

Reporting on Evacuations

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What To Do During A Wildfire Evacuation

Evacuation Authority and Decision Process

- The Sheriff or chief law enforcement officer of the affected jurisdiction has the responsibility for evacuations and is operationally in charge of evacuations within their jurisdiction.
- Evacuation decisions are made in “Unified Command” with fire officials. These decisions are based on current fire location, fire behavior, and weather conditions.

Evacuation Levels



LEVEL 1 - Ready

LEVEL 2 - Set

LEVEL 3 - Go

Evacuation Levels



LEVEL 1 EVACUATION- “Ready”

Public alerting via messaging, social media, media and potentially door to door contact. Message: “Fire in the area with potential for growth”.

Prepare for a higher level of evacuation.

Emphasize special needs populations (*elderly, disabled, person with livestock*) should evacuate at a Level 2 notification.

Evacuation Levels



LEVEL 2 EVACUATION - “Set”

Alert Public via emergency messaging, media, social media and potentially EAS - Don't forget LEP requirements.

Door to Door Notifications - logging of addresses.

'Special Needs' populations should be evacuating.

Potential need for manned traffic control points.

LE and Fire needs to keep evac routes open for public exit.

Evacuation Levels



LEVEL 3 EVACUATION - “Go!”

Alert Public via emergency messaging IPAWS, media, social media EAS.

Need to emphasize fire danger.

Advise there may not be any further in-person notifications

Staffed traffic control points.



Public Notification and Alerting

Redundancy is key during emergency alerting.



**WIRELESS
EMERGENCY
ALERTS
CAPABLE**





Level 1 & Level 2 Signage



Level 3 Control Points

Level 3 Roadblocks are manned by Deputies and often supplemented by an EM volunteer.

Waivers are presented to confirmed residents and property owners.

R-#'s are assigned and persons are logged into the area.



Level 3 Registry

Law Enforcement must log persons (residents / property owners) entering the affected Level 3 Evac Area.

- Chelan County uses the waiver form included in the WASPC Model Plan.
- Assign “R -#” (resident-number) to vehicles for easy logging of persons entering the affected area.



Where to get Evacuation Information

- Chelan County Emergency Management Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/CCSOEM/
 - Chelan County Evacuation Interactive Map
<https://bit.ly/3ish5Cb>
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QUESTIONS?