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## EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2019-02/14

**TO:** Riverside County EMS System

**FROM:** Trevor Douville, Deputy EMS Administrator *T.D.*

**SUBJECT:** Weather Event

**DATE:** February 14, 2019 – 14:00 hrs.

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The Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA), as part of the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) program, is closely monitoring the impacts of the current weather event. Additionally, the County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is activated and tracking all weather related emergency response activity. If your healthcare facility or EMS organization is impacted and or need assistance please coordinate with your local jurisdiction and notified the REMSA Duty Officer. Please ensure that your administration and operations personnel are prepared to manage and communicate weather related impacts. **To report an incident: Contact the EMS Duty Officer at (951) 712-3342**

### **WEATHER STATUS:**

Western and Central Riverside County are receiving significant amounts of rain since 2 am last night. In the last 24 hours the Holy Fire burn area has received over 6 inches of rain and the Cranston Fire burn area has received over 5 inches of rain. A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect until 10 PM today. Moderate to heavy rainfall will continue for much of the day, finally moving east of the area by around 6 PM. Isolated thunderstorms are also possible with rainfall rates that would exceed 15 and 20 minute burn area thresholds. From 6 PM today to noon Friday, only a few light showers are expected.

### **FLOODING/DEBRIS FLOW STATUS:**

There are multiple road closures due to flooding throughout Riverside County. Highway 74 is closed from Mountain Center to Hemet. Significant run-off is occurring in both the Holy and Cranston fire burn areas. Additional evacuations have been implemented to protect residents in areas experiencing flooding, mud and debris flows. There have been multiple water rescues across the County in flood control areas and low water crossings.

### **ROAD CLOSURES:**

Hwy 243 and Hwy 74 are closed, limiting ingress and egress to Idyllwild

Additional roads have been closed, see link below for further information:

Visit: <http://rctlma.org/trans/Road-Maintenance/Road-Closures> or <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>

For more storm related information, please go to [www.RivCoReady.org/StormReady](http://www.RivCoReady.org/StormReady)

