



# CITY-WIDE AFTER-ACTION REPORT STUDY SESSION

City Council Meeting  
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# Background

- The City contracted Witt O'Brien's in July 2018 to prepare a Citywide After-Action Report.
- An After-Action Report focusing on the City EOC was conducted by the Kelle Kroll Group.
- The City requested that both reports be integrated into one.

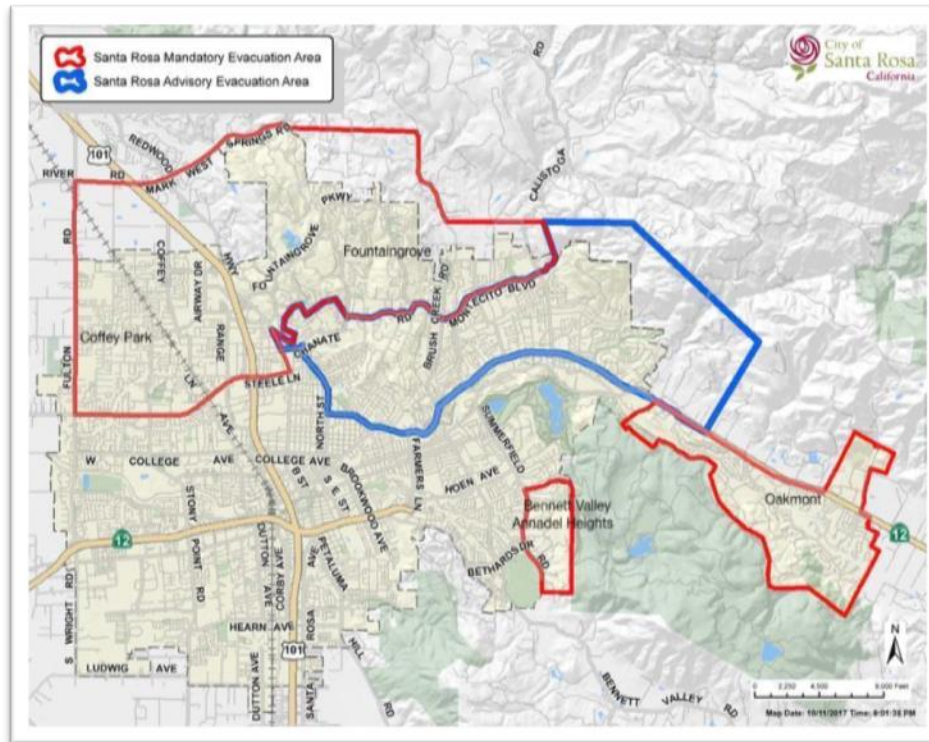
# A Night Like No Other

- Sunday, October 8, 2019
  - Evacuations
  - The City Response



# Evacuations

- Stories of City employee and community based evacuations.



# The Impacts

- Individual stories from the night of the fires.
- The ultimate costs of the fires.



# Stories

- Initiative
- Sacrifice
- Dedication
- Leadership



# Strengths

- The greatest strengths found:
  - Neighbors helped their neighbors.
  - The attitude of the entire City of Santa Rosa staff.



City of Santa Rosa EOC, photo by Press-Democrat

# Strengths (continued)

- Leadership:
  - City's leaders were trained and remained calm;
  - Leadership quickly responded to the EOC and initiated emergency actions;
  - Listened to recommendations from staff;
  - Made decisions quickly.





# Critical Recommendations

In priority order:

- More focus on emergency management:
  - Resources
  - Emergency Operations Center Coordination and Communication
  - Training
  - Exercises
  - Long Term Recovery Planning
- Recognition that these major disasters do not respect municipal boundaries. Therefore, requires regional solutions:
  - Vegetation Management
  - Joint Powers Agreement
- Learn from your experiences and share with others.

# QUESTIONS or DISCUSSION?

