

# Community education class

STATION 13

## **What to do in the event of an evacuation.**

1. Transfer all pictures and important documents to an external Hard Drive so in the event you have to leave your house you can easily take everything in a small package. If you have items you can't do this with have them easily accessible in as small a box as possible so they can be loaded into car fast.
2. Pack suitcases with enough cloths to last you a couple of days.
3. Have all prescription medication in 1 spot so it's easy to grab and take with you.
4. Keep car full of gas during danger days.
5. Keep a case of water and some snack food handy so you can take it with you in the event you get stuck in traffic for a long time.
6. If you have pets make sure you have everything you need to take them with you. (Collars, leashes, food and car carriers if needed especially for cats.)
7. Keep some cash with you because if power goes out stores will not be able to do electronic sales.
8. If told to evacuate try to do it as quick as possible
9. Unless life safety issue do not turn around and head back home because you forgot something as you may cause a traffic jam with people trying to escape.
10. Have a drive plan for the quickest route to the freeway.
11. If possible tape a note to the front door stating that you have evacuated so 1<sup>st</sup> responders know your house is good and does not need to be searched
12. Close all windows and doors so embers can not get into house
- 13. Close all blinds and shut heavy curtains to help keep heat out of house.**
14. If you have propane know how to shut off tank before you leave.
15. Create a check-off list of all the things mentioned above so you will not forget anything and keep it handy - like on the refrigerator.
16. Have a predetermined meeting spot in the event other family members are not home. Example: we will all meet at the Temecula mall.
17. The fire may determine whether you go North or South on the freeway so have a plan for each direction.
18. Try and use 1 car to evacuate. This will help alleviate traffic congestion and help you from getting separated from family members.
19. If you have a landline you are already a part of the Sheriff Departments reverse 911 systems and will be called if there is a significant event going on in your area. The Deer Springs fire safe council has a similar system you can sign up for and an automated information hotline. This information is available on their website just Goggle them. Don't forget to sign up your cell phone as well.
20. Keep a car charger, for your cell phones, in your glove box so you don't lose communications during an evacuation.
21. If you have need for assistance (like can't lift wheelchair into car) talk to your neighbors to see if anyone would be able to assist you as fire and law enforcement personnel might not be available.