



## Monthly Newsletter

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## *Sign up for Smart 911*

*Provide life-saving information to first responders*

All the recent news about tragic wildfires and floods is a reminder of how important it is to be prepared for emergencies. One way to do that is to sign up for a free county service called Smart911.

Smart911 is provided by the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services as part of its overall reverse 911 system, which sends out messages to alert recipients of potential threats or dangers in the community.

However, Smart911 goes further than that. It is a system that allows first responders to instantly pull up personalized information that you have entered into a secure database about your family, your home and your vehicles. So, if you call 911 or if you are injured in an accident, first responders can quickly look up such things as your health information or your family contacts.

Smart911 allows residents to create a safety profile of personal and household data, including household members and pets, photos, medications or medical conditions that are immediately viewable by 911 dispatchers. This safety profile provides information and details that may not otherwise be readily available during a crisis. The system is secure and the data is neither sold nor used in any marketing effort.

It also allows residents to provide first responders with specific directions to their property, information about utility shut-off locations and other crucial details. You can associate your family's mobile phones to home and work addresses and even specific family members, ensuring that the appropriate response team is quickly dispatched to the right location.

Smart911 is a secure free service. It is incorporated into the county's emergency alert system, which also provides alerts via email and/or phone. When you sign up for the alerts, you can specify what types of alerts you wish to receive. These includes alerts that are critical and time-sensitive, such as flooding, levee failures, severe weather, disaster events, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.



The Smart911 portion of the system serves the entirety of Sacramento County and is funded by the Homeland Security Grants Program.

To sign up for Smart911, you can begin by signing up for alerts at <https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Pages/Emergency-Alerts-Notification-System.aspx>. And you can go directly to Smart911 at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com).

## *How to donate safely to Maui fire victims*

In the wake of the tragic wildfire on the island of Maui, many of us naturally are looking for ways to help. Following is a list of vetted charities working to assist the victims of this horrific tragedy:

American Red Cross of Hawaii

<https://www.redcross.org/local/hawaii.html>

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- The Office of the Governor of Hawaii has [directed](#) donors to the [Hawaii Community Foundation](#).
- [Maui United Way](#) is accepting donations to provide direct relief to families and local nonprofits.
- [Verified fundraisers](#) on GoFundMe are raising money to help residents rebuild and recover.
- Shoppers in Hawaii can make donations of up to \$249 at their nearest Foodland, which is accepting donations at checkout to support the [American Red Cross](#).
- The [Maui Mutual Aid Fund](#) is accepting donations to support Maui families, elderly residents, people with disabilities and those with limited or no insurance.
- Aloha United Way, a Honolulu-based nonprofit organization, has created the [Maui Relief Fund](#) that will go directly toward efforts supporting victims of the fires.
- The Salvation Army's [Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division](#) is accepting donations to provide meals for thousands displaced in Maui emergency shelters.
- The [Maui Food Bank](#) is providing meals for thousands of displaced residents.
- The Hawaii Restaurant Association is organizing donations and volunteer efforts on Maui and Oahu. You can sign up to join relief efforts on Maui [here](#), or fill in forms to help evacuees transported to Oahu [here](#).
- Animal shelters including [Maui Humane Society](#) and [Hawaiian Humane Society](#) are helping injured and displaced animals as well as assisting in reuniting missing pets with owners.
- Pacific Whale Foundation, a Maui nonprofit, has been using its own vessels to transport relief supplies from Ma'alaea Harbor to Kaanapali and is collecting donations at its Pacific Whale Foundation Ocean Store at the Ma'alaea Harbor Shops. The nonprofit has created a PWF ['Ohana Relief Fund](#) to provide assistance to those whose lives have been impacted by the wildfires.

## *DA offers youth services app*

The Sacramento County District Attorney's office has launched an app designed to help young people connect to community resources for everything from finding a job to getting help with emotional or drug problems.

According to the district attorney's office, the app – “Youth & Community Connect” (YCC) –

is the first specifically dedicated to youth and their families, linking them directly to resources and services provided by community and faith-based organizations, schools and government agencies that provide youth services within Sacramento County.

The app is hosted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with Always Knocking, Inc., La Familia Counseling Center and Brother to Brother.

To view a student-produced video about the app, [CLICK HERE](#).

To get the app, go to <https://www.sacda.org/in-the-community/community-programs/yccapp/>.

Law enforcement agencies including the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento Probation Department will have the app placed on their work-issued phones, as well.

## *A Great American River Clean-Up Sept. 23*

Volunteers are being sought by The American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF) for the [Great American River Clean-Up](#), which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon.



According to ARPF, this is the largest clean-up event of the year. Individuals and groups of all ages and sizes are welcome to participate.

To volunteer as an individual, family, or group with fewer than 20 people, chose one of the following locations and use the link to register:

- Discovery Park: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=370>
- Paradise Beach: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=371>
- Howe Avenue (14+ years and older only): <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=372>
- Watt Avenue: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=373>
- William B Pond: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=374>
- River Bend: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=375>
- Sunrise: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=376>
- Nimbus Fish Hatchery: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=377>
- On Water Bringing your own boat: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=337>
- On Water Borrowing a boat: <https://apps.arpf.org/volunteer-opportunities?VO=341>

To volunteer as a group with 20 or more people, email [volunteer@arpf.org](mailto:volunteer@arpf.org) or call 916-486-2773. Below are the available locations to sign up as a group:

- Township9 (18+ years and older only)
- Northgate/Woodlake (18+ years and older only)
- Sutter's Landing (14+ years and older only)
- Cal Expo (18+ years and older only)
- Northrop Ave (18+ years and older only)
- Guy West Bridge (14+ years and older only)
- Gristmill
- Sarah Court

- Ancil Hoffman
- Rossmoor Bar
- Sacramento Bar
- Sailor Bar – Olive Avenue Entrance
- Sailor Bar – Illinois Entrance
- Nimbus Fish Hatchery
- Black Miner's Bar

SacRT is offering free rides to cleanup locations. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a flyer to present to the bus operator or SacRT staff upon request.

ARPF is also looking for individuals to volunteer as site captains. To volunteer, email [volunteer@arpf.org](mailto:volunteer@arpf.org) or call 916-486-2773.

## *Rattlesnakes and pets*

A WDDNA member recently reported that his dog was bitten on the nose by a 30-inch rattlesnake hidden in the shade behind a plastic wading pool.

“Luckily, I was nearby in our side yard and heard loud, painful yelps and rushed in to find a backing-up, cowering dog and a mean-looking, coiled snake,” said the member.



The member took his dog to Country Oaks Veterinary Hospital and was referred for emergency treatment to the Sacramento Veterinary Emergency Referral Center at 9801 Old Winery Place in Rancho Cordova. Phone: (916) 362-3111.

“We found a very attentive, focused and professional staff who took him immediately into the back ER room for testing and anti-venom treatment,” the member noted. “They kept him for five hours of treatment and observation and, when we returned for pick-up, sent us home with thorough care instructions and what we could expect for symptoms during the recovery period.”

This is a reminder that we share the beautiful American River Parkway with indigenous wildlife, including rattlesnakes that sometimes find their way into neighboring yards.

For detailed rattlesnake information, a video and an article about protecting pets from rattlesnakes, you may go to the WDDNA Rattlesnake Awareness page in our Videos Plus section. It is a free resource and available to members and non-members. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the page.

## *Evacuation zone information*

Following recent reports of fire and flood in California, the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services (OES) recently released the following information about county evacuation zones.

OES has partnered with local cities to provide residents with [evacuation zone maps](#)

**online.** Knowing your evacuation zone and evacuation route before an unexpected disaster occurs can help you and your family stay safe.

#### **How to Prepare for an Emergency:**

- **Know your zone** - Visit the [interactive map online](#) and type in your home address. The map will generate your Zone Number.
- **Download your evacuation zone map & emergency go kit checklist** – Visit the [Evacuation Zone Map webpage](#) and click on your Zone Number.
- **Inform family & neighbors** – Share the map and checklist with household members and neighbors, then plan your evacuation route and meeting point.
- **Prepare your emergency go bag** – A checklist is provided with each map and your go bag should include essential items like food, water, chargers, a radio, a change of clothes, medications, and important documents for everyone in the household, including pets.
- **Sign up for emergency alerts** – [CLICK HERE](#) Visit <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=> to receive emergency texts, calls, and/or emails to your device.

Maps are accessible, downloadable, printable and available in nine different languages. County residents will also receive a printed copy of their evacuation zone maps in the mail. Individuals with livestock can [view livestock evacuation maps and routes online](#) as well.

To learn how to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency like a wildfire or flood, visit [CLICK HERE](#).

## *Member Q&A*

**Q:** Because of family illness, we will be out of our home for an extended period of time and we are not sure when we will return. May we ask for an open-ended patrol watch while we are away?

**A:** Yes, you may. For special situations like this, it is best to simply contact Brian Smith, our WDDNA liaison with our deputies. He will set up the extended watch request for you. You will want to provide him with all the pertinent contact information, including the name of a neighbor or local contact who can respond quickly in case of an emergency.

To reach Brian Smith, you may email him at [casigns28@outlook.com](mailto:casigns28@outlook.com).

Also, you should make sure to forward or hold your mail, cancel newspaper deliveries and divert all package deliveries to an alternate location or have them held for pickup.

## *HOW TO CALL FOR HELP*

### **IN AN EMERGENCY**

If you have an immediate emergency - if your life or property is in immediate danger, if you feel threatened by someone on or near your property, if you have just become the victim of a crime or if you are witnessing a crime in progress:

- CALL 911 from a land line.
- Or, if calling from a cell phone within Sacramento County, call (916) 874-5111.

**TO REPORT A CRIME**

There are two ways to report a crime to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

1. Call the Sheriff's Department NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (916) 874-5115. To bypass the recorded messaging when you call, dial 0 after the line is answered.
2. File a report online through the Sheriff's Department website. Click on this link to begin the process: [https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime\\_report.php](https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime_report.php)

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (Not an emergency)**

If you see someone engaged in suspicious activity but it is not an emergency, call 916-874-5115 (Sheriff's Department non-emergency line).

**GENERAL CONCERNS, REPORTS OR QUESTIONS**

If you have an issue that can be addressed later, you may contact our neighborhood patrol officers about it. The best way is via **EMAIL at [wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com](mailto:wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com)**.

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