## **Eaton Fire Recovery**

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## Eaton Fire Recovery Purpose



The risk of illegal occupation of empty buildings is a frequent problem of daily life in California, but even more so after the Eaton Fire disaster. With most residential homesites empty and unguarded, survivors of the fire are now at risk of having to deal with illegal occupants and the lengthy court actions that follow to remove them from their property.

The LA County Sheriffs Department has implemented guidance to protect residential home sites from trespassers using a "Letter of Agency" which Authorizes Deputies to act on the property owner's behalf regarding trespassing incidents. Under the legal basis referenced under <u>Penal Code</u> 602 which defines trespassing in California, this enables the Sheriff's Department to quickly respond to and address unauthorized access to properties, including vacant or construction sites.

Property owners need to install fencing around their property and mark the entire perimeter with "No Trespassing" signs as well as complete and file the Letter of Agency with the <u>Altadena Sheriff's Station</u>, at 780 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena CA.

Altadena Sheriff's Station Releases New Anti-Trespassing Video



# Eaton Fire Recovery Mission / Scope

Team Rubicon's mission is to assist survivors of the Eaton Fire by protecting their property from illegal occupation to eliminate the concern of lengthy court actions. This will be achieved by working with local social and recovery organizations, advertising TR's skill sets, and securing RFA's and executing projects through 8-31-25



## **Eaton Fire Recovery Request For Assistance**

**Altadena Rotary** 

**Google Form** 

TR Flier

**Description of Services** 

**QR Code** 

**Included In Binders** 

Word of Mouth

Walk Ups

**FOB Phone** 



Team Rubicon is proud to assist in the efforts of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department by assisting the survivors of the Eaton Wildfire to protect their home from trespassers. We are a volunteer veteran-led organization helping those underinsured and just overwhelmed

Services offered by Team Rubicon:

**Temporary Barrier Fencing & Signage Around Property** 

Photo Evidence of Barrier Turned Into Sheriff's Department

#### Mate Plasti

Plastic snow/sand construction fence, 5' wood stakes placed approximately 6'-8', zip ties, and no trespassing signs.

Your Responsibility:

· Sign a Letter of Agency with the local LA County Sheriffs office in Altadena

Maintain the integrity of the fencing



#### Interested?

 Please fill out the information link provided by the Altadena Rotary



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Letter of Agency Program

## **Eaton Fire Recovery Field Team Composition**

5 GS Team Optimal / 3 GS Team Minimum

**Broken down into:** 

- (2) Two GS Teams / (1) Two GS Team
  - -1 Person Drops Stakes
  - -1 Person T Post Driver
  - -Both unroll and staple fence to stakes
- (1) Stike Team Leader
  - -Assist as necessary
  - -Documentation, Close Out Photo

Each Team can execute about 1 site per hour







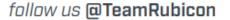


# Eaton Fire Recovery Inventory



Fencing Rolls, 100' Roll,
Temporary Fencing
Staple Gun, Roof Tarping
Kit
Staples, Box
Wood Posts, 1" x 1" x 5'
Metal T Posts, 6'

Zip Ties, Bag of 1,000
Signage, No Trespassing
T Post Driver (P3)
4lb Sledge
Rubber Mallet
Utility Knife









## Eaton Fire Recovery Site Assessment

### **Upon arriving on site:**

- Site Safety Walk
  - All sites have been cleared by USACE
  - Remaining debris consists of buried utility lines, unleveled hardscape, uneven ground from removed foundations.
- Check For Property Lines
  - Use Zillow for better idea of where property lines lie
  - Remainders of prior fencing are helpful
- Check for remaining perimeter barriers that fencing can tie into
  - Existing walls, using remaining chainlink posts, etc, can save materials and costs to TR
- Forecast future work and adjust layout as required
  - There may be follow work orders for sawyers, leave a way to unhook the barrier and place it in the notes of the work order
  - Do not attach to dead trees. They are likely to be cut soon







# **Eaton Fire Recovery Prep & Installation**



After Site Walk By The Team, Unload Required Materials & Tools At Job Site



Conduct Stake Distribution Along Projected Property Lines by pacing 6'-8' apart



T Post Driver is used to start setting posts. Do not hit the wood posts too hard as they may split

 In hard ground, metal T stakes can be used to break through the ground and provide additional stabilization to fence





## **Eaton Fire Recovery** Installation



### **Layout Fence**

- Start from rear of the property on both sides and move to the front of the property
- Try and secure to an existing post or wall to save materials and also connect to their historical property line easily
- Zip ties can be used on previously existing posts in lieu of staples
- Staple fence on the top of the pole to secure height then shift downwards using additional staples







## **Eaton Fire Recovery Installation**







### **Finishing Touches**

- The seam should be at a corner post by the driveway and set up an entry point for the owner to unhook and pull back
- Driveway should be covered as well to keep squatters from parking.
- Create a "Moveable Gate" for owner access
  - Set a fixed stake and staple a looped zip tie at the top and bottom of stake. No fencing material is stapled to this post.
  - Staple fencing to the second post and insert the bottom post into the zip tie loop and then over the top using the upper zip tie.
  - This allows the owner to pull back the fence to gain access.
- "No Trespassing" Signs should be hung at a minimum of 2 on the street front side of the property, and 2 on each side property line
- There should be no openings around the perimeter





# Eaton Fire Recovery Reporting

#### Photo's

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#### Reconcile

- Photo file in sharepoint should be reconciled at the end of the week to make sure every fencing job has a picture of the street front completed with signs in view
- For possible court purposes

#### Reporting

 At the completion of the operation, the total homes fenced by Team Rubicon will be exported to the Sheriffs Department for tracking purposes







## Eaton Fire Recovery VOAD / ENLA Concept

With the tremendous number of homes destroyed in the Altadena area, this project is much too large for just one organization to handle. Team Rubicon is enlisting the help.

### Team Rubicon can provide:

- Training and guidance to your teams
- Materials sourcing and pricing information
- List of Request for Assistance leads

#### **Materials & Estimated Costs:**

- On average, each property uses approximately 200' linear feet of fencing, (18) 5' wooden stakes, and (6) No Trespassing signs
- Estimated costs are \$163 to \$200 per homesite based on vendor sources

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