

:Torrance Unified School District Response to Exxon Mobile Explosion/Fire  
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

1. At 8:52AM Superintendent, George Mannon was contacted by Assistant Chief David Dumais of the Torrance Fire Department via cell phone. Deputy Chief Dumais informed Dr. Mannon of the Exxon Mobile explosion and fire and told TUSD to have North and West area schools shelter in place. Dr. Mannon was in direct contact with Deputy Chief Dumais throughout the morning.
  - a. North and West area schools were notified via email/text/phone calls to institute a “soft” shelter in place. A “soft” shelter in place allows for some movement (bathroom usage, pick up food, etc) but limits outside activity.
    - i. District Nutrition Services was directed feed students via a “rainy day” schedule. Students were to pick up food from the cafeteria and to eat in classrooms.
2. At 9:28AM Tammy Khan, Public Information Officer, emailed Barbara Graham, Exxon Mobile’s Public and Government Affairs Advisor.
  - a. Tammy Khan received a phone call back from Barbara Graham informing TUSD to have the schools shelter in place.
3. At 9:58AM Dr. Stowe, Chief Academic Officer, called his contact at Torrance Police Department.
  - a. At 10:03AM Dr. Stowe received a return call informing him the “command staff” is directing all schools shelter in place.
  - b. All schools were notified via email/text/phone calls shelter in place.
4. At 10:19AM, per TFD, the shelter in place was rescinded at the Central and South area schools. Central and South area schools were notified via email/text/phone calls of this information.
5. At 11:39AM, per TFD, the shelter in place was rescinded at the North and West area schools. North and West area schools were notified via email/text/phone calls of this information.
6. Areas of concern
  - a. District’s short wave radios did not effectively reach all schools
  - b. Exxon Mobile’s Emergency notification via “Emergency Warning System” did not go off