

County of Los Angeles FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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HIGH SURF HAZARDOUS BEACH CONDITIONS

Southern California including the Los Angeles County coastline is currently experiencing a series of large swells coming from the W and WNW, which have produced some large surf ranging from 4' - 8' with even bigger sets. The swells are expected to peak Wednesday afternoon and surf expected to be in the 8' – 12' range with even bigger sets. The result of large surf and uneven bottom equals dangerous ocean conditions and extremely dangerous “**RIP CURRENTS**”. These swells and conditions are expected to run through the end of the week.

Due to the large surf and hazardous conditions we are recommending that people check in with local Lifeguards before entering the water. Lifeguards have responded to a number of distressed swimmers, surfers, and kayakers in the past few days.

While the County of Los Angeles Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season, we also want to remind everyone of the following safety tips;

- Always swim and surf near a staffed Lifeguard Tower!
- While on the beach keep young children close at hand
- Stay off all Jetty's and Rocks during these high surf conditions
- Check with your local Lifeguards before participating in any water related activity this includes swimming, surfing, kayaking, and fishing
- For current beach and weather conditions log on to our website www.watchthewater.org

Our Vision The Los Angeles County Fire Department will be an exemplary organization acclaimed for our national reputation, our regional strength, and our hometown attentiveness as we provide fire protection and life safety services.

Core Values

INTEGRITY ♦ TEAMWORK ♦ CARING ♦ COURAGE ♦ COMMITMENT ♦ COMMUNITY