

# SESNON FIRE INFORMATION BRIEFING

**UPDATED: 10/15/2008 at 1430 HOURS \*\*FIRE CAUSE INFORMATION ADDED\*\***

Information Center Phone Lines: Ventura County (805) 388-4276 L.A. County (323) 881-2413  
L.A. City (800) 439-2909

**UNIFIED COMMAND AGENCIES:** LA City Fire, LA County Fire, Ventura County Fire, CAL FIRE, LA Police department, LA County Sheriff.

**ASSISTING AGENCIES:** California Highway Patrol, California State Parks, Santa Monica Mountain Nature Conservancy, Ventura County Sheriff, Simi Valley Police.

**COMMAND POST/BASE CAMP LOCATION:** Conejo Creek Park, Thousand Oaks

**START DATE/TIME:** October 13, 2008 at 1038 hrs. **INCIDENT NUMBER:** CA-LAC-08246455

**LOCATION:** Porter Ranch Community, Twin Lakes & Indian Hills

**CONDITIONS ON ARRIVAL:** Wind driven brush fire.

**CAUSE:** Fire investigators have identified the area where the Sesnon Fire started. The site is in a small drainage south of Palo Sola Truck Road, west of Limekiln Canyon Road, in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The investigation indicates the cause to be from an electrical distribution line that fell into the drainage onto dry brush. A joint investigation is continuing with investigators from LA County Fire, LA County Sheriff and CAL FIRE. This is an open investigation and additional information or evidence obtained will be used to conclude the investigation.

**ACRES BURNED:** 13,285 ACRES

**COST TO DATE:** \$2.5 Million

**CONTAINMENT:** 20%

**ESTIMATED CONTAINMENT DATE:** 10/18/2008

**TOTAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:** Approximately 2,338 (all agencies)

243 Fire Engines	2 Watertenders	2 Air Tactical Plane	4 Helicopters
32 Handcrews	18 Bulldozers	4 Air Tanker Planes	100 Overhead

**STRUCTURES BURNED:** 19 Residences destroyed, 6 Residences Damaged, 48 Outbuildings Destroyed

**REPORTED INJURIES:** 3 Minor

**WEATHER:** Expected NE winds 15 MPH (gusts at 26), RH 7%

**OBSERVED FIRE BEHAVIOR/ PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS:** Erratic fire behavior was observed with ¼ to 1 mile spotting distance.

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# EVACUATION INFORMATION

## THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY:

- Browns Canyon
- Tapo Canyon Road north of Lost Canyons

## THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE OPEN WITH NO RESTRICTIONS:

- Box Canyon, Bell Canyon, Lake Manor, Woolsey Canyon, Lilac Lane
- All of Simi Valley open (with exception of Tapo Canyon listed above)
- All of the incorporated areas of Los Angeles City.
- North of Bell Canyon Road & West of Los Angeles County line.

Equine evacuation warnings for Bell Canyon, Pierce College and areas north of U.S.101 from Hidden Hills to Kanan and are lifted.

## EVACUATION SHELTERS:

- Porter Ranch: Shepherd of the Hill Church-19700 Rinaldi St and Corbin
- Simi Valley: Sinaloa Middle School-601 Royal Ave
- Thousand Oaks: Goebel Senior Center-1385 E. Janss Rd.

**LARGE ANIMAL SHELTER:** Ventura County Fairgrounds at the 101 Freeway and Highway 33

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