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## **Residents Urged to Review Emergency Preparedness Plans** *Local Fires No Immediate Threat, But City of Beverly Hills on Alert*

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – Fires burning in numerous locations in Southern California, including the Skirball Fire in nearby Bel-Air, pose no immediate threat to Beverly Hills. However, the Beverly Hills Fire Department is on alert with extra precautions in effect to both prevent and respond to fires, particularly in the hillside areas.

According to the Beverly Hills Fire Department, the Santa Ana winds are coming out of the northeast, which should push the Bel-Air fire away from the City. However, the Beverly Hills Fire Department has posted additional staff and equipment at the Coldwater Canyon Fire Station and is in communication with the Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County Fire Departments. Currently no parking is allowed on Calle Vista Drive, Schuyler Road, La Altura Road, El Retiro Way, Miradero Road and Doheny Road between Foothill and Loma Vista. In addition, the City of Beverly Hills is reviewing plans for a possible disaster response involving all departments.

Residents are urged to review their emergency preparedness plans with family members and should be ready to evacuate if a fire threatens the City. Precautions include filling vehicle tanks with fuel, parking cars facing out of the driveway, and replenishing emergency supply kits for all family members, including pets. For information on how to prepare for an emergency, go to <http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness>.

It is very important that all residents sign up to receive emergency notifications from the City on their mobile phones as soon as possible. Depending on the situation, the information provided may include evacuation orders, road closures and location of shelters. All residents and businesses would automatically be notified on land lines

but it is crucial that the City have cell phone information for residents and businesses who do not have landlines or who are not at home.

To sign up, go to [www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification](http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification). For Nixle alerts, please text "BEVHILLS" and "BEVHILLSPD" to 888777 to receive text messages. Updated information can also be found on the City's website or by calling the hotline at 310-550-4680.

According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the air quality in Beverly Hills is currently "unhealthy for sensitive groups." For updated information, go to <http://www.aqmd.gov/>.

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