PG&E hosts Wildfire Safety Webinar targeting Access and Functional Needs customers

By Vera Kochan

Lamorinda is in the middle of fire season again, and Pacific Gas & Electric Company offered its customers a July 25 webinar aimed at enlightening Access and Functional Needs (AFN) residents. The webinar began with updates on PG&E's efforts to combat wildfires before discussing resources and partnerships to support special health needs individuals with regards to the company's Medical Baseline Program.

Hosting the webinar were PG&E's Senior Manager of **Customer Emergency Planning** and Operations Tom Smith, and Program Manager of the Public Safety Power Shutoff Program Lizz Stout.

First on the agenda was PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program discussion. Smith briefed the webinar attendees on the layers of safety which include: using the latest technologies, such as weather cameras to monitor daily conditions; ensuring safety with enhanced protection and temporary outages; keeping trees

and branches away from power lines; installing stronger powerlines and poles to withstand severe weather; and undergrounding 10,000 miles of powerlines in the highest fire risk areas to reduce ignition risk.

Stout discussed customer resources with regards to PG&E's Medical Baseline Program in the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). Customers can receive an additional monthly allotment of energy or a discount based on their rate, as well as extra notification attempts in advance of a PSPS, if the customer doesn't respond to previous alerts. To apply for the Medical Baseline Program visit: pge.com/medical baseline.

If you need extra help but don't qualify for Medical Baseline, vulnerable customers can still receive additional notification attempts, doorbell rings or a door hanger from PG&E if you did not respond to previous PSPS notifications. To certify for Vulnerable Customer status visit: pge.com/vcstatus.

If someone falls under the

category of Medical Baseline or Self-Identified Vulnerable customer, PG&E will notify them before a PSPS via a phone call, text or email. If there is no response to these notifications, PG&E will make additional attempts to reach out by ringing the doorbell or leaving a door hanger.

During a PSPS, Community Resources Centers provide solutions and up-to-date information, such as personal and medical device charging, mobile battery chargers, ADAaccessible restrooms, cooling/heating stations, bottled water/snacks, seating, and ice.

PG&E also shares partnerships with local food banks to provide food replacement packages during a PSPS and up until three days after power is restored. Meals on Wheels provides home-bound seniors with nutritious meals delivered to their homes. The service is provided to eligible and enrolled seniors who are impacted by a PSPS. For more information visit: pge.com/disabilityandaging.

Disability Disaster Access & Resources is targeted for individuals with medical and independent living needs who either live in High Fire-Threat Districts or have experienced two or more PSPS events since 2020. These may include customers who use an electrical medical device or assistive technology, have a disability or chronic condition, or rely on electricity to live independently. Some of the resources provided consist of emergency planning assistance, portable backup batteries, accessible hotel accommodations, accessible transportation, food vouchers, fuel cards for generators, and more. For more information visit: pge.com/ddar.

The Portable Battery Program is available to customers with specific medical needs who have experienced at least one PSPS since 2021, or five or more Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings outages (when power is shut off due to a detected problem on the line). PG&E provided resources include portable backup batteries, insulin cooler wallets, mini-fridges for medications or food, and extension cords.

For more information visit: pge.com/portable batterv.

PG&E also offers a Generator and Battery Rebate Program: pge.com/backuppower; a Backup Power Transfer Meter Program: pge.com/transfermeter; a Self-Generation Incentive Program: pge.com/sgip; and Fixed Power Solutions: pge.com/residential storageinitiative.

Partnering with the California network of 211s, PG&E provides AFN customers with a single source of information and connection to available resources in their communities. The services include a 24/7 connection point for all AFN households before, during and after a PSPS; PSPS education and connection to critical resources (i.e., transportation, portable backup batteries); live phone services in English and Spanish; and 300 additional languages available through teleinterpretation services. For more information visit: 211.org.

Public Safety Emergency response:

Emergency: 24 Hours Police Dispatch: 24 Hours 911 925-284-5010 Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com Lafayette Police Department: 3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680 Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt 925-299-3221 Police Department Tip Line 94549Tip@gmail.com Police Department Traffic Issues 94549Traffic@gmail.com Moraga Police Department: 329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055 Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049 **Orinda Police Department:** 22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820 Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan 925-254-6820

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Lafayette Police Department Incident **Summary** Report

July 9 - July 22 38 Alarms 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 21 Traffic 54 Suspicious Circumstances 9 25 Suspicious Subject Suspicious Vehicle Service to Citizen 15 26 Patrol Req./Security Check 13 Public/School Assembly Check Supplemental Report 0 21 Vacation House Check 11 Welfare Check 20 Ordinance Violation Vehicle violations Auto Burglary 1000 Block Walnut Dr. 3700 Block Mosswood Dr. Dui Misd 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Hit And Run Misdemeanor 3200 Block Fairholm Ct 3000 Block Bradbury Dr. Police Department (2) Reliez Valley Rd./Gloria Terrace Reckless Driving 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd. (3) Pleasant Hill Rd./Condit Rd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd Mt. Diablo Blvd./Acalanes Rd. Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. Vehicle Theft 800 Block Rosedale Ave. 3300 Block Las Huertas Rd. 3800 Block Paseo Grande, Mor Other criminal activity Fraud False Pretenses 1700 Block Springbrook Rd. Grand Theft 50 Block Lafayette Cir. Identity Theft 3500 Block Deer Hill Rd. Petty Theft 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3400 Block School St. 3700 Block Happy Valley Rd. 3200 Block Lucas Dr. 1000 Block Woodbury Rd. (2) 1600 Block Reliez Valley Rd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Élvd. 700 Block Moraga Rd. Petty Theft Bicycle 900 Block S Thompson Rd. Petty Theft From Veh 700 Block Moraga Rd. Residential Burglary 1100 Block Bacon Way 800 Block Rosedale Av Shoplift 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3) Shoplift - Attempt 3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Stolen Vehicle Recovery 600 Block Michael Ln. Nuisance to the Community Disturbance-domestic 10 Block Diablo Cir. Loud Music 900 Block Janet Ln. 3400 Block La Caminita (3) Loud Noise 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) Lombard Ln/Reliez Valley Rd. 3600 Block Bickerstaff St. 3600 Block Brook St. Loud Party 700 Block John Way 1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd. 3300 Block Walnut Ln. **Public Nuisance** 3400 Block Golden Gate Way

90 Block Lafayette Cir.

3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 20 Block Shreve Ln. 3200 Block Marlene Dr. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Happy Valley Rd./Deer Trail Vandalism 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 2900 Block Windtree Ct. Dewing Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd. 10 Block Tolan Way 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Other

- Animal Cruelty 4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Animal Services Call 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Brandishing Weapon Springbrook Rd./Bacon Way
- Fireworks 10 Block Carolyn Ct.
- Forgery 600 Block Sky Hy Cir.
- Impersonation 3700 Block Sundale Rd.
- In Custody Theft 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 900 Block Hunsaker Canyon Rd. 50 Block Lucas Ranch Rd **Unwanted Guest**
- 10 Block Hawk Canyon Pl. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 60 Block Lafayette Cir. Violation Custody Order
 - Police Department
- Violation Restraining Ord 1300 Block Masterson Ln.

Moraga Police Department Incident **Summary** Keport July 11 - July 17 Alarms 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) Traffic 43 Suspicious Circumstances Suspicious Subject 2 Suspicious Vehicle Service to Citizen Patrol Req./Security Check Public/School Assembly Check 19 5 Supplemental Report Vacation House Check 4 0 Welfare Check Ordinance Violation Vehicle violations 0 Accident Property Glenside /Reliz Station Excessive Speed Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr. (2) Moraga Way/Eastwood Dr., Ori Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (4) Moraga Way/Miramonte Dr. Moraga Way/Ifo Fire Sta 41 St Marys Rd./Bollinger Canyon Rd. Fernwood Dr./Rheem Blvd. Moraga Way/School St. Moraga Rd./Moraga Way St Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr. Moraga Way/Viader Dr. Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. (2) Moraga Rd./Woodford Dr. Reckless Driving Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. **Other criminal activity** Grand Theft 3900 Block Paseo Grande Larch Ave./Baitx Dr. Petty Theft Homegoods Mor Petty Theft From Veh 100 Block Calle La Mesa Theft Access Card 1000 Block Larch Ave. Vehicle Theft 10 Block Buckingham Dr. 3800 Block Paseo Grande 1500 Block Canyon 1400 Block Moraga Rd. Nuisance to the Community Loud Music Canyon Club Brewery Loud Noise 100 Block Tharp Dr. Vandalism 100 Block Cypress Point Way Other Fireworks 600 Block Augusta Dr. Joaquin Moraga Int School H&S/Poss Marijuana Xst Station 42 At The Bus Stop Mentally Ill Commit 1000 Block Carter Dr.



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report July 9 - July 15 28 Alarms

- 567 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) Traffic Suspicious Circumstances 2 6 Suspicious Subject Suspicious Vehicle Service to Citizen Patrol Req./Security Check 29 9 Public/School Assembly Check Supplemental Report Vacation House Check 13 Welfare Check 56 Vehicle violations Accident Injury Lavenida Dr./Moraga Way
- Accident Property 60 Block Moraga Way Camino Pablo/Bart
- Auto Burglary 70 Block Brookwood Rd.
- 70 Block Brookwood Rd. Reckless Driving Moraga Way/Orchard Rd. Moraga Way/Lloyd Ln. Reckless Driving Moraga Way/Hall Dr. Vehicle Theft El Camino Moraga Other criminal activity Burglary

- Burglary 10 Block Whitehall Dr.
- Fraud Credit Card
- 10 Block Camino Sobrante Fraud False Pretenses **Police Department**
- Grand Theft Camino Sobrante (2)
- Identity Theft
- 20 Block Los Amigos

Do You Know What to Do if a Major Earthquake or Wildfire **Hits Lamorinda?**

- Do you know your evacuation zone?

- Do you have a family plan?

- Do you have **Go-Bags packed?**
- Do you know how to operate a fire extinguisher or turn off the gas and water valves to your home?
- What is your source for updates?
- Do you know how to render disaster first aid should you or a family member need it and 911 is not available?

To answer these questions and many more, attend the **Community Emergency** Response Team (CERT) class series this Fall in Orinda.

Classes will be held in **Orinda on Thursday** nights from 9/14 -11/9. For more information and to register go to: https://classes.lamorin dacert.org

Now is the time to get prepared.

As Snoopy would say "Ten minutes before the party is not the time to learn to dance"!



Petty Theft Moraga Way 20 Block Dias Dorados Rd. Nuisance to the Community Disturbance-domestic 600 Block Moraga Way Public Nuisance 20 Block Avenida De Orinda Other Failure To Obey Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Revocation Of Probation Police Department

Transient Contact Miner Rd./Camino Sobrante Trespass 30 Block Big Rock Rd.

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