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Paramedics allegedly refused to enter care facility to help man who wasn't breathing

Christina Gonzalez, FOX 11

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FOX 11's Christina Gonzalez was in Rialto as paramedics were accused of refusing to go into the facility due to coronavirus concerns.

RIALTO, Calif - The city of Rialto is investigating paramedics who allegedly refused to enter a care facility to help a man who wasn't breathing, citing a COVID-19 guideline that doesn't seem to be in effect.

The 911 call came from the Rialto Post Acute Care Center at about 7:50 p.m. on Nov. 11. Video obtained by FOX 11 from a Rialto police officer's body camera shows two Rialto Fire responders at the open door of the center, wearing masks, but not entering.

The officer walks in and his exchange with center personnel is clear. As he walked down the hallway, he tried to explain to them that the paramedics were not coming in because of some "state COVID" guideline. Inside the patient's room, a registered nurse was on top of him, administering CPR, with the help of other certified nursing assistants at her side. It seemed they couldn't move the man's bed, because it had no wheels.

That's when the officer got behind the bed and began to push. With the help of the personnel, the nurse still on top of the man, they steered the bed down the hallways. At one point, you hear him telling the clearly exhausted nurse that she is doing a great job and not to stop.

They made it through the front door, to the waiting paramedics, who eventually took over the CPR. There was clearly some frustration in the exchange between the staff and the paramedic in charge, as they talked about the patient, who has been identified as 56-year-old Joseph Angulo. He was transported to a local hospital but did not survive.

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"It is difficult to watch the tape," said Rialto Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott, who received a complaint from a staff member at the center and reported it to the City Attorney. "It is particularly difficult," he explained, because this is such a well-regarded Fire Department, known for its community outreach.

The San Bernardino County Chapter of the Emergency Medical Services Authority had similar things to say. Sergy El More-Shedy from the state EMSA sent FOX 11 the following statement:

"Upon acceptance of a call assignment, California paramedics cannot refuse service (i.e., assessment, treatment, transport) unless directed by law enforcement or if the scene is unsafe. Local protocols may change instructions for the conditions to assess, treat, and/or transport."

The county office says they have no guidelines that are any different, saying they were also surprised that Rialto was the focus of the complaint. Rialto city officials, who have launched an investigation, say there may have been some restrictions at the beginning of the pandemic, but none at this point.

An April 2020 memo from the San Bernardino County Fire Chief's Association said:

"Personnel responding to long-term care facilities Should consider the following to minimize any potential risk for exposure:

All dispatch centers will be requesting the facilities to move patients to the door or outside the location..."

But the memo also includes that:

"If [the] patient cannot be transferred to exit for or outside prior to arrival, one member of Fire/EMS personnel should initially interact with the patient" and goes on to explain the type of Personal Protective Gear (PPE) that is advisable."

In a statement, Rialto's Acting Fire Chief Brain Park said that the paramedics have been placed on leave pending a third-party investigation and that he would ensure the independence of that investigation.

Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson, addressed Tuesday night's City Council meeting, promising an independent investigation as well. The statement from the city does not include her clearly emotional words at the meeting, expressing condolences to Angulo's family, who was notified about the ongoing investigation. They were not at the meeting.

https://www.foxla.com/news/paramedics-allegedly-refused-to-enter-care-facility-to-help-man-who-wasnt-breathing?utm_campaign=trueantheam&utm_medium=trueantheam&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3UYOd4RQynb3qoJbCuq1Y9CxAnYrCU1MIotsIIZZdIWA7eWP5JWXK6PEs

Rain prompts flood rescues, downs trees and forces evacuations

Jonathan Valdez, LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Rain, wind and snow pound the Southland.(Los Angeles Times)

As Tuesday's powerful storm pounded Southern California, firefighters plucked a man from the Los Angeles River and searched for other possible victims, while emergency crews in Orange County rescued homeowners trapped by mudslides.

Around 7:50 a.m., fire dispatchers received a call from a man who had been swept into a small tributary of the L.A. River in Sylmar, the Los Angeles Fire Department said. Usually shallow, gentle streams, the river and its offshoots were transformed by the storm into torrents.

The man was carried about half a mile and into a tunnel that runs underground near Dronfield Avenue and Hubbard Street, said Nicholas Prange, spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department. In the darkness, he managed to grab an object to stop himself from being swept further downstream, Prange said.

"He was still on the phone with dispatchers who were relaying the message on the radio," Prange said.

Sounding the fire engine's horn to alert the man to their location, the rescue team checked one maintenance hole after the next until finding him.

After he was pulled to safety, the man was treated for scrapes, cuts, bruises and hypothermia, Prange said. How he was caught in the river was not immediately clear.

Earlier Tuesday morning, bystanders reported a rollover crash on North Main Street in Chinatown near the L.A. River, according to the fire department.

Within minutes, fire crews realized the vehicle had fallen into the swollen, fast-moving river and swept away, Prange said.

Firefighters took up positions at bridges downstream as a helicopter flew in search of the vehicle and possible occupants.

After two hours, crews spotted the vehicle pinned beneath the Washington Boulevard bridge near Soto Street in South Los Angeles, about four miles downstream, Prange said. No victims were found.

Shortly afterward, firefighters saw a second car being carried by the river's suddenly powerful current. As the water continued to rise, both vehicles became pinned against the bridge's footing.

An hour later, a third vehicle, a gray Toyota Camry, ripped past the bridge and continued downstream into Long Beach, where it eventually came to rest, fully submerged, at the center of the river near Wardlow Road, said Capt. Jack Crabtree, spokesman for Long Beach fire.

Firefighters planned to let the waters subside before trying to pull the vehicles out of the river. It was unclear how the vehicles entered the river and whether they were operating or parked before being swept away.

The search for victims was continuing.

Elsewhere in Southern California, San Bernardino County authorities announced evacuation orders as mud and debris flows from fire-ravaged slopes threatened to damage dozens of homes and businesses in mountain and foothill communities including Oak Glen, Yucaipa, Forest Falls, and Nealey's Corner.

There were no reports of injuries or property damage on Tuesday morning, though some roads were closed due to mudflow, said **San Bernardino County fire** spokesman Eric Sherwin.

In Orange County, mudslides spilled into the neighborhood of Silverado Canyon, near where the Silverado fire burned in the fall of 2020, the Orange County Fire Authority said on Twitter. Fire crews rescued a number of residents who were trapped inside their homes by the gushing mud. No residents or rescue crew members were injured in the operation.

In Riverside, firefighters rescued five adults and two cats from the Santa Ana River at the Mission Inn Avenue bridge, authorities said on Twitter.

And in Calabasas, heavy winds ripped trees from their roots along Mulholland Drive, forcing road closures. The storm also took down trees in Whittier, Long Beach and in the Santa Clarita Valley, where minor rockslides and debris flow were also reported.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-14/rain-prompts-flood-rescues-downs-trees-and-forces-evacuations>

In the Inland Empire, storm snarls traffic, floods roads, forces rescues

Brian Rokos, THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

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A local resident looks over the damage after a tree was uprooted by high winds and rain falling and crushing two apartments in the 1200 block of J Street in Ontario on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Pounding rain, up to several inches in some spots, set off debris flows in wildfire burn areas in San Bernardino and Riverside counties on Tuesday, Dec. 14. But while the deluge trapped some people in rivers and cars, sent trees falling onto homes and led to scores of traffic collisions, only minor injuries were reported.

Highway 38 in and out of Big Bear was closed by rocks and mud. Lytle Creek Road flooded but remained open. Crews spent the day scraping muck off Oak Glen Road in the El Dorado fire burn scar near Yucaipa, where debris-filled dark water barrelled downhill.

A California Highway Patrol officer was injured in a collision on Highway 60 in Moreno Valley, one of several crashes involving CHP cruisers, Caltrans vehicles and tow trucks. Corona firefighters plucked a man out of a swollen wash — one of several rescues involving homeless people — and utility crews chased a slew of downed power lines.

Snow began falling in the higher elevations in the Cajon Pass about 3 p.m. The snow level was expected to drop to 3,000 feet by the early evening, making travel on the 15 Freeway, the main highway between Southern California and Las Vegas, problematic. [Previous](#)

“Avoid travel. Drive with extreme caution. Do not stop or you lose traction. Reduce your speed and keep it steady,” Caltrans warned.

The good news: The first major storm of the season was expected to move out Wednesday morning.

But before then, chaos.

Firefighters and public works crews had their work cut out for them in Oak Glen, the apple farming community in the San Bernardino Mountains.

“Because of the barren hillsides, many of those just gave away. There were rocks and boulders and trees that came down and went through the community of Oak Glen,” said Tracey Martinez, a spokeswoman for the [San Bernardino County Fire](#) Department.

County crews had already cleared an estimated 500,000 pounds of debris from the creeks in the area. That kept some of the water flowing where it should, but residents still suffered damage to fences, yards and driveways, Martinez said. But there were no reports of flooding in homes, she said.

Some people who drove into high water had to be rescued.

“What people don’t realize is that it takes only 2 feet of water to move a vehicle off the road,” Martinez said.

The evacuation order in the area, which Martinez estimated is affecting about 11,000 people, will remain in effect. An evacuation order in Lytle Creek was downgraded to a warning at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

“We want to say thank you to all those who adhered to the evacuation orders,” Martinez added.

Water also flexed its muscle in the Cherry Valley area, where 10-foot-long tree trunks and large rocks washed down Vineland Street in a flash flood in the Apple fire burn scar.

The rain turned usually mild-mannered creeks into raging torrents, trapping homeless people who ignored or were unaware of the danger.

In Corona, a man floated three miles in a tent down the Temescal Wash, a man-made drainage channel that parallels Sampson Avenue and usually has about a quarter-inch of water. Finally, around Cota Street, the tent floated close enough to the side to allow firefighters to pull him to safety.

“He’s fine. He’s just cold,” Battalion Chief Robert Peterson said.

In Colton, a San Bernardino County sheriff’s helicopter worked with Colton and Rialto firefighters to hoist 10 homeless people and two dogs off an island in the Santa Ana River.

Elsewhere, a tree fell on an apartment building on J Street in Ontario, briefly trapping a woman and destroying two units, said Ontario fire Investigator Dan Kloosterman.

“Thank God nobody got injured here,” said apartment building owner Sergio Segoviano. “I get worried every time there’s a storm or winds because I don’t want this thing killing somebody.”

The resident of Moreno Valley also escaped injury when a tree fell on that house.

Several cars were crushed by uprooted trees as well.

Some areas of San Bernardino County had received more than 3 inches of rain in the preceding 24 hours as of 5 p.m. Tuesday, the National Weather Service said. Those included the middle fork of Lytle Creek (7.01 inches), Cedar Glen (5.00), Glen Helen Regional Park (4.53), Deep Creek (4.29), Cucamonga Canyon (3.66), Cal State San Bernardino (3.42), and Oak Glen Watershed (3.19).

Reported Riverside County rainfall totals were below 3 inches in all areas. Top totals include Prado Dam (2.34 inches), Temescal Valley (2.13), Poppet Flats (1.97), Murrieta (1.81), Idyllwild (1.77), Temecula (1.66), Banning Bench (1.54), Beaumont (1.36) and Riverside Municipal Airport (1.16).

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/12/14/in-the-inland-empire-storm-snarls-traffic-floods-roads-forces-rescues/>

Winter storm in SoCal brings mudslides, wind, flooding and snow

Jake Ingrassia, NEWS CHANNEL 3

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(No Caption)

More than a foot of water carrying branches, stumps and rocks rushed through Cherry Valley Tuesday afternoon, officials said, as burn scars in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties were pounded by more than an inch of rain.

Emergency responders warned about cars ignoring closures and trying to pass through rushing water – putting themselves at risk of being swept away by swift and powerful flooding.

"These mud flows and debris flows, there's a lot of weight and a lot of force behind them," said **San Bernardino County Fire** Capt. Kyle Hauducoeur. "In these situations, what we tend to see is everything is ok until it's not."

American Red Cross crews turned a high school into an evacuation center while some were forced to leave their homes for several hours and possibly through the night. It was expected to remain open through the night for anyone who couldn't access their homes as muddy roads were cleared.

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<https://kesq.com/news/2021/12/14/winter-storm-in-socal-brings-mudslides-wind-flooding-and-snow/>

FLOODY HELL California storm news – Residents trapped by mudslides and man is swept into river by flood as thousands evacuated

Brittney Donovan, THE U.S. SUN

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Mudslides trapped residents in their homes during the storm on TuesdayCredit: Getty

THOUSANDS of Californians were told to evacuate on Tuesday as storms caused mudslides and flooding that swept a man into the river.

The storm triggered flash flooding warnings for multiple counties with fast-moving water and debris trapping some people inside their homes.

Some of the most striking images have come out of Los Angeles County, where rescuers worked to locate three drivers whose cars ended up in the river.

First responders found one car against a concrete pylon in the middle of the river after a rollover crash, according to KTLA. Rescuers determined no one was inside.

A second car floated down the river and got "stacked" on the first car, and a third vehicle was seen floating further down the river, local media reported.

It was unclear if any victims were located.

Firefighters also responded to a 911 call from a 26-year-old man who was swept into a channel of the river.

Crews rescued him via a maintenance hole in the street, according to KCAL.

"Our swift water rescue team has been bouncing from call to call," Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Erik Scott told the news outlet.

The Orange County Fire Authority was working to rescue trapped residents during multiple mudslides on Tuesday afternoon.

Video shared by the agency on Twitter showed water rushing by homes, bringing with it fast-moving dirt and debris.

The Director of Public Affairs at the Orange County Sheriff's Department told The Sun that she wasn't aware of any serious injuries that resulted.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Up to 2,100 people were told to evacuate near the Bond Fire burn scar in Orange County before the mudslides and rescues.

San Bernardino County saw the highest number of evacuated residents with up to 11,000 people told to leave their homes ahead of dangerous conditions.

Tracey Martinez with **San Bernardino County Fire** said the evacuation orders for 2,500 homes would likely remain in place through the night.

She said the county hadn't seen any fatalities yet though rescues were underway on local roads.

Martinez urged residents not to drive their cars through the water as rain drenches the El Dorado and South Fire burn areas, sending water and debris flowing.

In Santa Barbara County, an evacuation order for 105 homes forced an estimated 260 people near the Alisal Fire burn area to seek safer ground.

Photos from the county showed mud and debris covering roads as crews warned of unstable switchbacks.

Evacuation warnings were in place in Los Angeles and Riverside counties though no mandatory evacuations have been called.

<https://www.the-sun.com/news/4272755/california-storm-mudslides-flash-flooding-evacuations/>

Holiday Fun Fair and Lighted Parade

Jeni Henderson, MOHAVE VALLEY DAILY NEWS

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The Needles community came together last week to enjoy the all day festivities of the holiday Fun Fair and lighted parade. Just before dusk, the Needles Chamber of Commerce held their tree lighting ceremony of the Community Memorial Christmas tree at the corner of West Broadway

NEEDLES — The community came together last week to enjoy the festivities of the Holiday Fun Fair and Lighted Holiday Parade.

Vendors were lined up on both sides of West Broadway from E Street to G Street offering fun and games, as well as a variety of items such as lawn and household decorations, clothing, handmade jewelry, lighted candles, arts and crafts, quilted items, baked goods and Christmas related items.

Food vendors also had their booths set up, offering barbeque hamburgers, chili cheese dogs, tacos and deep fried Oreos.

Larry Brown, owner of Rocks Painting in Golden Shores, was sitting in the seat of his Velocipede Scroll Saw, pedaling and cutting into a piece of wood.

Brown said this is a reproduction of the one used more than 100 years ago.

“The difference between this one and the old one — this one is made out of cast aluminum, the old one is made out of cast iron, so there’s a lot of difference in weight,” he said.

Later in the afternoon, along West Broadway and F Street, Dance Trax 51 performed, wishing everyone a “Merry Christmas.”

Just before dusk, the Needles Chamber of Commerce lit the Community Memorial Christmas Tree at the corner of West Broadway and G Street.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 404 then conducted a gun salute and played TAPS in memory of veterans and loved ones who have passed away.

This year’s event also had the community celebrating the Lighted Holiday Parade, which was canceled in 2020 because of COVID.

“We actually had 28 entries, and at the last minute we had two more,” said Melody Jones, owner of Peace-A-Work, and a first-year organizer of the Lighted Holiday Parade.

The parade began at the corner of C Street and ended at I Street, with Baker Ambulance leading the procession and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department signaling the end.

This year's Grand Marshal was Harold Rasplicka, a long-time resident and retired school teacher from the Needles Unified School District. Accompanying him was Tena McGee of Needles Community Partners.

Spike, Needles' most famous resident, appeared along with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Youth Council and Walter, the once orphaned Donkey who is now the honorary mayor of Oatman, Arizona.

Other parade entrants included Dance Trax 51, Teamsters Local 1932, Fort Mojave Indian Tribal Police and Set Free Church, along with its Sinners Forgiven Motorcycle Ministry.

This year's parade winners were:

- First place, float — City of Needles.
- First place, group float — VFW Post 404, sponsored by the chamber and the VFW.
- First place, decorated vehicle — Needles Museum.
- First place, band — Fort Mojave Tribal Band.

“And obviously the last one is the equestrian,” Jones said. “We had one entry, but we’re so grateful and that was Walter the Donkey.”

<https://mohavedailynews.com/news/136285/holiday-fun-fair-and-lighted-parade/>

Powerful storm begins dumping rain, snow on Southern California

Nathan Percy, SAN BERNARDINO SUN

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Vehicles drive through mud on Lytle Creek Road as debris from the South fire flows down the hillside covering the road Tuesday morning Dec. 14, 2021. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Heavy rain has drenched Los Angeles County and was just underway in Orange County and the Inland Empire, with the potential for flash flooding in some areas, authorities said.

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, the heaviest rain had been absorbed in the San Fernando Valley and L.A. County mountains and foothills, with some areas already seeing upwards of three inches of rainfall, said Ryan Kittell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Most areas in Los Angeles County were sitting at a half-inch to one-and-a-half inches of rain as of 7 a.m., but the San Fernando Valley had nearly doubled those totals, Kittell said.

Flash-flood watches were in effect in fire-burn scar areas, including those for the past Bobcat and Ranch 2 fires above Monrovia and Azusa, Kittell said, adding that those areas were holding up pretty well Tuesday morning as rain totals were “just under the trigger point to get a (flash-flood) warning out.”

Western Riverside County had received three-quarters of an inch of rain by 7 a.m., while other areas in the Inland Empire and Orange County were sitting between one-third and one-half inch, Gregoria said. However, with the heaviest rainfall looming and anticipated to bring upwards of six-tenths of an inch of rain per hour, Gregoria said meteorologists have a flash-flood watch in effect for those entire two regions.

“I would just say, especially for motorists during the morning commute, take it easy,” Gregoria said. “We’re seeing some gusty winds out there, so be especially cautious on the roadway.”

Heavy mudflows from the South fire burn scar are beginning to flood #LytleCreek Road west of I-15 pic.twitter.com/P7W63cog8r
— Will Lester (@WillLesterPhoto) December 14, 2021

Some snow had fallen at elevations above 6,000 feet, but estimates were not immediately available.

While snow hadn’t yet affected the Grapevine, Gregoria said the possibility for an inch or two of snow was possible in the mountain pass in the late afternoon or evening.

As of 7:30 a.m., no major storm-related damages had been reported by local police agencies, but some areas were preparing for the possibility of debris flows.

#Whittier city tree down on my street. No injuries. #LARain pic.twitter.com/YPaeV1eNz4
— Grace (@GraceReaza) December 14, 2021

In Monrovia, the anticipation of mudflow from the burn-scar areas led to an evacuation warning, starting Monday night in the areas of Ridgeside Drive and Oakglade Drive, officials said. Monrovia Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve were closed until further notice. Sandbags were available for residents to pick up at Recreation Park, 620 S. Shamrock Ave., officials said.

In Los Angeles, city firefighters were figuring out how to pull two vehicles out of the Los Angeles River, fire officials said. The first vehicle was reported to have rolled into the river at 5:40 a.m. That vehicle was found stuck against a bridge column just north of Washington Boulevard in downtown L.A. at 7:30 a.m. and was still there as of 9 a.m., officials said.

A second vehicle became stacked on top of it in rising water as of 10 a.m. No victim had been located.

A third vehicle floated past the Washington Boulevard bridge and continued south into Los Angeles County Fire Department jurisdiction, fire officials said.

In Sylmar, firefighters pulled a 26-year-old man out of a river he had fallen into near Sylmar High School. Firefighters were able to pull him up through a maintenance hole, officials said. He was treated for minor trauma and mild hypothermia.

The storm was causing rocks to fall on highways in the San Bernardino Mountains, where fire officials were anticipating debris flows. The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department positioned swift-water rescue and urban search-and-rescue teams in the Oak Glen area, which is within the El Dorado fire-burn scar. Some roads were washed out, fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said. No major road closures had been announced as of 9 a.m.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/12/14/powerful-storm-begins-dumping-rain-snow-on-southern-california/>

Evacuation Orders In Place For Inland Empire Neighborhoods, As Storm Hits Burn Scars

Lauren Coronado, NBC LOS ANGELES

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The captain of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department was headed to the Lytle Creek burn scar area early Tuesday morning, as a storm caused risk of debris flow. Lauren Coronado reports on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

Evacuation orders were in place Tuesday morning for several locations in the Inland Empire, where heavy rain was set to fall on several burn scars from area wildfires, creating a risk of debris flows and mudslides.

As the wind started to pick up and rain started to go sideways, the captain of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said resources were being staged all over the county.

Those resources included rescue personnel, heavy equipment and engines, in the event of debris flow.

The captain was on his way to the Lytle Creek burn scar area Tuesday morning.

"Bare soil with no vegetation on it can only handle so much water at a time," said Captain Kyle Hauducoeur. "Once it decides it's gonna move -- we've set those thresholds, we're continuing to monitor them -- but once that debris begins to move, it's unstoppable. It'll lift up cars, it'll move houses."

Evacuations were in place for the Lytle Creek area, with orders in place for residents just north of Lytle Creek due to the South fire burn scar.

Evacuation orders were also in place for those in communities near the El Dorado burn scar:

- Oak Glen,
- Forest Falls,
- Mountain Home Village,
- northeast Yucaipa, and
- Highway 38, from Bryant to Angeles Oaks.

Designated evacuation centers included:

- Redlands East Valley High School,
- the Jessie Turner Community Center.

Those in the area with larger animals requiring shelter can bring their animals to:

- San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control, and
- Devore Animal Center

See an interactive map of evacuation zones from San Bernardino County [here](#).

Riverside County also issued evacuation orders, for areas near the 2020 Apple fire burn scar. That included communities north of Beaumont and Banning.

Highway 38 was closed to visitors through Forest Falls, only open to residents at the time.

The rain also created hazards on the road, with low visibility along the 15 Freeway around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Traffic backups were present on the road.

Some who live in the area got a glimpse of the damage heavy rainfall can cause during storms back in October, when there was far less rain than Tuesday's storm.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/evacuation-orders-in-place-for-inland-empire-neighborhoods-as-storm-hits-burn-scars/2778492/>

SoCal storm: Areas under evacuation orders or warnings in Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, L.A., Orange and Riverside counties

Nouran Salahieh, KTLA 5

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(No caption)

Evacuation orders were issued for Orange and San Bernardino county residents near wildfire burn areas as a storm dumped heavy showers on the region, triggering flash flood and debris flow warnings through Southern California Tuesday.

Evacuation warnings were also in place near burn areas in Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

With debris flows possible in the burn scar areas of the Palisades, Bobcat, Ranch2, Dam and Lake fires, residents were told to plan for possible evacuations, in case they are needed.

Orange County mandatory evacuation orders

In Orange County, a mandatory evacuation order was issued for the Bond Fire burn area late Tuesday morning for Williams, Modjeska and Silverado canyons due to flooding and debris flows.

Multiple mud slides were reported in Silverado Canyon, with Orange County Fire Authority firefighters responding to rescue trapped residents. No injuries were reported.

Full road closures will be in place at canyon entrances, officials said.

The Bond Fire erupted in December last year, burning 6,686 acres and damaging dozens of structures.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for the burn scar area, in effect through 9 p.m. Tuesday.

“Canyon residents are strongly encouraged to prepare and evacuate now, especially those with disabilities, access and/or functional needs, and canyon residents with large animals,” county officials said earlier in the morning, before upgrading the evacuation warning to an order.

A reception center is available at the Lake Forest Sport Park located at 28000 Rancho Parkway in Lake Forest. Residents can head to Meeting Room A to wait out the storm.

San Bernardino County evacuation orders

Evacuation orders were also issued in San Bernardino County for the El Dorado Fire and South Fire burn scar areas.

Residents in the following areas were asked to leave: Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Northeast Yucaipa, east of Bryant Street and North of Date Avenue, Highway 38 from Bryant to Angelus Oaks.

The neighborhood of Nealeys Corner, north of Lytle Creek Road to Meyers Canyon, in the Lytle Creek area was also subject to an evacuation order due to the potential for heavy mud and debris flow from the South Fire burn area.

“With the rain intensifying, flash floods happen fast. Crews may not be able to get to you. If you are under evacuation orders, leave now,” San Bernardino County Fire tweeted Tuesday morning.

Evacuation centers were set up at:

- The Jessie Turner Community Center on 15556 Summit Ave. in Fontana
- Redlands East Valley High School at 31000 E. Colton Ave. in Redlands

Animals can be taken to Devore Animal Shelter at 19777 Shelter Way in San Bernardino. For the animal evacuation center, contact San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control at 800-472-5609.

Santa Barbara County evacuations

Santa Barbara received a record-breaking 0.9 inches of rain Monday, beating its previous record of 0.15 inches in 1941, according to the National Weather Service.

A flash flood watch was in effect in Santa Barbara County through noon Tuesday over the burn scar left by the Alisal Fire, which charred more than 16,900 acres in the Santa Ynez Mountains in October.

An evacuation order that went into effect Monday was canceled around 2 p.m. Tuesday for the areas west of Las Flores Canyon, east of Mariposa Reina, south of West Camino Cielo and down to the ocean.

Evacuated residents were allowed to return home Tuesday, but were warned to watch out for flooding, slick roads and debris in the area.

Drivers were warned not to drive while it is dark or raining near the burn area, since roads may be damaged and vehicles may be swept away by moving water or debris.

Commuters who typically use the 101 Freeway through the Gaviota Coast and CA-154 on Tuesday morning were told to check road conditions, and consider working remotely if possible.

Los Angeles County evacuation warnings

A flood advisory was issued for Los Angeles County through 10 a.m., with minor flooding expected in low lying and poor drainage areas, and shallow mud and debris flows around the burn areas.

In Monrovia, an evacuation warning was issued for residents living in the areas of Ridgeside Drive and Oakglade Drive.

Also under an evacuation warning are the areas of Valyermo, Juniper Hills and Devil's Punchbowl near the Bobcat Fire burn scar, and the area of Lake Hughes and Kings Canyon Road near Lake Fire burn scar.

Residents in those burn areas can contact the American Red Cross at 800-675-5799 if they need help finding shelter.

Riverside County evacuation warning

In Riverside County, an evacuation warning was issued near the burn scar areas from the Apple and El Dorado fires.

"Residents in and around the burn areas should remain vigilant and be prepared for possible evacuations with little to no warning," county officials said.

A care and reception center was set up at the Albert A Chatigny Senior Center at 1310 Oak Valley Parkway in Beaumont for residents who choose to voluntarily evacuate.

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/socal-storm-evacuation-order-issued-for-alisal-fire-burn-area-in-santa-barbara-county-evacuation-warnings-in-l-a-orange-counties/>

These are the Southern California areas under evacuation orders or warnings

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Mud flows and falling boulders led to the closure of Highway 38 between Yucaipa and Big Bear amidst a rainstorm Monday, Oct. 25. The roadway was reopened at about 5 a.m. Tuesday, after the storm cleared. (File photo courtesy of Caltrans District 8)

A strong storm bringing snow and rain moved into Southern California on Monday night, prompting concerns about mudslides, debris flows, flooded waterways, closed roads and other hazards.

Residents in danger areas were told to either evacuate or be prepared to leave danger-prone areas. The American Red Cross said shelters would open in Redlands, Beaumont and Lake Forest.

Residents can sign up for emergency alerts through their county emergency services agency.

Evacuation Orders

Orange County

An evacuation order was issued for communities in the area of 2020's Bond fire scar. These include Modjeska Canyon, Silverado Canyon and Williams Canyon.

San Bernardino County

—An area near Lytle Creek, Glen Helen Parkway and the 210 Freeway north of Fontana was ordered evacuated because it's in the South fire burn area.

—Areas northeast of Yucaipa were ordered evacuated because they are in the El Dorado fire burn area.

Click here to see a map showing the evacuated areas in San Bernardino County

Watch the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department's social media accounts for evacuation updates.

Evacuation Warnings

Los Angeles County

A Flash Flood Watch was issued by the National Weather Service for areas affected by 2020's Bobcat fire

An evacuation warning was issued for residents in the areas of Ridgeside Drive and Oakglade Drive in Monrovia

Riverside County

An evacuation warning was issued for Riverside County areas in the Apple and El Dorado fire burn scars

In addition, lose living or recreating in the Santa Ana River bottom — from the Riverside area to Corona — were urged to move to high ground.

<https://www.dailybreeze.com/2021/12/13/these-are-the-southern-california-areas-under-evacuation-orders-or-warnings/>

A letter from Yucaipa Mayor Greg Bogh regarding the storm

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Yucaipa Mayor Greg Bogh

As you are all aware, the National Weather Service (NWS) is predicting that a significant winter storm will make land fall early Tuesday morning. The city of Yucaipa would like to encourage our residents who may live in or near the El Dorado Fire burn scar to be prepared. This storm is anticipated to produce upwards of 4 to 6 inches of rain for the valleys and mountain areas within our region. At this point in time, in coordination with the Yucaipa Police and Fire Departments as well as **San Bernardino County Fire**, the surrounding areas are under an evacuation order. Oak Glen. Yucaipa North Bench. Forest Falls. Mountain Home Village. Angelus Oaks. We strongly encourage the residents that live in this area to please heed the evacuation order. With the anticipated rainfall rates, there is a strong possibility that this storm event could generate a significant debris flow, resulting in some damage to public and private properties. Our public safety officials issue these evacuation orders when there is an immediate/potential threat to the public. The city will continue to monitor the storm and will provide frequent updates on our website and social media platforms as circumstances evolve. For updated information regarding evacuation status, maps, and shelters, please click on the 'December 2021 Storm Update' link on the city's website – Yucaipa.org.

https://www.newsmirror.net/news/a-letter-from-yucaipa-mayor-greg-bogh-regarding-the-storm/article_9ec2bd80-5c7f-11ec-a6cf-67a2034acbfd.html

A Powerful Southern California storm prompts evacuation orders

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Sasha Anthomé fills sandbags at L.A. County Fire Station 63 in La Crescenta on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 for her Altadena garage as she prepares for Tuesday's rain. (Photo by Sarah Reingewirtz, Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG)

Darkening skies with patches of rain and howling winds forecast for late Monday, Dec. 13 will be a prelude to a powerful storm that should arrive in earnest overnight and could lead to flooding, rockslides and other havoc on roads across Southern California through Tuesday evening.

On Monday, in advance of the storm, areas in the burn scars of the South and El Dorado fires were ordered evacuated, the **San Bernardino County Fire** and Sheriff's departments said.

The South fire burned this year in the north Fontana area. The Eldorado fire burned last year and Monday's evacuation affected Angelus Oaks, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Oak Glen and North Yucaipa.

Temperatures were between five and 10 degrees cooler across Southern California Monday morning as clear conditions over the weekend were replaced by clouds building ahead of the storm, according to the National Weather Service.

Light showers were reported along the coast and in mountain areas Monday morning.

Precipitation spread into the valleys and was expected to grow more intense that evening as the first wave of the storm reached Los Angeles County overnight, meteorologists said.

- The storm will dump one to three inches of rain on valleys and the coast, and possibly upwards of five inches of precipitation in the mountains beginning Monday night and through Tuesday night.
- Mudslides near areas scorched by recent wildfires are possible, as rain loosens exposed soil and boulders. Voluntary evacuation warnings were also issued for people living near the burn scars left last year by the Bobcat fire in Monrovia, the Bond fire in Orange County and the Apple fire in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- California Highway Patrol and Caltrans officials expect road closures to take place due to flooding, falling boulders and other hazards. Motorists should plan ahead, and can check for any issues along their route by visiting roads.dot.ca.gov or quickmap.dot.ca.gov.
- Flooding on low-lying roads and highways with poor drainage will be likely, and will make it possible for fast-moving vehicles to hydroplane. "Speeding is the biggest reason people lose control," CHP officer Dan Olivas said.
- Officials in Riverside county advised people living in encampments along washes and drainage channels like the Santa Ana River bed to get to higher ground.
- The combination of rain, wind and low temperatures may be dangerous to those exposed to the elements overnight. People in need of shelter during the storm can visit ocgov.com/residents/health/homeless-services to learn about emergency facilities in Orange County, or lahsa.org/winter-shelter to find a place to stay indoors in Los Angeles County.
- Snow is expected to fall at heights as low as 4,500 ft. above sea level by Tuesday afternoon. Tire chains may be required on the I-5 along the Grapevine, the Cajon Pass on the 15 and other roads at high elevations.
- Thunder and high winds will accompany heavy rainfall. Gusts ranging from 45 to 60 mph were expected by Monday evening in mountain and desert regions.
- The storm will leave Southern California Tuesday evening, but gusty conditions will linger into Wednesday and temperatures for the remainder of the week will remain cool.

<https://www.ocregister.com/2021/12/13/havoc-on-southern-california-roads-likely-tuesday-as-storm-hits-overnight/>