



## **THE LAFD AND LAPD NEED HELP!**



THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PREPARE FOR WHAT COULD BE THE MOST DEVASTING BRUSH FIRE SEASON IN RECENT HISTORY , BUT YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED. THERE ARE AREAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT COULD BE INACCESSIBLE TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUE TO VEHICLES THAT ARE ROUTINELY PARKED ILLEGALLY. IF EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE BLOCKED BY ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WILL BE DELAYED AND LIVES COULD BE LOST! IN RECENT YEARS, SEVERAL DEATHS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FIRE DAMAGE WERE DIRECTLY REALTED TO BLOCKED STREETS.

### **What can you do to help the LAFD?**

- Report any illegally parked vehicles by calling DOT (213) 485-4184.
- Follow all posted and local area parking restrictions.
- Park your vehicle in your driveway or garage if you live on a narrow street or in the hills.

### **When is it unsafe to park on the street?**

- If your street is 18' or less in width, it is unsafe and illegal to park on any side.
- If you live near a curve on a narrow street, it is unsafe to park near the curved area if it will prevent emergency vehicles from passing.
- If your street is between 18' and 25' in width, it is unsafe for vehicles to be parked on both sides of the street. Parking is allowed on one side only.
- It is unsafe and illegal to park within 15' of a fire hydrant.

### **Additional considerations:**

- If you are required to evacuate, please remember to allow access for emergency vehicles.
- Prepare a list of valuables that you cannot risk losing in a fire (i.e. photos, documents, computer files, etc.) and keep this list readily available . preparing such a list will allow ypu to quickly gather these items if an evacuation is ordered.
- Visit your local fire station for more information.

**REMEMBER BRUSH FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY!**