

# County of Los Angeles Fire Department



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### **Shelter Opens Following Littlerock Train Derailment**

Los Angeles – July 27, 2011 – Los Angeles County firefighters report that the American Red Cross and the County Office of Emergency Management have opened up a shelter at Almondale Middle School at 9330 East Avenue U in Littlerock for area residents, following the early afternoon derailment of a 70-car Union Pacific freight train near 92<sup>nd</sup> Street E. and E. Avenue T in the unincorporated area of Littlerock. The evacuation zone borders 90<sup>th</sup> Street East to the west, Avenue S to the north, 116<sup>th</sup> Street East to the east, and the train tracks to the south.

When firefighters arrived on scene, they found 20 of the 70-car train derailed. Hazardous Materials teams are now in the process of checking all the derailed cars for leaks. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is conducting evacuations of area residents.

For further information, please contact Los Angeles County Fire Department at 323-881-2411, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department at 661-272-0650, or American Red Cross at 661-267-0650.

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