

CAL FIRE/Riverside County
Fire Department

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- Incident Management Team experienced managing incidents
- Personnel have water awareness and rescue training
- Department has multiple swift water rescue teams that can be deployed
- Swift water rescue teams have multiple types of equipment, including boats, for rescuing victims
- CAL FIRE Helicopter is hoist capable for water rescues



Flooding/Moving Water/Mud & Debris Flow

- First Responders have to respond to each scenario in a different way
- Limitations on how personnel can respond to the different scenarios



Flooding & Moving Water

- Mainly standing water or water moving through canals, channels and roadways
- First Responders will attempt to rescue victims
- First Responders often enter into the water system to rescue victims



Basic Phases of Flooding: *1st Phase*

- Swiftwater Event
- Changing conditions
- Triage the situation
- First Responders must look at Rescue vs. Recovery?



Basic Phases of Flooding: *2nd Phase*

- Static Water
- First Responders will continued search operations



Basic Phases of Flooding: *3rd Phase*

- Continued Search Operations
- Recovery Operations
- Water Levels Dropping
- Recovery of any Deceased
- Recovery of Valuables



Mud & Debris Flow

- First Responders cannot enter into the moving mud and debris flow
- Rescuers must wait until the area has settled before they can search for victims



Mud & Debris Flow

- Heavy equipment must be used to move mud and debris to clear paths to structures
- Rescuers are on foot doing searches for victims



What You Can Do as a Home Owner

- Be Prepared!!!
 - Fortify your home with sand bags if it is in danger of flooding
 - Sandbags are available at all **CAL FIRE**/Riverside County Fire Stations and home improvement stores
 - Have your important items ready to go (medications, pictures, computers, documents, etc)
 - Have a plan for your animals
 - Leave: When the Evacuation Order is given, do not stay
 - Sign your cell phone up on **AlertRivCo** at rivcoready.org for Evacuation notices and other alerts



Evacuation Terms

- Evacuation Warning
 - Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.
- Shelter in Place
 - Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.
- Evacuation Order
 - Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.



Sandbag and Sand Locations

- Station 20: 1550 6th St, Beaumont
 - Sandbags, sand, pre-filled sandbags
 - Station 22:10055 Avenida MiraVilla , Cherry Valley
 - Sandbags
 - Station 24:50382 Irene St, Cabazon
 - Sandbags and sand
 - Station 63: 49575 Orchard, Poppet Flats
 - Sandbags
 - Station 66: 628 Maple Ave, Beaumont
 - Sandbags
 - Station 89:172 N. Murray St, banning
 - Sandbags and Sand
 - Beaumont Civic Center: Magnolia and 7th Street (Parking Lot)
 - Sand
- Please bring your own shovel
 - You are responsible for filling your sandbags
 - Fill sandbags 1/2 to 2/3 full of sand, fold the remaining sandbag to make a triangle and then tuck the triangle under the bag when you lay on the ground
 - Some locations may have pre-filled sandbags