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Last weekend several dozen volunteers under the direction of the **county Fire** Department's Office of Emergency Operations made contact with nearly 400 Joshua Tree residents who were affected by the rain and subsequent flooding that began October 12. This weekend they'll be out again and they're looking for assistance from the public. Reporter Mike Lipsitz picks up the story with our continuing coverage of the storm and its aftermath...

County Emergency Operations has again put out a call for volunteers this Saturday. People are needed to help canvass those areas hardest hit by the storm in and around Flamingo Heights, Joshua Tree, Landers, Twentynine Palms, and Yucca Valley. Members from Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, or VOADs, of Morongo Basin and the Morongo Basin Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, aim to make another 200 to 300 contacts on Saturday and have put out a call for more volunteers able to walk area neighborhoods talking to residents, providing cleanup kits and information packets, and assessing damage. Others will split off to assist with debris cleanup and drywall removal. If you can assist in this recovery, meet at Saturday's command center at 8 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Onaga Trail and Sage Avenue in Yucca Valley. This is the volunteer staging area and briefing location. Lunch will be provided. If you can assist with recovery efforts but can't make it this Saturday, contact Shanna at the Office of Emergency Services at 909-356-3998.

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Abandoned house that burned twice in two days in bulldozed

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The remains of the house on Wednesday, Oct. 31. On Wednesday afternoon San Bernardino code enforcement decided to bulldoze the house to keep out transients and protect the public, said Capt. Rich Lawhead. It took about eight minutes. Highland Community News photos by James Folmer.

San Bernardino code enforcement officers have bulldozed a house at 2816 Los Feliz, a few blocks northeast of Patton State Hospital, after it caught fire twice in two days.

City fire department spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said has been abandoned, but it has been used by transients on occasion. The first fire broke out at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. A second blaze broke out at 9:45 a.m. the next morning.

Nobody was found inside and the cause is under investigation.

Capt. Richard Lawhead, leader of the San Bernardino Police Department's Quality of Life team, said the decision to bulldoze the house was made to keep out transients and protect the public. It will remain fenced off for at least 60 days as crews check for asbestos and other hazardous materials.

A neighbor, Adam Riviera, said he had never met the occupants but said police had been there several times.

Online reports indicate it was foreclosed. A Trulia website was asking \$300,000 for the four-bedroom, two-bath 1,800-square-foot house. It was scheduled to go up for auction on Dec. 26 in a Chino courthouse. It was originally sold for \$120,000 in 1995.

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