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By Andrew Caravella, HD Daily News

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A CHP patrol vehicle parked while snow falls. Photo by CHP – Arrowhead

San Bernardino County declared a local emergency on Monday evening. People who live in the mountains are trapped or unable to reach home.

Several feet of snow that fell over the weekend is causing the major issues, with more to follow during the next several days.

"The declaration seeks state and federal assistance to clear snow from mountain highways and neighborhood streets and support any other necessary work and services," says county officials.

"Today's emergency declaration is an important step which will elevate the state's response to this extreme weather event," said Board of Supervisors Chair Dawn Rowe, whose Third District includes the impacted mountain communities. "Our team of state and local partners will continue working round-the-clock on a coordinated and comprehensive strategy to bring relief and resources to our residents, while also prioritizing the safety of all."

County Public Works and Caltrans crews have been working nonstop, 24-hours a day to create access along major routes for first responders, however, there is no estimated time for completion.

The County and the American Red Cross have established an emergency shelter and resource center for mountain residents who cannot get home at Redlands East Valley High School, 31000 E. Colton Ave. in Redlands. The shelter will be staffed around the clock and resources will be available until 8 p.m. tonight and daily starting tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. A call center will operate at 909-387-3911 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to provide information.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department has rolled out specialized snow vehicles to access people in medical need. Some areas have experienced power outages and Southern California Edison is working to restore power for customers.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and other first responders have had to divert resources to assist with several search and rescue calls for individuals engaged in non-essential travel across the mountain region.

County officials also say that "The priority is on primary roads creating arterial access from the state highways. Crews have been successful in plowing most primary roads across the mountain. Loaders are the primary snow removal heavy equipment in many areas due to the depth of the snow. Road graders and trucks cannot effectively remove snow in deep snow in excess of 3 feet."

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# Firefighters Nearly Crushed By Collapsing Roof

By Staff Writer, Onscene TV

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INCIDENT DATE/TIME: 12:45 AM

LOCATION: Highland Ave x Eucalyptus Dr CITY: San Bernardino

DETAILS: On Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a reported commercial structure fire near Highland Ave and Eucalyptus Dr. in San Bernardino. The first arriving engine observed an abandoned tire shop with heavy smoke from the roof. Minutes later, the entire roof was engulfed with flames. Firefighters took a defensive posture to extinguish the blaze. While fighting the fire, a large portion of the facade almost came crashing down on two firefighters. Luckily the captain noticed seconds before and both were able to escape before the collapse. No injuries were reported. An investigator is en route to determine the cause of the fire.

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