

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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**Airport Fire Evacuation and Road Closure Updates for
Orange County**

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is announcing the down grade of evacuation orders for a portion of the Ortega Highway from an Evacuation Order (Mandatory) to an Evacuation Warning (Voluntary), and the lifting of Evacuation Warnings (Voluntary) for Robinson Ranch, Coto de Caza, Dove Canyon, Silverado Canyon, Trabuco Canyon and Modjeska Canyon effective **Monday, September 16, 2024, at 3 p.m.**

Voluntary Evacuation Warnings being released:

Ortega Highway

- ORT01A (From Ortega Highway east to the Orange County line)

Coto De Caza

- CDC01
- CDC02

Modjeska Canyon

- MOD01

Rancho Santa Margarita

- RSM01
- RSM02
- RSM03

Silverado Canyon

- SIL01

Trabuco Canyon

- TBU01

The Hard Road Closure remains in place on the Orange County side for the Ortega Highway:

- Ortega Hwy at US Forest Service Station #25

Mandatory Evacuation Orders remain in place for the following areas:

- Ortega Highway
- ELCO1 - which includes Blue Jay Campground

Mandatory Evacuation Orders downgraded to Evacuation Warning:

- Ortega Highway
- ORT01B - which includes Caspers Regional Park

This will also include the following road closures:

Hard Road Closures:

- Trabuco Canyon Road and Trabuco Creek Road
- Santiago Peak Trailhead via Maple Springs

Soft Road Closures remaining:

- Modjeska Grade Road and Santiago Canyon Road
- Modjeska Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road
- Silverado Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road

Soft Road Closures being released:

- Plano Trabuco Road at Joshua Drive
- Plano Trabuco Road at Robinson Ranch Road
- El Toro Road and Live Oak Canyon Road

The link below can be used to assist the public in determining if their property is in an area that is under evacuation order or warning: OCSheriff.gov/AirportFire. Simply visit the link and enter an address in the search field and press enter.

Fire crews remain actively engaged in suppression efforts. Residents and visitors are reminded to stay out of the area affected by the fire, and refrain from recreational use of roads, trails, switchbacks and areas until the fire is fully contained.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department will have a strong presence in the repopulated and evacuated areas for the next several days to ensure the protection of our residents and their property.

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