



# Macon County Public Health

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## Press Release

FRANKLIN – Macon County Emergency Management Director, Warren Cabe, advises Macon County residents of a Community Fire Information Meeting that will take place at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Southwestern Community College-Swain Center in Bryson City, NC. The US Forest Service will provide an update on the Ferebee and Tellico Fires by the Southern Area Type 1 Incident Management Red Team, Commander and the Operations Section Chief. These officials will explain the tactics being used to contain the fires and the progress that has been made. Questions from the community will be taken and information will be provided on what is planned for the future.

As smoke continues to be prevalent throughout the Macon County area, Jim Bruckner – Macon County Public Health Director – advises individuals to consider staying indoors and monitor Air Quality alerts. If outdoor activity is a must, Mr. Bruckner recommends residents wear an N95 mask. Surgical masks do not provide sufficient protection from smoke particles. N95 masks can be purchased at local hardware stores. Masks will also be available at Macon County Health Department on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

The Air Quality code for Macon County is updated daily and posted on the Macon County Public Health Facebook page. Detailed information regarding air quality codes can be found at <https://xapps.ncdenr.org/aq/ForecastCenter>. If you have respiratory problems, are having difficulty breathing and need immediate medical attention please call 9-1-1. For those concerned about the smoke and respiratory problems, but do not need immediate medical attention, please contact Macon County EMS staff at 371-1473.

Please stay tuned to local radio stations, CodeRed messaging and Macon County Public Health Facebook page for up-to-date information. If you are not already registered for CodeRed alerts, please visit the “For Residents” section on the Macon County Website ([www.maconnc.org](http://www.maconnc.org)) or <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/692F85D5FF07>.

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