

## **LACDMH STAFF CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESSFUL POWERHOUSE FIRE RECOVERY WORKSHOP IN LAKE HUGHES**

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In response to the impact of the Powerhouse Fire that burned over 30,000 acres in North Los Angeles County (May 30-June 11, 2013), Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's office and the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management hosted a fire recovery workshop at the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School in Lake Hughes on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

The recovery workshop featured more than 30 federal, state, county, non-government organizations, utilities, community groups and elected official representatives. Over 80 impacted owners, renters and businesses stopped by the "One-Stop-Shop" information center during the five-hour operation.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Emergency Outreach Bureau and Palmdale Mental Health Center staff provided information and assistance to the county's unincorporated area communities of Lake Hughes, Elizabeth Lake and Green Valley whose residents stopped by the information table. The LACDMH team featured Rakdy Khlok, Ana de la Torre, Josephina Dhungana, LMFT, Blessing Nwajuaku, PSW II, and Chanel Sneed, PSW I.

"The whole thing is just a beautifully coordinated effort," stated Ellen Goodchild, a resident of Elizabeth Lake, who spoke to a reporter from KHTS AM 1220 and Santa Clarita News.



The following is a list of participating, assisting and cooperating organizations:

#### Los Angeles County

- Animal Care and Control
- Assessor
- Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management
- Community and Senior Services
- Consumer Affairs
- Fire
- Housing Authority
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Public Social Services
- Public Works
- Regional Planning
- Sheriff

#### Federal

- Angeles National Forest
- U.S. Forest Service
- NCRS USDA
- U.S. Small Business Administration

#### State

- California Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Insurance

- State Contractors Licensing Board

#### Non-Government Organizations

- American Red Cross
- California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
- Christian Aid Ministries
- Do Your Part
- Grace Baptist Church
- Lakes Little League
- Salvation Army
- The Garment Restoration Company
- The Painted Tape
- Tzu-Chi Foundation

#### Utilities and Other Service Companies

- AT&T
- California Water Distribution
- Southern California Edison
- Verizon

#### Volunteer

- Community Emergency Response Team Lake Hughes

#### Elected Official

- U.S. Congressman Buck McKeon, 25<sup>th</sup> District of California
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Office