

# MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY - LOS ANGELES CHALON WILDFIRE EMERGENCY PLAN

Effective August 2021

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mount Saint Mary's University-Los Angeles is committed to the safety of all members of our community. The [Chalon Wildfire Emergency Plan](#) outlines our response protocols, which were reviewed with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to facilitate a coordinated response for responding to a fire emergency.

Mount Saint Mary's University is committed to providing consistent leadership before, during, and after an emergency. In collaboration and coordination with LAFD, MSMU will provide:

- Campus Security staff on campus 24/7 to manage campus response.
- Trained professional Residence Life staff on campus 24/7 whenever residence halls are occupied.
- Emergency preparedness and response training and education, including specific training for our residential population.
- Clear communication during an emergency through [MountALERT](#).
- Additional support for mental well-being for students, faculty, and staff.

LAFD has indicated that our building construction (concrete, stucco, tile roofs), coupled with the large defensible spaces on the Chalon campus, makes sheltering in place their preferred approach to brush fires. With this, MSMU has established three emergency response levels:

- **READY - COMMUNITY ALERT:** Monitor MountAlert for important information. Anyone with special needs or limited mobility should make preparations in the event of shelter-on-campus.
- **SET - PREPARE FOR ACTION:** Prepare to be directed to shelter-on-campus, and monitor MountALERT for updates and direction.
- **GO - SHELTER-ON-CAMPUS:** There is an imminent threat, and you should immediately shelter-on-campus. Specific instructions from MountALERT or a University official may include continuing to shelter in your present location or moving to another safe space on campus.

Community members should familiarize themselves with the steps to take in each response level outlined in the Chalon Wildfire Emergency Response Plan.

[Access the Chalon Wildfire Emergency Response Plan on myMSMU.](#)

NOTE: Beginning in Fall 2021, MountALERT transitioned from an opt-in to an opt-out system. MSMU community members can visit [msmu.edu/alert](https://msmu.edu/alert) for more information and to update their information.