



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- RED FLAG WARNING -

A **Red Flag WARNING** is in effect from **3 PM today to 10 AM Thursday** for gusty north to northeast winds and low relative humidity for the Santa Barbara County mountains and South Coast.

The National Weather Service in Oxnard has issued this warning for our area.

The northerly winds will increase late this afternoon into tonight, with the strongest winds focused along the Santa Ynez Range in southern Santa Barbara County. During this time, there will be rapid drying with single digit humidities becoming common across the higher elevations.

A Red Flag WARNING means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can create extreme fire behavior.

Please use extreme caution when using potential fire ignition sources. Please stay tuned to the latest National Weather Service updates for the latest weather conditions.

Due to the Red Flag Warning (Santa Barbara South Coast) issued the Santa Barbara County Fire Department have additional resources in service, which include:

- **1-Dozer relocated to fire headquarters near Highway 154 and Cathedral Oaks Road.**
- **1-Hand Crew on for a 24-hr period.**
- **1-Water Tender dedicated and staffed for a 24-hr. period.**
- **1-Duty Officer for resource ordering staffed for 24-hr. period at Dispatch.**
- **The South Coast stations will maintain the highest state of readiness.**
- **Patrols within Engine Company districts with spot temperature measurements.**

Please take the time to make preparations, should a vegetation fire start. Have a plan for evacuation if necessary & if the order to leave does come, please do so. For more information, please visit our website, SBCFire.com and click on the Ready! Set! Go! link.

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