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### Update on Escondido House Burn Operation

The evacuation notice has been lifted. Reverse 9-1-1 calls were delivered to all evacuation and shelter in place zones. People are now returning to their homes. Two homes on Via Scott and one on North Nutmeg Street remain evacuated.

The fire will continue to smolder through the night. Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten says "It is unlikely that there will be any related health effects associated with the fire. In general, the ash from a normal house fire does not build up in areas outside the immediate vicinity the way it might during a wildfire. It is possible homes very close to the burn site may smell smoke. While it is unlikely that neighbor will experience any symptoms, smoke can cause eye and throat irritation, coughing, and difficulty breathing. People who are at greatest risk of experiencing symptoms due to smoke include those with chronic lung disease (such as asthma) and/or heart disease, young children, pregnant women, and older adults. Please keep your windows and doors closed overnight. Do not run any fans that bring smoky outdoor air inside. If an individual does develop respiratory problems during the night, they should seek medical care."

Traffic Control Points have been lifted except for Via Alexandra. Only residents can access Via Alexandra. The road is closed to control the equipment needed for debris removal.

At this time, there is no media access to the burn site until the debris removal has been completed and everything has been rendered safe. Media continuing to cover the cleanup operation can park on Nutmeg Street.

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