



## **KNOW YOUR ZONE**

### ***Learn-Plan-Evacuate***

#### Zones

Evacuation Zones were developed by local emergency personnel including fire, law enforcement, and the Office of Emergency Services. Evacuation zones assist in coordinating safe and efficient evacuations.

#### Evacuation Zones Used in Emergencies

Zones are designated 1 – 8. In the event of an emergency, residents of one or more zones may be directed to evacuate depending on the emergency. If you live in a zone that has been ordered to evacuate, Get Out! The best way to prepare for any emergency is to know your zone and plan your destination in the event of an evacuation.

#### Know Your Zone

In the event of an emergency event, local officials will consider threats, traffic routes, and other factors to identify and prioritize zones to be evacuated. While all zones won't be evacuated in every event, emergency managers will work with local media, send alert notifications, and use other outreach tools to notify residents and visitors of impacted zones and evacuation instructions.

#### My Zone Has Been Ordered to Evacuate

#### Now What Do I Do?

Evacuations are only called for when the lives and safety of those in the area being evacuated are at risk. Once an evacuation has been called, gather your belongings (including your emergency supply kit) and leave as soon as possible. If time allows, secure your home by locking doors and windows. If you have your universal evacuation sign, place it in a window that can be seen by first responders. By following evacuation orders, you are protecting both yourself and first responders.

## The Emergency Is Over Can I Go Home?

Local officials will determine when it is safe to travel and return home. It's likely that a staged re-entry process will be implemented to allow for a safe and orderly return to allow the recovery process to begin. To prepare for re-entry, ensure you have proper identification.

### EVACUATION LEVELS

#### Evacuation Warning

You should prepare now by packing necessary items and preparing your family, pets, and vehicle for potential departure. Remember the 6 - P's:

- 1.) A **Plan** for the persons in your family (including a meeting place.)
- 2.) **Personal items** (including toiletries, food and water for 2-3 days, and special personal possessions.)
- 3.) **Prescriptions** - Have your full, current supply of prescriptions packed.
- 4.) **Photographs** (and other mementos) which cannot be replaced.
- 5.) **Pets** - Have a plan in place and pets secured so frightened pets don't escape fenced yards or kennels.
- 6.) **Papers** - Pack all important papers, including reference phone numbers, account numbers, etc.

Now is the time to move persons with mobility or medical issues.

If you have livestock or large animals, please move them to a safe place now!

Please use common sense and evacuate at any time you feel uncomfortable or see active fire.

#### Evacuation Order or Mandatory Evacuation

Occupants of the affected area(s) are asked to leave within a specified time period, by pre-designated route(s). Perimeter roadblocks are typically established. At this stage:

- 1.) You should take your family, pets, and necessary items including medications and important papers and evacuate now.
- 2.) Drive with your lights on, safely and SLOWLY remaining aware of your surroundings as you leave.
- 3.) Once, safely evacuated, check in with your local Red Cross shelter (even if you don't intend to stay there). Check in with them to let them know where you will be in case your family is looking for you.