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INCIDENT UPDATE

For immediate release
October 13, 2008

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Marek Fire Update *As of October 13, 2008, 10 p.m.*

Fire. The fire has not yet been contained. Flames are now visible along the ridgelines north and east of San Fernando. Weather forecasts indicate strong wind gusts up to 75 mph overnight and into the early morning. Evacuations continue in Sylmar.

Evacuation Centers. Evacuation centers remain open at San Fernando Senior High School, 11133 O'Melveny Ave., San Fernando; and Sylmar Senior High School, 13050 Borden Ave., Sylmar.

Power Outages. Due to high winds, Southern California Edison is predicting possible power outages. The City of San Fernando is taking precautions to maintain power at key locations including water pump stations.

Public Safety. Fire units have been deployed to address spot fires caused by burning embers. The City of San Fernando has also increased overnight police coverage for added security.

Health Advisory. Residents should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion. Those with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Respiratory facilities are available at San Fernando and Sylmar Senior High Schools.

Highway Closures. Interstate 210 is closed in both directions between State Route 2 (Glendale Freeway) and Interstate 5 (Golden State Freeway). State Route 118 is also closed in both directions between Interstate 210 and Interstate 5.

Road Closures. Foothill Blvd. remains closed between Maclay Ave. and Osborne St. Roads are also closed around San Fernando City Hall to accommodate emergency crews and equipment.

School Closures. The following schools will be closed on Tuesday, October 15, 2008: Lake View Terrace Charter, Triumph Academy Charter, Glenoaks Elementary School and Wooden Shoe Preschool. The Los Angeles Unified School District is advising students to visit www.lausd.net or call (213) 241-4500 for up-to-date school closure information.

Next update: 10/14/08, 9:00 a.m.

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