

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Commanding Officers


FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau


SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE STORMS AND FLOODING INCIDENT CHECKLIST –
SUPERVISOR'S FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

The *Storms and Flooding* Incident Checklist contained within the Supervisor's Field Operations Guide (Volume 2 of the Emergency Operations Guide) has been updated and is now available on the Department's Local Area Network under the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator's link.

If there are any questions, please contact Sergeant Michael Hammett, Officer in Charge, Emergency Preparedness Unit, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-5730.

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STORMS AND FLOODING

<p>COMMAND OBJECTIVES (IC/OPERATIONS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Size Up of the affected area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location of severe flooding or mudslides. ○ Size of the involved area (actual and potential). ○ Type of area (business, residential, hillside, etc.). ○ Ingress/egress routes for emergency vehicles. ○ Additional Department personnel required and location of Staging Area, (emphasize numbers, not units). ○ Location and radio designation of the Incident Command Post. • Control of emergency vehicle ingress/egress routes. • Perimeter and traffic control. • Evacuation, if necessary. See Evacuation Checklist. 	<p>INCIDENT COMMANDER TASKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the incident is not impacting LAPD resources, send an Agency Representative to the Fire Incident Command Post (ICP). • If the incident is impacting LAPD resources, establish Unified Command. • Begin the unified planning process by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completing the ICS Form 201, which consists of the Map Sketch, Summary of Current Objectives and Actions, Current Organization, and Resource Summary. ○ Building an organizational chart appropriate to the scope of the incident/event (i.e., Branches, Groups, and Divisions). <p>NOTIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Fire Department • Watch Commander • RACR/DOC
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SCOPE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District declares Phase I, II and III storm warnings. Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division (RACR)/ Department Operations Center (DOC) is responsible for Phase I, II and III notifications to all Areas. The Fire Department determines the need for general evacuation of an area. However, police officers at the scene may order an evacuation under emergency conditions. The LAPD mission during flood emergencies is to support the LAID Incident Commander as a Branch, Group or a Division in the Operations Section of the incident organization.

Definitions:

Phase I - indicates that the overall condition of the area is basically safe for the public to conduct its business as normal with only minor, localized disruption and only minor, localized damage anticipated.

Phase II - indicates that the overall condition of the area is basically safe for the public to conduct its business with numerous localized disruptions and significant local damage anticipated.

Phase III - indicates that the overall condition of the area is extremely hazardous with significant disruption to the public in conducting its normal business and many major problems.

Area Watch Commander/Field Supervisor Responsibilities

- Upon learning of Phase I, II, or III warnings, watch commanders of oncoming watches should notify their personnel to have appropriate rain gear on hand, and to be prepared to spend a prolonged time in the rain.
- Instruct field personnel to report to the Area watch commander any significant damage they observe during their tour of duty. The Area watch commander shall telephonically notify the RACR/DOC of all reported storm damage.

When major damage has occurred that does NOT impact LAPD resources

Ensure an Area supervisor has been sent to the LAFD/Fire Incident Command Post as an Agency Representative to maintain liaison and to keep the Department informed of necessary directives and intelligence from the Incident Commander. Establish and maintain communications with the Liaison Officer.

When major damage has occurred impacting LAPD resources

- Ensure that a Size Up has been obtained by field units and has been communicated to RACR/DOC and Communications Division:
 - Location of severe flooding or mudslides.
 - Size of the involved area (actual and potential).
 - Type of area (business, residential, hillside, etc.).
 - Ingress/egress routes for emergency vehicles.
 - Additional Department personnel required and location of Staging Area. (Emphasize numbers, not units.)
 - Location and radio designation of the Law Branch Director and Group/Division Supervisor(s).
- Ensure that LAFD has been notified.
- Have the Area water inundation maps and appropriate Standing Plans brought to the field.
- Direct personnel to specific missions:
 - Ingress/egress routes for authorized vehicles.
 - Perimeter control to keep unauthorized vehicles and pedestrians out of the area in accordance with directions from the LAFD Incident Commander.
 - If the LAFD Incident Commander orders evacuation of an area, see the Evacuation Checklist of this Guide.

Additional Reference Information

Emergency Preparedness Bulletin – Volume 10, Number 10: 2015 “Godzilla” El Nino
Emergency Preparedness Bulletin – Volume 10, Number 11: 2015 Storm/Flood Preparedness Guide

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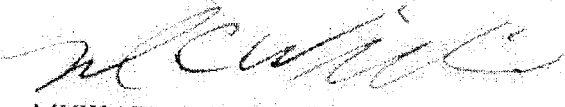
FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau


SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN VOLUME 10, NUMBER 10 –
2015 “GODZILLA EL NIÑO”

The Emergency Preparedness Bulletin, Volume 10, No. 10, entitled 2015 – “*Godzilla El Niño*” is now available on the Department’s Local Area Network under the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator link. In anticipation of the El Niño weather system expected in the upcoming months, Area/Divisions should review and update as necessary their flood inundation plans found within their respective Standing Plans.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Sergeant I Michael Hamnett, Officer in Charge, Emergency Preparedness Unit, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-5730.

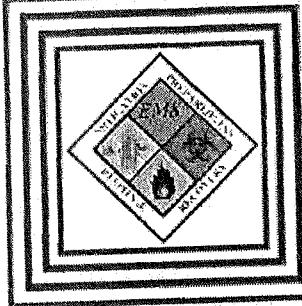
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The 2015 - El Niño is forecasted to possibly be the strongest on record. Based on the current build-up of contributing factors, researchers are referring to this particular coming El Niño as the "Godzilla El Niño." According to Angela Fritz, Atmospheric Scientist and Deputy Weather Editor for the Washington Post, "This year's El Niño exploded across the equatorial Pacific Ocean in March and April, while the 1997 version was still getting its legs." Bill Patzert, climatologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory stated in a Los Angeles Times article, "In February of 1998 alone, we had four big storms and two small storms, and we got almost a year of rain in one month." Patzert continued by stating, "February looked like something that should have been spread over the entire winter." Using the past El Niño experience as an indicator for future weather behavior, what this may mean to those of us in Southern California is, in the coming winter months, we will likely get a large amount of rain in a very short period of time.

