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HEAVY RAIN CAUSES FLOODING IN GARDEN GROVE

Due to the heavy rain that Garden Grove has received, the fire department opened its Department Operation Center to manage the multiple requests for service. The fire, police, and public works departments have established unified command to coordinate public safety and to ensure infrastructure needs are met. All City departments have recalled personnel to assist in this effort. Fire fighters and officers have conducted surveys of their areas for flooding and public safety issues, and continue to monitor the situation. City manager, Scott Stiles has been in the DOC throughout the day and said, "We have all hands on deck, and all departments are coordinating their efforts to be responsive to our citizens' needs."

Due to the large amount of rain, residents should stay away from flood channels and areas prone to flooding. Both the fire and police departments have assessed flooded areas, including known homeless encampment sites to ensure no one is in danger. Fire chief, Tom Schultz said, "Everyone should stay away from any flooded area due to the hidden dangers that these bodies of water have." To assist residents, the City opened an emergency shelter at the Sports and Recreation Center located at 13641 Deodora Drive. The status of the shelter will be updated on the fire department's Facebook page.

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