

Date: September 10, 2020

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Reginald Harrison, Director, Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Communications 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Update on California Wildfires**

The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains activated at Level 2 for the COVID-19 response. Additionally, we are working with the Long Beach Fire Department to monitor the devastating impacts of the wildfires and potential effects to our community and our firefighters.

Wildfires overview (as of September 10, 2020 at 0700 hours):

- 33 Long Beach Firefighters deployed to various fire locations
- 29 active, major fires burning across the state
- 14,000 firefighters deployed across the state
- More than 3.1 million acres burned and 4,200 structures damaged or destroyed
- 68,000 California residents evacuated
- 12 fatalities, including 1 firefighter

Nearest to Long Beach are the Bobcat Fires in the Angeles National Forest, and the El Dorado Fire in the San Bernardino Mountains. City Health Officer Anissa Davis issued a Public Health Notice urging residents to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in areas directly impacted by smoke and ash.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 570-9460 or Fire Chief Xavier Espino at (562) 570-2509.

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