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**BUREAU MESSAGE**

**Greetings**

As we watch the roar that is summer slip away until next year, I ask that we welcome fall with optimism, awareness and safety as our pillars of preparedness.

COVID 19 remains stubborn and refuses to take a permanent vacation, so let's make sure we don't allow it to dominate our lives.

Safe distancing, mask wearing and vaccinations along with a wellness program are our best practices to avoid transmission.

To that end, let's turn our focus to three areas that you will always hear me profess; self - preparedness, family preparedness and community preparedness.

We are continually challenged with the age, height and fuel type of the vegetation in our hillside and canyon communities. Allow your preparedness to reduce the anxiety and raise your awareness.

I want to emphasize previously discussed safety suggestions such as establishing a Go Bag, Brush Clearance, LAFD Alerts, Notify LA, Social Distancing, Mask Wearing as well as eating healthy and maintaining a physical fitness regimen.

We are looking forward to jump starting our CERT training as soon as protocols can be lifted as we hope to reinstate that program.

Our goal is to create the opportunity for our community members who are steadfast in their volunteerism and engagement to be given the proper platform to perfect their learned skills and techniques.

This quarter we will share and discuss Brush Fire concerns, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Safety, COVID 19 - Delta Variant, Captain II Scott Souter, 2022 Staying Safe, OWB's Calendar of Events, LAFD Air Operations, LAFD Vaccines at LAX, My Safe LA, West Bureau Council Districts, West Express Hyperlinks, OWB in Action and our back page that recognizes promotions and transfers into OWB.

On behalf of the many members of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Active & Retired, I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate, partner and provide service to all the deserving communities that reside in Operations West Bureau. Take care, be well and stay healthy.

*Armando Hogan*



# Getting Ready for Santa Ana Winds

Residing in Southern California you're all too familiar with Santa Ana winds. Every October, the infamous gusts blow into town, wreaking havoc with speeds up to 100 mph. In the best case scenario, they topple a sign, or part of your lunch. In the worst case scenario, they cause severe damage or fuel fires that endanger the safety of people and property. The good news is you don't have to let those Santa Ana winds push you around. With these tips, you'll be ready.

## What Causes Santa Ana Winds?

We often think of Santa Ana winds as a local phenomenon, but they don't actually start in our backyard. In fact, Santa Ana winds originate in the Great Basin, which spans the inland deserts, into Nevada and Utah. While the winds are hot and dry by the time they reach us, they actually form when cooler temperatures exist in the Great Basin. High pressure systems push the Santa Ana winds into Southern California. As the winds descend the Santa Anas and other mountain ranges, the air gets hotter and drier.

Unfortunately, those hot, dry winds happen to coincide with Southern California's fire season, exacerbating dry conditions and fanning flames. The timing only intensifies the need to make timely preparations.

## How to Prepare for Santa Ana Winds

Santa Ana winds generally peak in October, making September primetime to get your property ready. When it comes to preparing, your landscape partner should give your property a thorough once-over, looking top to bottom for potential risks.

Santa Ana Winds are a good impetus to keep up with routine tree care, including pruning. Dead, diseased, or unhealthy trees and branches create a high level of risk, and should be promptly removed. However, even healthy trees could use some care to ensure they're well positioned to survive the winds. Structural pruning of the tree's crown can decrease wind resistance, improve strength, and remove branches that are too close to structures or driveways. Eucalyptus, coral, and melaleuca trees that haven't been pruned within a year have a higher tendency to break or fail. Similarly, drought tolerant trees that are irrigated and not deciduous are also at a higher risk of limb failure, underscoring the importance of regular, ongoing maintenance.

Trees aren't the only ones that could use some attention. Bushes should also be regularly trimmed to eliminate unhealthy branches that could break off, while struggling plants that could uproot completely should be removed. The key is to focus on looking for potential projectiles. That includes eliminating loose debris that could be stirred up by the wind.

The bottom line—Santa Ana winds can be a nuisance, but with some forethought, they'll be much easier to endure. Lean on your landscape partner to make the process seamless. The fall season and back to school rush can make it easy to let your preparations get pushed to the back burner. It's all the more reason to include regular tree care in your landscape contract. While Santa Ana winds can be unpredictable, the preparations that will keep you safe are not.



***Dead, diseased or unhealthy trees and branches can cause major damage to property and people.***

**[Santa Ana Winds](#)**

# HOW TO TREAT RIGHT AT HALLOWEEN



## 1 Make A Plan



**82 PERCENT** of people say they will find safe and creative ways to celebrate the Halloween season.

## 2 Understand Candy Portions



Portion out **TWO OR THREE PIECES** of candy in small bags, each representing **100 CALORIES** or less.

## 3 Eat Before You Treat



If **TRICK-OR-TREATING** is right for your family, have a **BALANCED DINNER** together **BEFORE** going out.

## EMBRACING BALANCE



Most people in the U.S. enjoy chocolate and candy **2-3 TIMES PER WEEK**, averaging about **40 CALORIES** per day and about **ONE TEASPOON** of added sugar per day.



## ALWAYS A TREAT

America's chocolate and candy companies are committed to helping consumers manage their sugar intake. We are empowering consumers to make informed choices and helping them satisfy their emotional well-being needs...one treat at a time.

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📌 National Confectioners Association

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Get more tips at [AlwaysATreat.com/HalloweenCentral](https://www.alwaysatreat.com/HalloweenCentral)



## THANKSGIVING / CHRISTMAS COOKING SAFETY



For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations.

So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

### **Kitchen safety**

Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

### **Cooking safety**

Did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

### **Top 10 safety tips**

- \* Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- \* Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- \* Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- \* Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- \* Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- \* Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- \* Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- \* Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- \* Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- \* Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

### **Thanksgiving fire facts**

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, the day before Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas Eve.

In 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,630 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.

Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

Cooking caused almost half of all reported home fires and home fire injuries, and it is the second leading cause of home fire deaths in 2014-2018.



# 2021 Holiday Safety



It's the holiday season again, a time when we enjoy festive meals with family and friends, deck our halls with colorful decorations and listen to squeals of delight as our children open their brightly-wrapped presents. To help ensure your kids have fun and stay safe this holiday, here are a few tips to remember.

## Hard Facts about Holiday Safety

- \* In 2012, 3,270 children 19 and under were seen in emergency rooms for injuries caused by nonelectric holiday decorations, like broken ornaments.
- \* In 2012, an estimated 192,000 children were treated in an emergency room for a toy-related injury.
- \* That same year, an estimated 136,314 children ages 19 and under were injured due to a fire or burn.

## Top Tips about Holiday Safety

- ◇ Make sure your tree has plenty of water by checking it regularly. Natural trees look beautiful and smell great, but if they're not watered regularly, needles can dry out and pose a potential fire hazard.
- ◇ Keep lit holiday candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.
- ◇ Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game this holiday season. It's worth a second to read the instructions to make sure the gift is just right.
- ◇ Keep a special eye on small pieces, including button batteries that may be included in electronic toys. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.
- ◇ Prevent burns from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.
- ◇ Move the ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks towards the top of the tree. That makes room at the bottom for the ones that are safer for young kids.

# COVID - 19 : “Delta Variant”

Delta is currently [the predominant variant](#) of the virus in the United States. Below is a high-level summary of what CDC scientists have recently learned about the Delta variant. More information will be made available when more data are published or released in other formats.

**The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.**

**The Delta variant is more contagious:** The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants.

**Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people.** In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus that causes COVID-19. Even so, the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people.

**Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern:** The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus. Fully vaccinated people get COVID-19 (known as [breakthrough infections](#)) less often than unvaccinated people. People infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit the virus to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit the virus.

**Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to spread the virus for a shorter time:** For prior variants, lower amounts of viral genetic material were found in samples taken from fully vaccinated people who had breakthrough infections than from unvaccinated people with COVID-19. For people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like prior variants, the amount of viral genetic material may go down faster in fully vaccinated people when compared to unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people will likely spread the virus for less time than unvaccinated people.

**Vaccines in the US are highly effective, including against the Delta variant**

The COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the United States are highly effective at preventing severe disease and death, including against the Delta variant. But they are not 100% effective, and some fully vaccinated people will become infected (called a breakthrough infection) and experience illness. For all people, the vaccine provides the best protection against serious illness and death.

**Vaccines are playing a crucial role in limiting spread of the virus and minimizing severe disease.** Although vaccines are highly effective, they are not perfect, and there will be vaccine breakthrough infections. Millions of Americans are vaccinated, and that number is growing. This means that even though the risk of breakthrough infections is low, there will be thousands of fully vaccinated people who become infected and able to infect others, especially with the surging spread of the Delta variant. [Low vaccination coverage](#) in many communities is driving the current rapid surge in cases involving the Delta variant, which also increases the chances that even more concerning variants could emerge.

**Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community.** High vaccination coverage will reduce spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging. CDC recommends that everyone aged 12 years and older get vaccinated as soon as possible.

## Masks

Given what we know about the Delta variant, vaccine effectiveness, and current vaccine coverage, layered prevention strategies, including wearing masks, are needed to reduce the transmission of this variant.

More information: [Delta Variant](#)



On October 21, 2020, Captain II Scott Souter was riding his mountain bike on his daily exercise regiment. While riding, he was suddenly struck from behind by a vehicle that was believed traveling at 60 mph.

Luckily, Scott was wearing a protective helmet. He sustained traumatic injuries and was flown to Antelope Valley Trauma Center. He remained in critical condition for 8 weeks before positive signs were detected.

Scott is a fighter and with the support of all the doctors, nurses and rehabilitation staff, he was guaranteed a path to recovery.

After 8 months Scott was released home to his family. He is so thankful to be alive and is incredibly humbled by the outpouring of love and support from his friends, colleagues and the LAFD.

In August of 2021, Scott returned to the LAFD in a light-duty work assignment. He is normally assigned to Fire Station 35 in the Los Feliz area of Operations West Bureau. He has over thirty years of experience and is a second-generation firefighter following in the footsteps of his father.

We are fortunate to have Scott back and we appreciate the well wishes, encouraging cards and constant prayers.







## Staying Safe When It's Time to Celebrate

New Year's Eve is an occasion to celebrate, and the last thing you want is a health and safety hiccup. The holidays are always a busy time of the year in the Emergency Department. Conditions outside are precarious, and people are inclined to do things they normally wouldn't do. No matter what plans you have in store, keep these tips in mind to help stay safe on New Year's Eve.

### 1. Plan accordingly.

If you're going to a party or heading to a public event, make plans to arrive and leave with a group. A lot can happen on New Year's Eve, and you want to ensure you, your friends and family are safe. Be sure to share your plans for the night and communicate your whereabouts if plans change.

To this end, pack a charger for your phone — a portable one may be especially helpful if you can't find an outlet. Be aware of your surroundings; if you get separated from your group, you will want to know where you are, where you're going and where you're spending the night.

A filling dinner is another way to prepare for a long New Year's Eve night. A wholesome dinner can not only help to absorb some of the alcohol you might indulge in, but it will also help you avoid nibbling on bar snacks.

### 2. Mind your limits.

Alcohol is almost unavoidable on New Year's Eve. Even if you and your friends don't partake, you'll likely encounter intoxicated revelers over the course of your night. If you are drinking alcohol, keep in mind your limits. Try not to drink too much, too quickly. The last place you want to be on New Year's Eve is in the emergency department. To help pace yourself, alternate alcohol intake with water or other non-alcoholic options. Also, never leave your beverage unattended. And finally, remember: It only takes 10 minutes for alcohol to reach your brain.

### 3. Celebrate safely.

Champagne is a New Year's Eve staple. But according to one study, champagne corks can reach speeds up to 50 miles per hour. (That's enough to shatter glass.) So don't forget that corks should be popped away from guests or anything of value. And use the 45 degrees rule of thumb: It's the ideal temperature to avoid spontaneous combustion and the ideal angle to uncork bottles.

### 4. Watch your step.

Stay inside as much as possible. Watch out for wet sidewalks. You don't want to break an ankle or wrist. These types of injuries can occur among all age groups, and even a simple slip can necessitate surgery types of injuries can occur among all age groups, and even a simple slip can necessitate surgery.

### 5. Avoid driving if possible.

Whether you're a passenger or driver, the roads are particularly dangerous on New Year's Eve. Help everyone stay safe by refusing to drink and drive, and don't let anyone around you drive under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances. If you'll be at a friend's house for New Year's Eve, ask to spend the night, or book a room within walking distance of your festivities to avoid potential drunk drivers and the pre-existing dangers of driving in winter conditions at night.

### Bottom Line

While it's important to have fun, keeping a level head and not getting injured or taken advantage of should be a primary consideration. No matter how you decide to ring in the New Year, remember to keep safety top of mind.

## OWB CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

11th Indigenous People's Day

31st Halloween

### NOVEMBER

11th Veterans Day

25th Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER

24th Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day

31st New Years Eve

## *LAFD Air Operations*

Air Operations - the LAFD operates a top-flight Air Operations Unit at Fire Station 114 on the grounds of Van Nuys Airport (KVNY). The LAFD helicopter fleet is a combination of Medium and Light helicopters and is staffed 24/7 by a crew of pilots, aeromedics and helitac members. The mission of LAFD Air Operations includes brush fire suppression, air ambulance transport, high rise fire response, and hoist rescues.



On August 23, 2021, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Chief Ralph Terrazas joined Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez in highlighting the Department's readiness for the peak of wildfire season, which typically hits Southern California from October through December. Simultaneously, LAFD showcased its fleet of five Agusta Westland AW139 helicopters and welcomed the return of the Erickson Air Crane helicopter as it begins its annual 150-day contract to protect the City against brush fires.



## LAFD Vaccines at LAX

**\*\*\*No Appointment needed\*\*\***



In partnership with the Los Angeles Fire Department, LAX is now offering free one-dose Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccinations for those 18 and older.

The vaccine clinic is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sundays). There are three vaccination locations:

- \* Outside LAX's Terminal 6 next to parking structure 6 and adjacent to the existing COVID-19 rapid test laboratory on the Lower/Arrivals level.
- \* Post-security inside the Tom Bradley International Terminal, departures level, in the Great Hall near the clock tower. This location is for ticketed passengers only.
- \* Pre-security inside the Tom Bradley International Terminal, arrivals Level 1, near information booth.

Those interested in receiving the vaccine can walk from any of the terminals or Parking Structures, which costs \$5 for one hour.

**\*\*\*No Insurance is required\*\*\***

[LAFD/ LAX Vaccines](#)

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Suggestions, questions, comments or concerns, email us at [LAFD.westbureau@lacity.org](mailto:LAFD.westbureau@lacity.org)





MySafe:LA, a unit of The Safe Community Project has been delivering fire and community resilience education and training in the greater Los Angeles community since 2008. The non-profit organization has been a contracted and unpaid partner for the Los Angeles City Fire Department since 2009 - and with Operations West Bureau since its inception. MySafe:LA members undergo continual training, are uniformed, and are EMTs, EMRs, Paramedics, and/or have firefighter credentials. The board of directors is made of up senior fire officers, educators, and experts in emergency medicine.

MySafe:LA has presented fire safety programs to more than 467,000 4th and 5th grade students in Los Angeles - it should be noted that the program was originally piloted in Battalion 5 (now part of LAFD OWB). Pre-testing and post program assessment resulted in an increase in +90 day retention of educational messages from a 61% base to post-program 84%. MySafe:LA also teaches CPR to high school students in support of Assembly Bill 1719.

Whenever there is a fatality fire in Operations West Bureau, the Bureau Commander's staff will coordinate with MySafe:LA to canvass the affected area, providing free smoke alarms and CO detectors, as well as providing fire safety education to each family contacted. Separately, MySafe:LA works with OWB to plan and deliver community public safety fairs, presentations, CPR training, and preventative canvassing (and installation of free smoke alarms). The collaboration highlights the potential and benefits of a public/private partnership. *"Our members are proud to support the LAFD's Operations West Bureau,"* said David Barrett, the organization's Executive Director and Commander. *"Today's world is extremely complex, and the opportunity to work with OWB firefighters creates a stronger bond between first responders and the community they serve."*

MySafe:LA earns revenue via Federal grants, gifts from foundations, and donations from the general public - and accepts no money from the LAFD itself. The organization has achieved the highest level of recognition from Guidestar, the entity that evaluates and rates non profit organizations. If you have a need for smoke alarms, CO detectors, or a home inspection, reach out to the organization at [www.mysafela.org](http://www.mysafela.org)





## Veterans Day



Originally known as **Armistice Day**, Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces (that were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

### COMMUNITY

## WEST BUREAU COUNCIL DISTRICTS

### [Council District 4 \(Nithya Raman\)](#)

#### INCREASING STORAGE OPTIONS FOR UNHOUSED ANGELENOS

Unhoused residents often have no options for storing possessions besides the street, creating major barriers to accessing services or seeking work. This quarter, Councilmember Raman's motion to help expand storage options for people experiencing homelessness was adopted in Council. This motion requires a report back from the City on creating a network of small-scale, shipping-container storage facilities on City-owned land parcels not otherwise suitable for housing to increase storage options that can match the great need in LA.

#### REQUESTING FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

In September, Councilmember Raman introduced a motion requesting \$3.86 million for a multi-pronged, services-led outreach program modeled on Venice's 'Encampment To Home' program aimed at housing individuals across District 4. The multi-site program would focus on 16 high priority locations in the district, and would be executed in partnership with The People Concern, one of LA County's largest social services agencies, and a leading provider of evidence-based solutions to homelessness.

#### FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE, STARTING WITH THE CITY'S ASSETS

This quarter, City Council passed two motions authored by Councilmember Raman aimed at lowering emissions created by City of Los Angeles-owned properties and vehicles. The first motion directs the City departments to develop a plan for retrofitting City-owned buildings to decarbonize and achieve net-zero energy, and the second instructs the City to act on the provision of LA's Green New Deal requiring that all new City-owned vehicles be zero-emission, and to explore the installation of new charging infrastructure for the municipal fleet.

### [Council District 5 \(Paul Koretz\)](#)

Dear Friends,

There was the sole '**No**' vote in the Transportation Committee on a pilot project that would allow remote delivery vehicles on our sidewalks --here's why -- Our sidewalks are already congested with scooters and bicycles, and adding more vehicles to the portion of the right-of-way intended for pedestrians is a recipe for disaster (just this week a man was killed on a sidewalk by two people on an electric scooter).

### [Council District 11 \(Mike Bonin\)](#)

With encampments proliferating and people literally dying on our streets, a few months ago, I asked city staff to conduct a feasibility study of 10 different locations on the Westside for a range of different types of emergency shelter or housing. It generated a lot of heated discussion and debate in a lot of neighborhoods.

The feasibility study is done. In short, our City Administrative Office, which did the analysis, is essentially recommending no to most of the locations, is continuing to explore a handful of locations, and is urging the City instead to fund two solutions I have been championing for a while: the purchase of local motels for homeless housing; and the expansion of the Encampments to Homes program, which just housed 211 people from Venice Beach.

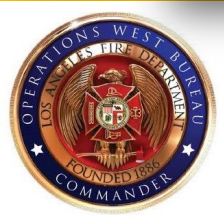
### [Council District 13 \(Mitch O'Farrell\)](#)

Councilmember O'Farrell is Chair of the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee; Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics; and a committee member of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment; Immigrant, Civil Rights, and Equity; Public Works; and Board of Referred Powers.

Mitch is deeply passionate about giving back to his community, supporting families, the arts, habitat preservation, and open space. He has volunteered or held leadership positions in several non-profit organizations such as the California Wilderness Coalition, Project Angel Food, The Wildlife Waystation, and the Santa Cecilia Orchestra, an organization that provides after-school classical music lessons to children in the Los Angeles Unified School District in traditionally underserved communities.

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## LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT — OPERATIONS WEST BUREAU



Operations West Bureau encompasses the western portion of Los Angeles. Battalions 4, 5 and 9 report to [Deputy Chief Armando Hogan](#), the West Bureau Commander.



Los Angeles is at risk for multiple disasters. Disaster preparedness not only consists of having a survival kit in your home, place of business, and your car, but it is also the knowledge that can travel with you wherever you go. The LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Unit provides disaster preparedness training courses throughout the City free of charge, year-round. Training course options range from in-depth multi-week CERT Training to single-day courses on various emergency preparedness topics.



LAPD West Bureau (WB) is comprised of a 124 square mile territory with a population of approximately 840,400 residents. The border of WB to the North is Forest Lawn Drive, to the East is Normandie Boulevard, to the South is El Segundo Boulevard, and to the West is the Pacific Ocean. The Bureau oversees operations in the following communities: Hollywood, Wilshire, Pacific and West Los Angeles, as well as the West Traffic Division, which includes the neighborhoods of Pacific Palisades, Westwood, Century City, Venice, Hancock Park, and the Miracle Mile.



The Emergency Management Department has five divisions comprised of administrative staff and specialists that work with City departments, municipalities and an array of community-based organizations to ensure that the City and its residents have the resources and information they need to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies, disasters and significant events.



LAAS operates six animal shelters and has field staff serving the community. The shelters are award winning facilities that have been built within the past 10-15 years. LAAS is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the US, serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls each year involving animals or people in danger.



Our mission is to connect people to City services and information, quickly and easily, via a communication channel of their choice. We provide general City and government-related information to citizens, local businesses, and visitors as well as perform Service Requests intake on behalf of City Departments.



To see response metrics specific to a particular *fire station*, enter an address or choose a community or *fire station*. City Wide Response Metrics For 2020.



To ensure that the population has the best possible chance of surviving a disaster and thriving afterward, the LAFD supports and trains residents to be disaster first responders. The program is called Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.



The goal of this program is to educate the public on the potential hazards associated with a fast-moving brush fire, and the importance of keeping roadways clear and traffic moving. The fire service has learned from incidents, such as the Oakland Hills fire and the Cedar fire, that citizens becoming trapped in their vehicles while evacuating can lead to a catastrophic situation.



We advocate for the interests and welfare of older adults by administering programs and services focused on the needs of older adults and caregivers in the City of Los Angeles. Our functions cover a wide range of responsibilities that include planning, contract development, fiscal, and monitoring of our programs delivered by our contracted service providers. We provide services in partnership with community-based agencies at our Multipurpose Senior Centers which act as focal points for delivery of services in various communities throughout the City.



Providing clean, reliable water and power and excellent customer service in a safe, environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner.



The City of Los Angeles has developed a program called Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) to help your family and your neighborhood prepare for disasters. RYLAN gives you the steps to take immediately after a disaster to help keep you and your family safe. It provides the tools to prepare and organize your neighborhood to respond together in that first hour after a disaster to reduce injuries, protect your property and the environment, and most importantly, to save lives.



# “OWB” IN ACTION





# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT — OPERATIONS WEST BUREAU

◇ To those whom have transferred into OWB, welcome !!! We look forward to your commitment to continued service. Thanks again.

## ◇ 2021 Transfers Into OWB \*

BROWN, Kairi	BC
COOK, Kenneth	BC
JOHNSON, Michael	CII
MITINO, Christopher	CI
VILLEGAS, Felipe	CI
ESCOBEDO, Miguel	CI/ PM
REGALADO, Andrew	ENG
STEVENS, Casey	ENG
KRONER, Brandon	ENG
RODRIGUEZ, Frank	EIT
RANDOLPH, Justin	EIT
FUNEZ, Aaron	FF/PM
COLEMAN, Chase	FF/PM
CONRAD, Frank	FF/PM
DIXON, Bjorn	FF
VEGA, Jesus	FF
ZULESKI, Matthew	FF
FERNANDEZ, Christopher	FF
PRICE, Chase	PFF
CASTILLO, Matthew	PFF
PUEBLA, Paul	PFF
BENFANTI, Chad	PFF
SAMIDE, Jessie	PFF
CORGEL, John	PFF
GORRIE, Brett	PFF
SWEENEY, Patricia	PFF
BREAR, Danielle	PFF
DEPRESIS, James	PFF
GARIBAY, Stephen	PFF

## ◆ Promotions / PGA's Out of OWB \*\*

WIKSTROM, Mattias	CI to CII
HERNANDEZ, Steven	FF to ENG

◆ Operations West Bureau would like to congratulate those who have promoted. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. We wish you great success.

- Deputy Chief -Armando Hogan

\*Timeframe is from July 1st to present