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LINCOLN COUNTY – READY, SET, GO – WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS and LINCOLN COUNTY CITIZEN ALERT

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Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, Lincoln County Fire Districts and Departments encourage citizens to be extra cautious and adhere to all fire restrictions and bans in place in Oregon.

Lincoln County Emergency Management reminds citizens of the importance of the state-wide, READY, SET, GO! program and signing up for Lincoln County Citizen Alert notifications. Upon her return from assisting Baker County’s Emergency Operations Center this week, Lincoln County Emergency Manager Jenny Demaris stated, “The citizen understanding of fire evacuation levels and preparedness was critical to saving lives during the Central Oregon fires. Government Officials relied heavily on their emergency notification system (<http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/sheriff/page/sign-citizen-alert>) local public radio stations and social media (Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lincolncountysheriff>) outlets to communicate when to be ready, be set, and to GO!”

LEVEL 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means, “**BE READY**” for potential evacuation.

Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area and closely monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via an emergency notification system.

Final Approved Oregon Evacuation Levels June, 2014
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LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means "BE SET" to evacuate.
 You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk. This may be the only notice that you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.

LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means "GO" Evacuate NOW.
 Leave immediately. Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this assessment, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay efforts to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. This will be the last notice that you receive. Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe. Area radio, TV stations and social media sites will be provided periodic updates for citizens to monitor.

- Risk Information: www.lincoln.or.us
- Weather Information: www.wrh.noaa.gov
- Home Wireless Safety: www.oregon.gov/oc/ocpages/homeless/fireinfo.pdf
- Emergency Readiness and Emergency Notification Sign-up: www.co.lincoln.or.us/sheriff

This document has been reviewed and accepted by Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Fire Chief's Association and Oregon Department of Forestry. This document should be considered an official document to use in the event of all future evacuations.

LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means, "**BE SET**" to evacuate.

You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area. Residents should voluntarily relocate to the home of family/friends or a shelter outside of the affected area. Those choosing to remain should be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

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LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means, "**GO**" evacuate NOW. **Leave immediately!**

Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. **This will be the last notice that you receive.**

The Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office website can provide you with many resources and tips for wildland fire awareness, determine if your home is at risk, and monitor current activities within the State. Citizens are also encouraged to contact their local Fire Department or Fire Protection District for information specific to their area (contact info listed below).

The following information was provided as part of Sheriff Dennis Dotson Tip of the Week and outlines the details of the Citizen Alert program.

CITIZEN ALERT – LINCOLN COUNTY'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Your Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management has offered a mass calling notification system called Citizen Alert for nearly three years. Citizen Alert provides citizens with timely emergency notifications for events such as severe weather, distant tsunamis, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues, missing persons, dangerous wanted persons involving imminent threat to your safety, and other emergencies.

Our Citizen Alert program has all land-line or non-cell phone numbers built into our emergency notification system. However, citizens who wish to receive notifications on their other devices such as cell phone, work phone, email, text messaging, and fax are encouraged to go to the Lincoln County Sheriff's website and create their own personal profile. When you create your own profile you have the ability to manage and prioritize how you want to be contacted on the devices you have listed in your profile.

It is recommended that each person in your household with a cell phone create their own profile to ensure they receive the messages independently of other household members. Businesses are encouraged to create a profile for their property locations; you can list up to five locations ensuring you receive emergency messages affecting locations of interest to you (school, home, and work addresses, for example).

If you choose to not to create your own profile, you may still receive emergency notifications on your traditional landline home/business phone, but nowhere else. Registering your contact information will ensure accurate contact information for you and your family. All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

To sign up for emergency alerts, please visit your Lincoln County Sheriff's Office website www.lincolncountysheriff.net, emergency management department and look for tab "Sign-up for Citizen Alert". Residents who do not have a computer or internet access should contact their local library to utilize their computers free of charge or ask friends/family to assist them with signing up.

Links to additional information:

- Road Information: www.tripcheck.com
- Weather Information: www.weather.gov/
- Home Wildfire Safety: <http://www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/homewildfiresafety.aspx>
- Emergency Readiness and Emergency Notification Sign-up: www.lincolncountysheriff.net

Lincoln County Fire Services

<p>Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District (Waldport area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 563-3121 ▪ www.centralcoastfire.net <p>Depoe Bay Fire District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 764-2202 ▪ www.depoebayfire.com <p>Newport Fire Department and Newport Rural Fire Protection District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 265-9461 ▪ www.newportfire.net <p>North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 996-2233 ▪ www.nlfr.org 	<p>Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 563-4441 ▪ www.sealrockfire.com <p>Siletz Valley Rural Fire Protection District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 444-2043 <p>Toledo Fire Department & Toledo Rural Fire Protection District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 336-3311 ▪ www.cityoftoledo.org <p>Yachats Rural Fire Protection District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 547-3266 ▪ yrfpd@peak.org
<p>Oregon Department of Forestry – Toledo Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (541) 336-2273 ▪ www.oregon.gov/ODF/ 	<p>Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office</p> <p>http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/</p>

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