

2017 Tzu Chi Santa Rosa Area Fire Response

October 9th 2017 to



Driving to Santa Rosa Fire 0700 on 10/9/2017

Fire Began: 0200

Tzu Chi Santa Rosa Volunteers

0430: Drive Santa Rosa to SF for computers/phones/camera equipment (on the way to Taiwan)

0630: Drive San Francisco to Santa Rosa to determine safety of Tzu Chi Santa Rosa office.

0800: Tzu Chi Santa Rosa office on outside of evacuation area (less than one mile). Power and water on.

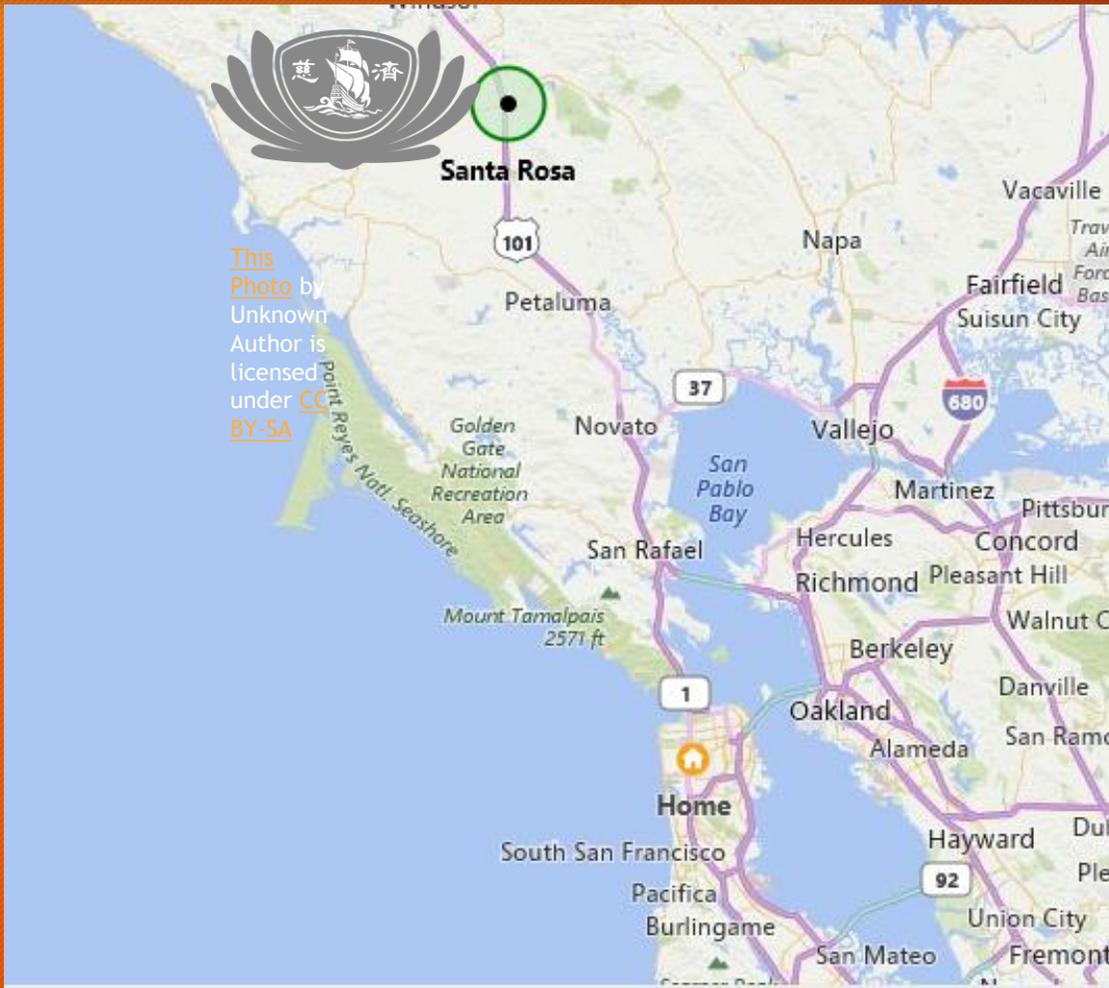
0900: Began disaster local coordination

1200: First Hot Meal service for 80 at Catholic Charities



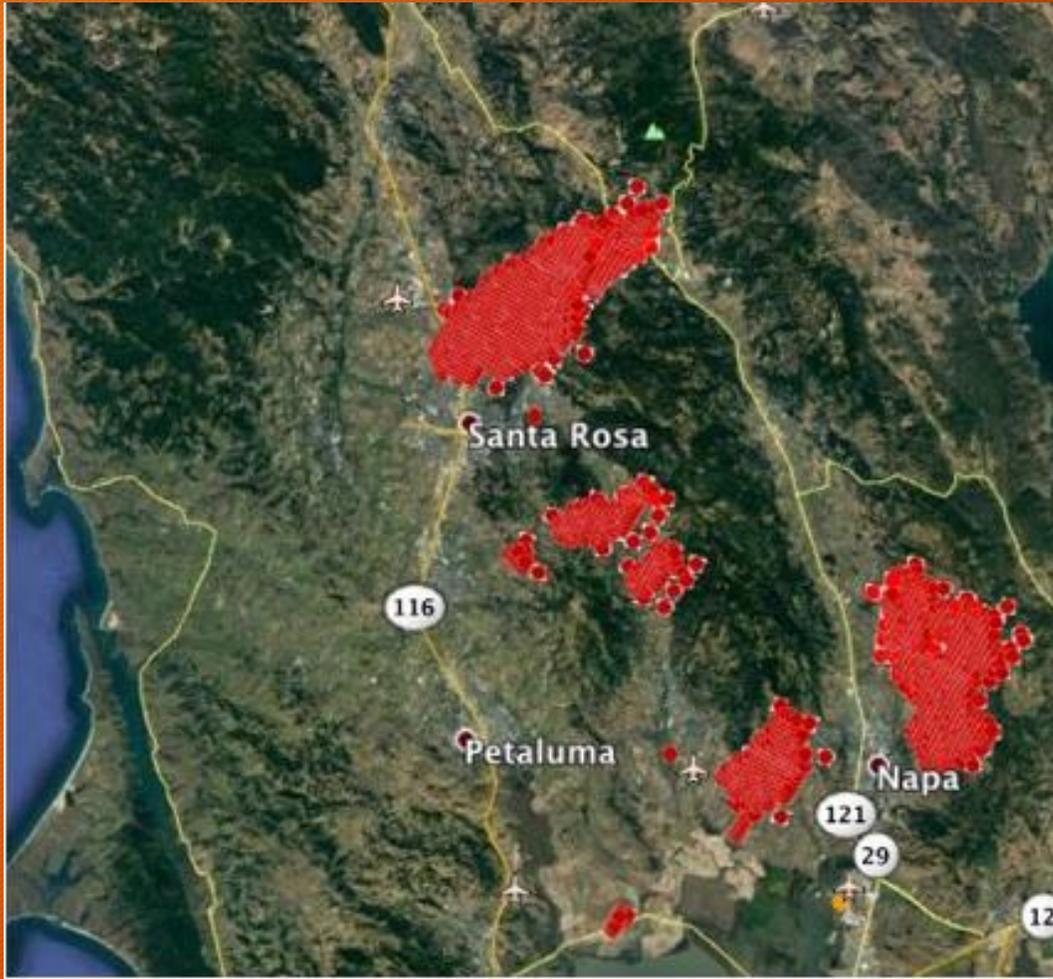
Tzu Chi Santa Rosa Office

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1500 Structures in Santa Rosa destroyed before dawn

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Many homes of great value destroyed

Impermanence

10/9 : Arrive Santa Rosa @
0900



Tzu Chi Santa Rosa SAFE

- 09:00: Arrival Tzu Chi Santa Rosa
- 09:15: Structure Safe/Power On
- Less than 1 mile to Evacuation area
- Begin preparing hot meals
- Announce OPEN STATUS via TEL/EMAIL/Social Media





11:30 Lunch for 50 Ready

12:00 Emergency Lunch Delivery





“Here comes Tzu Chi !”



Largest fire in Santa Rosa

Reinforcements Arrive 17:00
from Oakland (food)/TCNW
(blankets)



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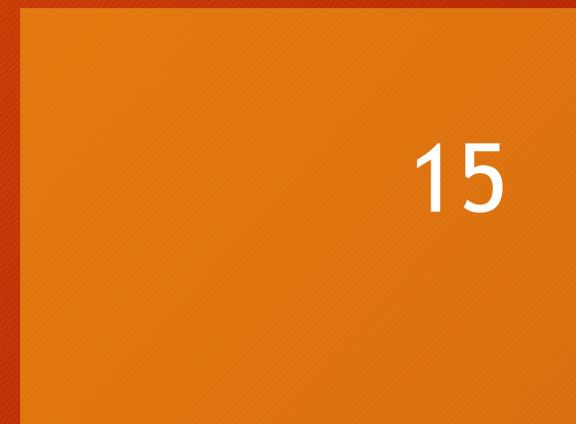
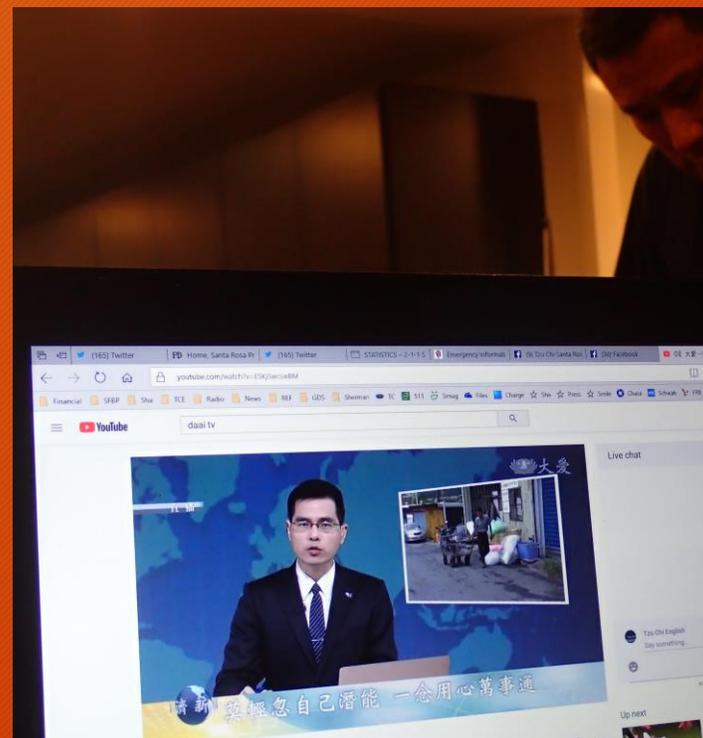
Tzu Chi Santa Rosa Prep Kitchen



Preparing Dinner for Catholic Charities



Working with DaAi TV in background brings us closer to Master in our work



Two Hotels burned to ground



Wall Street Journal Latest Report

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<https://www.wsj.com/articles/fire-ravages-california-wine-country-1507576587?mod=e2tw>

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Tourists covered their mouths from smoke coming from a burning Hilton Sonoma Wine Country hotel, where they were staying, in Santa Rosa, Calif., on Monday. JEFF CHIU/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Example of destruction video clip

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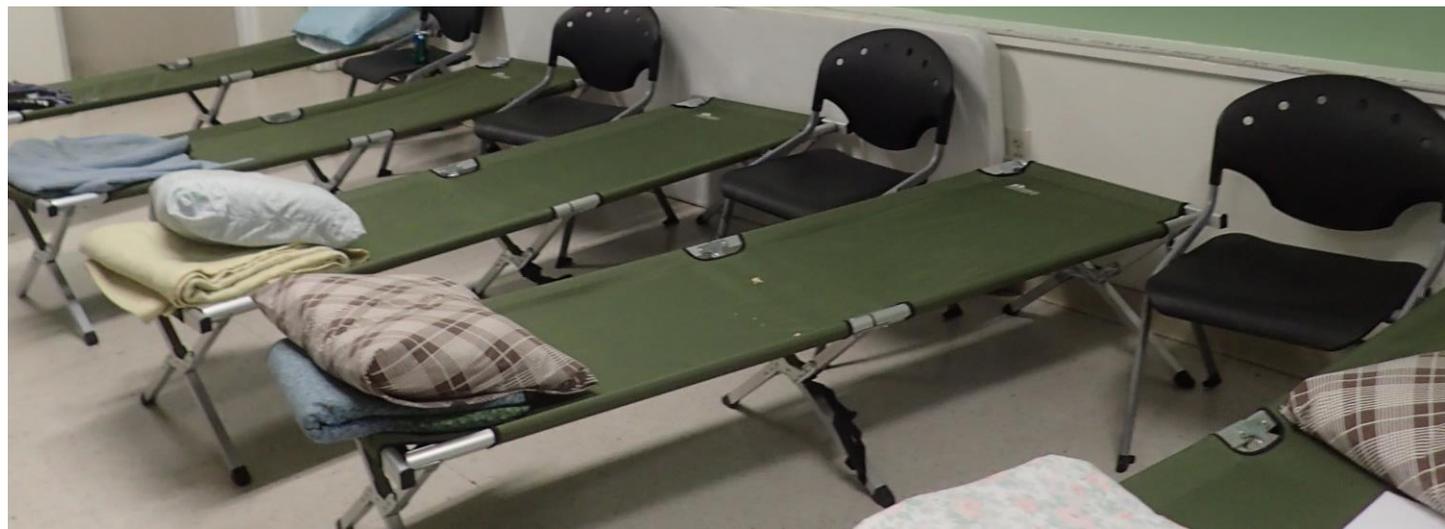
<https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cb6Q3RICze>

Entire
Neighborhoods
Destroyed



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Tzu Chi Santa Rosa supplied Dinner 10/9 to Catholic Charities



Day 2: More volunteers arrive

AM: Volunteers arrive (1 hour drive) to
prepare lunch service



Day 2: Hot Lunch to Catholic Charities

- The Family Service Center of Catholic Charities in need of prepared meals
- Hot Meals needed due to lack of manpower and materials at Center with many extra families now in residence.



Day 2: Materials and Volunteers arrive from TCNW

- Delivery of Emergency Generator
- Blankets
- Aid Supplies
- Instant Rice
- Food



Day 2: Prayer before lunch



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Day 2: Lunch & Meeting Tzu Chi Santa Rosa

- Simple lunch
- Fire Update Meeting and Planning



Day 2: Aid Distribution to affected volunteers

- Distribution to local volunteer who lost their home to fire



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Day 2: Hot Meal Preparation and Blanket Delivery

- Volunteers prepare dinner meal for Catholic Charities
- Deliver blankets to Catholic Charities Families



Day 2: Provide Veg dinner option to Red Cross Volunteers

- Provided dinner to Red Cross Volunteers at Finley Community Center Shelter
- Provided dinner (175 sandwiches and soup) to Catholic Charities Family Service Center



American
Red Cross

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Day 2: Needs Assessment at Santa Rosa Shelters

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4,991 Residents spent night in shelters on 10/9

Over 50,000 homes without power (33% of City)

North Bay residents displaced by fires find shelter in Santa Rosa community center



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Day 3: Fire Statistics

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FIRE COUNT:
22 large
wildfires

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SIZE: 170,000
acres

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DEATHS: 21

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MISSING:
Hundreds

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STRUCTURES
DESTROYED:
3,500

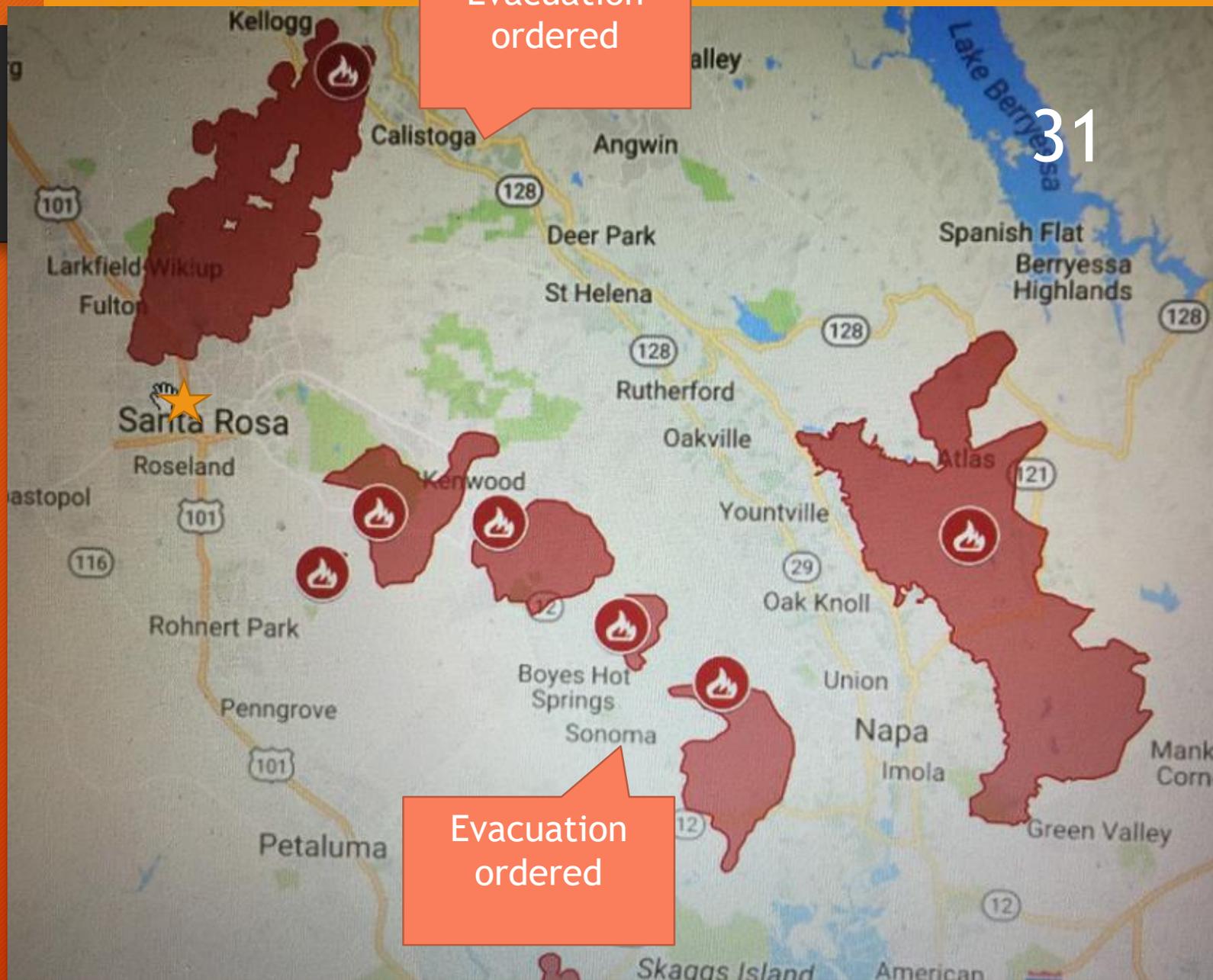
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FIRE DANGER:
RED (HIGHEST)

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EVACUATIONS:
60,000

Day 3: New Evacuations



Day 3: Preparing for more fires and evacuations

- Tzu Chi Volunteer Sister Jennifer Thai delivers new generator donated by her Brother
- Masks, Extension cords and many other items delivered from around the Bay Area arrive at our office.
- Emergency beds setup for volunteer rest



Day 3: Tzu Chi San Francisco volunteers arrive to help

- Tzu Chi SF volunteers make 1 hour 20 minute drive to Tzu Chi Santa Rosa to help in hot meal service
- Delivered lots of food, many great chefs and much laughter and love!
- Prepared Lunch for Red Cross Volunteers
- Prepared Dinner for Catholic Charities Family Service Center





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Day 3: Busy Kitchen cooking with Love

Day 3: Love from Taiwan to American Firemen

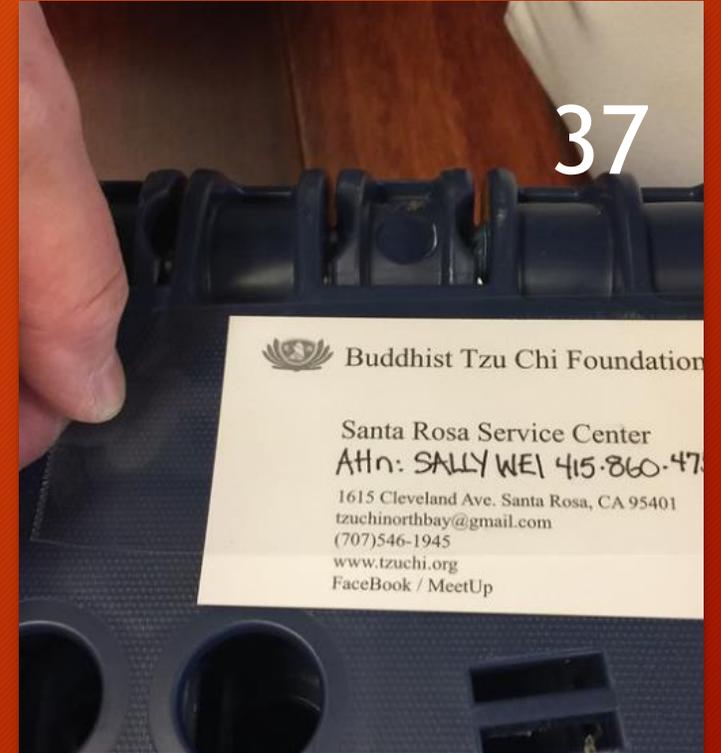
- Agreement Reached Today by Assessment Team Tzu Chi Santa Rosa
- Deliver Tzu Chi Beds and Tzu Chi Blankets to Central Fire Station
- Fire Trucks to deliver Beds to remote stations INSIDE Evacuation Zone
- Beds are needed for Firemen working 40 hours shifts to take rests
- Beds will be distributed to stations and first responder sites of greatest need.



Day 3: Love and Care for those who keep our Society Safe and Peaceful

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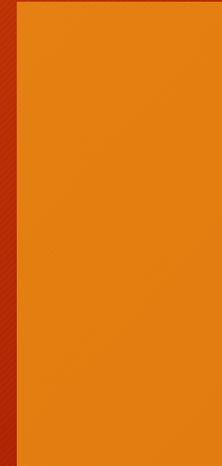


Day 3: Tzu Chi Beds to Fire Department

Day 3: Fire can be seen from Tzu Chi Santa Rosa



View from outside Tzu Chi Office Today



21:00: American Red Cross request Tzu Chi to man NIGHT SHIFT of new shelter opened tonight.

21:15: Three Commissioners Depart for Contra Costa County (1 hour)

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Day 3: Emergency Call from
American Red Cross



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