

Santa Clarita Fire Watch Patrols

The Santa Clarita Fire Watch program is designed to prevent or reduce the number of major fires by activating patrols during Red Flag Alert condition days as predicted by local fire authorities and the National Fire Weather Service. Santa Clarita Fire Watch will also be deployed over this July 4th weekend. Amateur radio volunteers of the Santa Clarita Emergency Communication Team operate this program. The team is also part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Disaster Communication Service (DCS) program. With the increased number of citizens residing in urban/wildland areas there is a greater threat to human life, loss of property and damage to the environment from devastating fires. The primary function of this program is to provide local authorities information during critical fire weather conditions. Additionally the other benefit is deterrence of fire through visibility of the program and the associated patrol activities. The area of Santa Clarita Fire Watch operations is limited to the City of Santa Clarita, neighboring unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and the Angeles National Forest.