



Dear Mountain Resident,

When disaster strikes the hill, will you be ready?

Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) is a volunteer run 501(c)(3) non-profit. We serve **you**, the residents of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley, Mountain Center and other nearby communities.

Through preparedness, education, and planning, we equip our isolated communities for whatever may come – earthquake, fire, flood, extended power outage, or other disaster. With very limited access in and out of our communities, a local or regional disaster could cut us off for days or even weeks at a time. We are preparing for that very event.

We are incredibly grateful to all the first responders, volunteers, non-profits, and other individuals and community groups, who banded together to respond to (and recover from) the devastating Cranston Fire. During the fire, MDP's radio network, volunteers, CERT coordination, and more, were utilized.

MDP is funded entirely by donations from people like you. **Your support allows us to serve you better. Please give at a level that is meaningful for you. Here are some of the many ways MDP serves our communities:**

- MDP serves as the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) coordinator for the hill, supporting Idyllwild Fire and Riverside County EMD in managing this volunteer group of emergency responders.
- Our 9 DAS (Disaster Aid Stations), located across the Hill, contain search and rescue equipment, basic first aid supplies, and other disaster essentials to support our CERT volunteers.
- Our emergency network of handheld VHF radios and repeaters allow us to communicate when cell phones, landlines and power are out (for example, during the Cranston Fire).
- MDP partners with Idyllwild Fire, CalFire, MCFSC, USFS, Riverside County Sheriff, Riverside County EMD, and other first responders to make our communities safer.
- Our Core Medical Group partners closely with Red Cross & first responders to serve in medical emergencies during disasters.

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2018 was an important year for MDP, and a challenging year for all of us due to the Cranston Fire. Here are some things we accomplished, with your help, over this past year:

- MDP and our CERT team were entrusted to conduct the repopulation checkpoint in Banning when the Cranston Fire evacuation was lifted. We successfully and safely welcomed over 1,600 vehicles home over a 9 hour period.
- During the Cranston Fire, Idyllwild Emergency posts were viewed over 18,000 times.
- The **new DAS unit** in upper Fern Valley is in place and currently being fully equipped and supplied.
- IdyllwildEmergency.com now serves thousands of subscribers via email, Facebook, Twitter and text messaging. We continue to post major incidents as well as road closures.
- Our community meetings, including the *Stop the Bleed* training, the SoCal Edison meeting, and a planned meeting about generators/power outages, are designed to educate and prepare us all.

Please give now so that we can make our communities safer, better prepared, and continue to **serve you in case of emergency**. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely,

The Board of MDP

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PS: In service to you, our community, we have compiled important disaster resources and information on the following pages, including a map of the DAS (Disaster Aid Stations) on the hill.