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Update on Escondido House Burn Plan

Today, members of the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit are making final preparations at 1954 Via Scott for the burn day. They are evaluating the structure and doing an internal survey to bring the house down as safely and quickly as possible. They are also monitoring weather patterns to determine the best date for the burn operation.

San Marcos firefighters are on site to support the bomb technicians as they go inside the house. They are on standby in case there's a chemical exposure or fire. County contractors completed the protective wall to the north of 1954 Via Scott and finished clearing vegetation that could catch fire.

Escondido Firefighters are setting up equipment coming from various agencies at the Incident Command Post at Fire Station No. 3 which is just a block away from the target zone at 1808 Nutmeg Street.

County HAZMAT is also on site to assist the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit in identifying hazardous materials during today's operation. Funding has been secured to pay for the cleanup. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has agreed to provide funding for all the debris removal from the site except for the concrete slab.

Escondido Police are finalizing evacuation and shelter in place zones and initial door-to-door educational flyers (indicating whether homeowners are within the evacuation or shelter in place zones) will be distributed either tonight or tomorrow in preparation for the burn day activities.

There's 24/7 security around the scene. There are 7 deputies and 1 sergeant with the Sheriff Mobile Field Force. Mobile Command Vehicle 5 is also on site.

The Sheriff's Department is working on the best possible access for the media. Information about where the media can stage and the location of the Joint Information Center (JIC) will be announced tomorrow. A separate release will be issued with all the details and a map. The release will also be posted on www.sdcountyemergency.com.

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