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## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

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### **UPDATE ON CHRISTIANITOS FIRE ADJACENT TO SAN CLEMENTE**

June 29, 2017...San Clemente, California...The City of San Clemente activated its Emergency Operations Center last night in response to a brush fire, named the Christianitos Fire, which is burning in San Diego County, at Camp Pendleton. The burn area was estimated this morning to be 700 acres with 10 percent containment. City Manager James Makshanoff met with Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Battalion Chief Sanchez this morning who provided the attached map showing the outline of the fire, approximately 700 acres, 80 acres of which are in San Clemente, at this time.

The suppression efforts continued through the night to strengthen the containment lines around the fire. Currently, there are 200 firefighters on scene who are being supported with hand crews, as well as bulldozers to complete the containment lines. There are no evacuation orders and no reported injuries. The OCFA expects full containment on Friday, June 30, 2017.

There is an area near Avenida Fabricante that OCFA is paying close attention to, but for the most part the fire is burning on itself. The OCFA expects that the businesses at the end of Avenida Fabricante will open later this morning. The San Clemente-Dana Point Animal Shelter is not threatened, and no evacuations were necessary. Two animal shelter employees spent the night at the shelter to ensure the safety of the animals and be ready to evacuate the shelter if necessary.

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Additionally, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) issued a smoke advisory today. This advisory is in effect through Friday morning. Winds are southerly this morning, bringing smoke mainly into Orange County and portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties at times. Smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin are expected to improve as the sea-breeze increases from the west by late morning. Air quality may reach unhealthy levels in areas directly impacted by smoke. According to SCAQMD, ***“In any area impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of smoke, don’t use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.”***

For more information, please contact the Public Information Officer for the Christianitos Fire, Mike Yeun at (858) 922-5049 or the City’s Emergency Planning Coordinator Steve Foster at (949) 361-6109.

(See attached map)

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