

# **IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE THREATENING PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT**

**May, 2013**

**Keep posted on progress of any fire threatening the fire district by listening to radio broadcasts on your local radio station.**

In the event of a fire in close proximity of the fire district, residents should have a “Go Kit” in advance. Be prepared for a lengthy stay. Take necessary items such as medication, prescriptions, personal papers, change of clothing and some valuables, all within reasonable limitations, as to safety and available time space. Pets and animals are your personal responsibility.

Prepare a Family Communication Plan in Advance so all family members know how to contact each other if separated.

Hook up garden hoses, and check out your water supply for possible wetting down roofs to prevent ignition by blowing embers.

If the Fire Chief, PLFD declares a public safety emergency you may be asked to voluntarily evacuate during this period.

If the Fire Chief, PLFD declares a mandatory evacuation due to imminent threat of fire within the district, a community evacuation warning siren located at PLFD Station # 61 on Hualapai Mountain Road will be sounded for a period of 15 minutes. You are required to evacuate your home immediately. MCSO or Emergency Service Personnel will be going door to door to ensure compliance with the evacuation order. Broadcasts on local radio stations and NOAA weather radio will occur. Traffic control on Hualapai Mountain Road by MCSO will determine the route of escape, and direct you accordingly.

**Turn off propane tank to your home. Do not turn off electricity or water.**

Once you have secured your home, **TIE A WHITE CLOTH, TOWEL OR OTHER DESIGNATED NOTIFICATION** to your front door and any active door that you use so that Emergency services and Law Enforcement personnel will know that you have gone.

A Reception Center will be designated by MCEM and communicated to the local FD, MCSO, the Incident Command, and the local radio stations to pass to the public. Make sure you report to the Reception Center, even if you will not be staying there, so that information concerning your location is available for local officials and inquiries by friends and family.

**IN THE EVENT OF ANY EVACUATION, VOLUNTARY OR MANDATORY PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Stay clear of firefighting operations. Do not block fire district roads with vehicles. Yield to any oncoming emergency vehicles immediately.

Close all windows (cover if possible) and remove combustibles from near windows and other openings. Close heavy drapes and shutters.

Understand your proximity to the fire and listen closely for the evacuation route that will be used in case of an evacuation notice. MCSO will direct departing traffic to the designated escape route.

1. PRIMARY Evacuation Route – Hualapai Mountain Road to Kingman
2. SECONDARY Evacuation Route – Flag Mine Road to Antelope Wash Road (Wild Cow Campground) to Blake Ranch road to I-40. This evacuation route requires 4 wheel drive vehicles.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE to evacuate, please notify the Pine Lake Fire Department at 928-757-3570 or 928-716-3570 or the MCSO at 928-753-0753 or 911/928-753-2141.

**DO NOT TIE-UP PHONE LINES, ESPECIALLY CELL PHONE TOWERS.**

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO YOUR RESIDENCE** unless the evacuation order has been rescinded by the Fire Chief, PLFD. Stayed tuned to local radio and news sources for the latest information. Shelters for evacuee's who require them will be designated by Mohave County Emergency Management in the event of an evacuation.

Upon returning to your home heed advice from official sources on how to cope with debris and burned areas. Use caution in turning on gas and check all electrical as well as water supply.

**TIME IS IMPORTANT – MOVE FAST – BUT SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY. DO NOT PANIC.**

Please Note: The Siren is occasionally tested on Saturday at 12:00 noon for 30 seconds during the fire season.