in both a northwesterly and northeasterly direction due to warm temperatures, wind and low humidity. On Sunday April 27, 2008 Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 assumed command of the fire.

Last evening the fire was very quiet; cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity levels calmed fire activity. Firefighters were able to double the amount of containment line around the perimeter. There was no structure loss last evening. Fire crews continue to construct containment line and provide for structure protection in the City of Sierra Madre. Residents may continue to see fire and smell smoke from this fire.

At 12:00 PM today, the remaining mandatory evacuation order will be lifted; all residents may then return to their homes. The entire zone is open only to residents until 6:00 AM tomorrow. At that time, all restrictions will be lifted with the exception of Chantry Flats.

### **Evacuations:**

- Oakcrest Drive, plus the Mater de la Rosa Monastery east of Sunnyside Avenue, across Carter Avenue to Baldwin Avenue.

### **Road Closures:**

- Carter Avenue from Sunnyside Avenue to East Mira Monte Avenue and all streets north
- Grandview Avenue from Mountain Trail to Santa Anita Avenue and all streets north

### **Trail Closures:**

- All trails leaving from Chantry Flats
- Mount Wilson Trail

### **Incident Priorities:**

- To provide for public and firefighter safety.*
- Be sensitive to the concerns of the public and communities at risk and keep them informed.*
- Protect threatened and endangered species.*
- Fiscal responsibility will be factored into fire line decision making*

### **Weather, Fire Behavior and smoke Conditions:**

Cooler temperatures (by 10°-15°), higher relative humidity readings (by 10%-15%) will be evident today. Continued on-shore winds and an increasing marine layer will continue through tonight and tomorrow.

### **Agencies Involved:**

US Forest Service (USFS), City of Sierra Madre Fire Department, California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection (Cal-Fire), City of Sierra Madre Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

### **Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3**

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