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**Evacuations During Disasters  
Ingress and Egress  
Roadway Infrastructure**

# Evacuation Authority

## Penal Code Section 409.5

- Provides Law Enforcement and Health Officers the authority to “close and/or evacuate” an area.

# Notable Incidents

- 2017 Oroville Dam Spillway Failure, Butte County
- 2018 Carr Fire, Shasta County
- 2018 Camp Fire, Butte County
- 2020 Slater Fire, Siskiyou County

# Lessons Learned

- Incidents can be unpredictable and do not go as planned
- Even the best planning and preparedness efforts may not be sufficient in an incident due to incident behavior.
- Lessons learned shape our ability effectively respond and save lives.

# Evacuation Considerations

- Multi-Agency Coordination
- Phased evacuations
- Contra Flow
- Managing egress and ingress of evacuees and emergency response personnel.
- Unforeseen circumstances (broke down vehicles, traffic collisions)
- Access and Functional Needs (AFN) populations

# Planning For Future Incidents

- Contra Flow
- Managing egress of evacuees and ingress of emergency response personnel.
- Unforeseen circumstances: broke down vehicles, traffic collisions
- Evaluation of roadway capacity and routes based on populations.
- Avoid creating “Isolated Islands of Humanity”

# Planning For Future Incidents

- California has never been in a better position to establish meaningful and effective plans and guidelines.
- Incumbent on all agencies and disciplines to assess needs and implement effective guidelines and plans.
- Evacuation Guidance Document



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