



Press Release

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Subject: Incoming Weather Storm

From: Kern County Fire Department

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Kern County Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services are preparing for the incoming storm beginning this evening. The heaviest rainfall is predicted for Wednesday and will continue into Thursday. The Kern County Fire Department has resources and heavy equipment ready, if needed, to be used in case of emergency.

We urge all residents that live within the county lines to be prepared for the incoming storm. County residents should also take flood safety precautions and heed evacuation orders, if issued. Additional caution will need to be taken by the residents of the Kern River Valley due to increased threat in burn scar areas. We want to remind all county residents to not drive through standing or moving water. It's always best to "Turn Around, Don't Drown."

If significant weather occurs we will use ReadyKern to notify residents in the areas of concern. Residents can register for the ReadyKern alert system to keep up to date with the latest emergency alerts at <http://www.kerncountyfire.org/education/ready-kern.html>.

Residents can also call Kern County's 2-1-1 information system for more on the storm or preparedness.