## ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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## ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER PHONE NUMBERS AND OTHER DEVICES WITH ALERT OC

The major power outage affecting Orange County serves as a reminder of the importance of registering all of your phone numbers and mobile devices with AlertOC, the County's emergency mass notification system.

AlertOC is designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies and certain community events. By registering at <a href="www.alertoc.com">www.alertoc.com</a>, timesensitive voice messages from the County or City in which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

Registrations of cell phones and alternate numbers increase the potential of reaching the greatest number of community members as rapidly as possible. The key feature of AlertOC is the ability for residents to register more than one contact method at a specific address. This enables landlines, cell phones and e-mail addresses to be incorporated into a single notification system.

The Public Information Hotline has been staffed and is ready to accept calls of inquiry from the public in regard to the power outage. The Public Information Hotline phone number is (714) 628-7085. Unless you have a life threatening emergency, please do not call 9-1-1.

For information on the status of the efforts by San Diego Gas and Electric to restore electric power, please visit, <u>www.sdge.com</u>.

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