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**PENINSULA CITIES, COUNTY, CHP, AND CHOMP TO DISCUSS  
EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS**

**Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

Monterey, CA. – Based on an initiative by the Mayors of the cities of Pacific Grove and Monterey, the City of Monterey is hosting a summit with emergency personnel from neighboring agencies to discuss the current status of emergency evacuation plans. The key goals are to:

- Gain commitment from involved agencies to address this in a regional manner
- Identify the nature of our specific situation including how the challenges may be the same or different within each community
- Identify areas of improvement and opportunities to minimize potential issues with evacuation needs
- Establish work groups to develop action plans to address the identified opportunities
- Establish a timeline for moving forward

Mayors, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and City Manager's from Marina, Seaside, Sand City, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, and Carmel, are invited, along with emergency officials from Monterey County, CHOMP, Monterey County Sheriff's, and the California Highway Patrol.

"Emergency preparedness and the safety of our residents and visitors is a top priority for us and for our community partners," said Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson. "Knowledge is an important element of preparedness."

"Now is a great time to discuss, identify areas for improvement, and communicate the best options for people to evacuate the area in case of an emergency such as a fire, or flood," said Fire Chief Panholzer.

Media is invited to attend. Interview opportunities will be available after the meeting. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., January 24, in Colton Rooms 1 and 2 on level two of the Monterey Conference Center, One Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940.

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