

VENTURA COUNTY FIRE

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THOMAS FIRE 2017



# THOMAS FIRE VIDEO

# THOMAS FIRE DECISIONS

- ▶ **A brief overview of implementing the operational plan with simultaneous incident planning**
- ▶ **Overview of decision points and coordination**
- ▶ **Lessons from the past**
- ▶ **Knowledge of the dirt, the agencies, the player's**

# AGENCY EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ **Define your agencies position on relationships?**
- ▶ **How important are relationships to you?**
- ▶ **Thomas Fire was an exercise in relationships**
- ▶ **Department leaders need to have expectations of their command and company offers prior to events**
- ▶ **Investments in your partner agencies**

# INITIAL ACTIONS

- ▶ **What's the plan?**
- ▶ **Have you chosen a strategy?**
- ▶ **Have you relayed that to all members on the incident?**
- ▶ **Does your agency have radio discipline?**
- ▶ **How do you communicate? Have you practiced?**



**SERBIAN CONSPIRACY**

# EVACUATIONS

- ▶ **A lot of study has gone into evacuations and early warning**
- ▶ **Evacuations at night are the most difficult. You Are dealing with human factors**
- ▶ **Have you had the discussion with partner agencies on what success looks like. Do you share the vision?**
- ▶ **Strike Teams for primary search. Is it in their mission?**



# EVACUATIONS

- ▶ Who are the players
- ▶ If you have waited to discuss you have failed
- ▶ Coordination in waves
- ▶ Have a plan and announce the plan
- ▶ Reality is people will leave at the last possible minute



# PARTNERSHIP

- ▶ **Three essentials to keep partnerships successful**
- ▶ **1) Both parties must be committed to making it work**
- ▶ **2) The communication must be open and honest**
- ▶ **3) Agreements must be clear both entities know what the other expects from them**
- ▶ **DO YOU HAVE PARTNERSHIPS?? Have you had the direct conversation, and allows ego's to be removed?**



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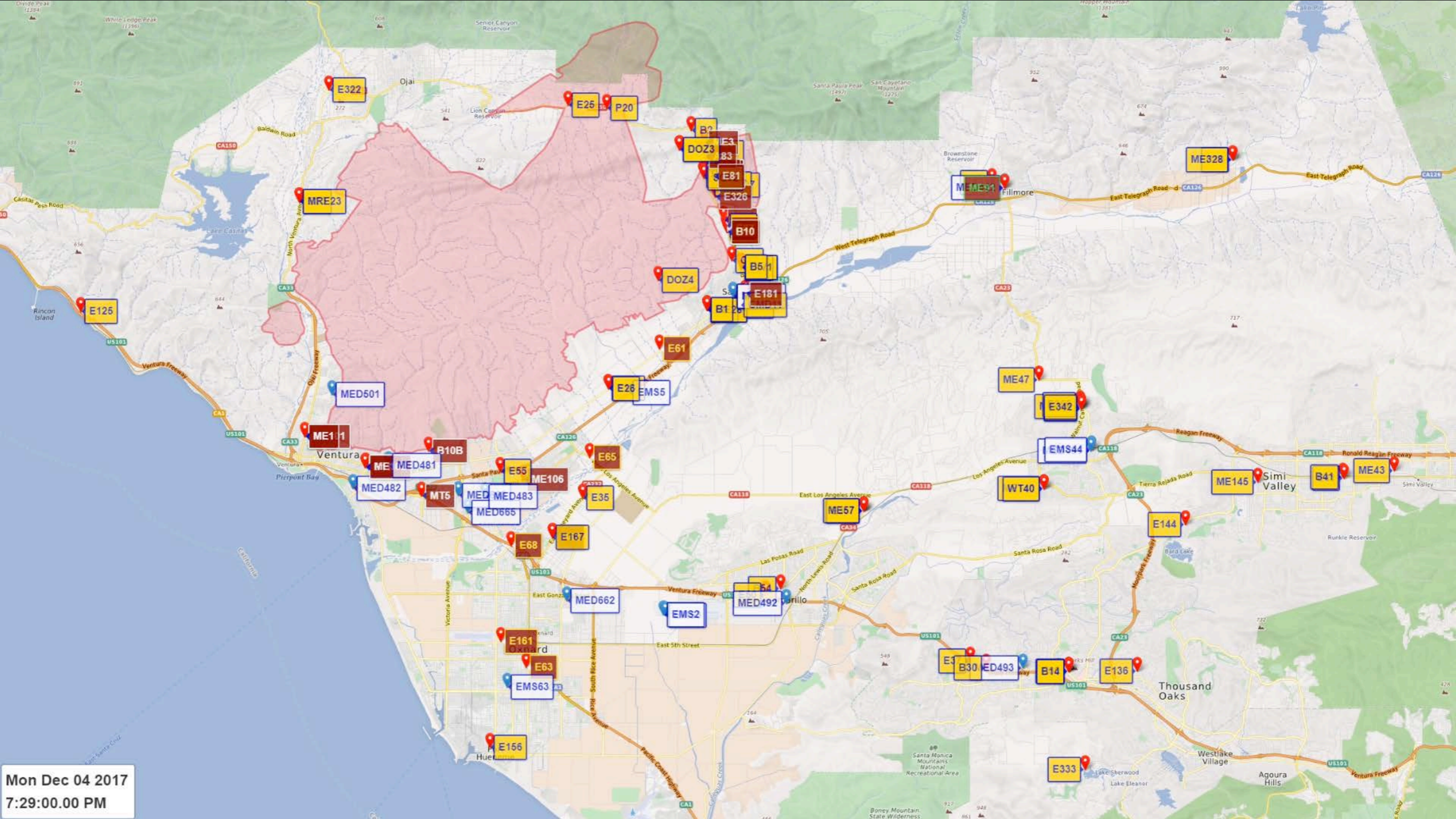
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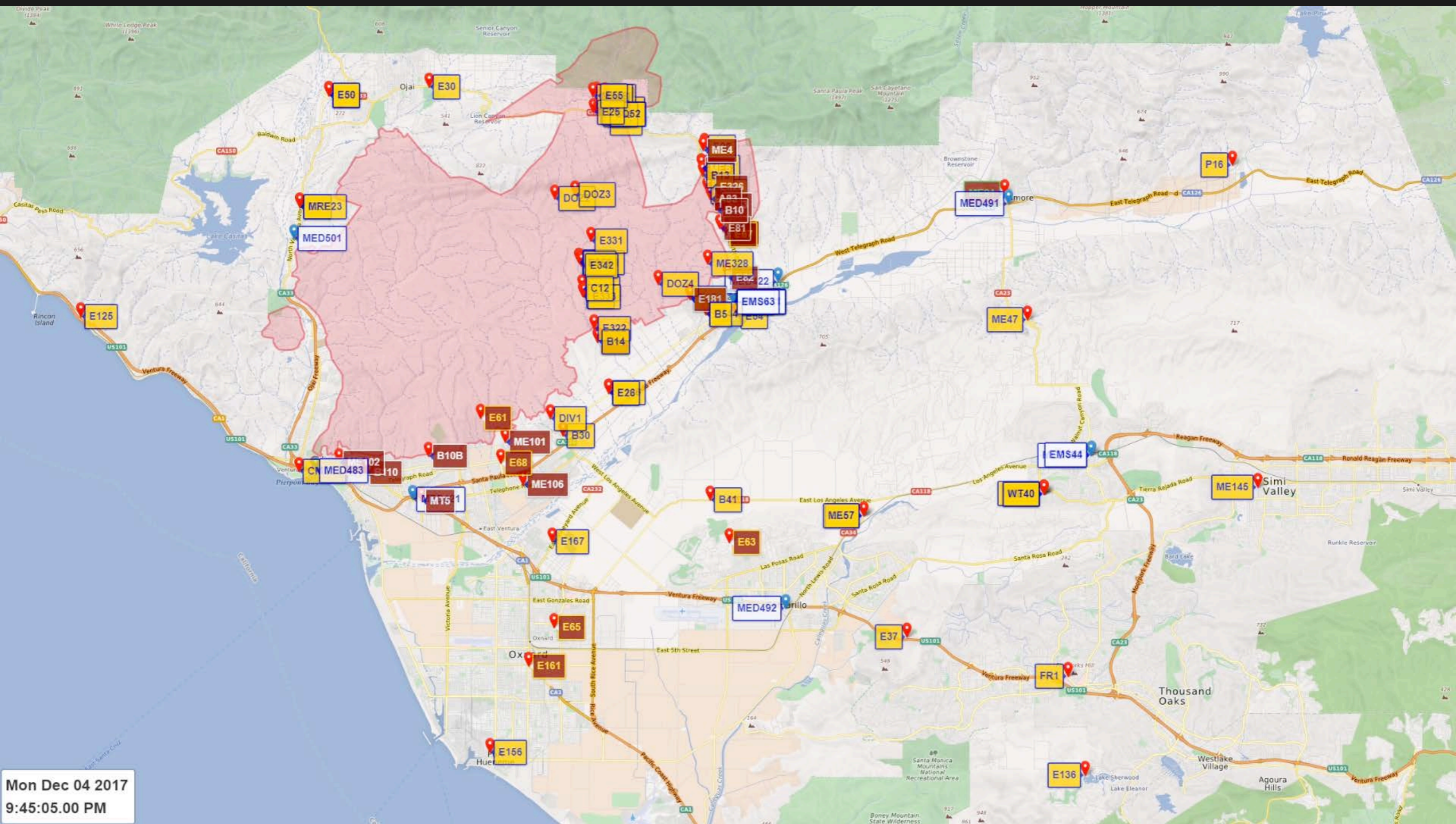
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## QUICK TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY AHEAD

- ▶ **Draw your box quickly, Define it talk to it.**
- ▶ **Often reluctant to simplify ( discussion)**
- ▶ **Get the info down on the map and communicate the box**
- ▶ **Maps are a quintessential tool to brief with**
- ▶ **Build the box regardless of fire conditions**
- ▶ **Don't wait to bring partners into the plan**

# OPERATIONS OUTLINE FOR SUCCESS

- ▶ **Early resource orders**
- ▶ **Match the rates of spread to the impacts**
- ▶ **Success is learning to disengage and redirect**
- ▶ **Success may not be scene by you but abundantly clear to everyone you lead**
- ▶ **learn how to communicate the mission the overall purpose and the expected results**



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REFLECTION THERE  
IS NO LEARNING

Kevin Buck

# CLOSING

- ▶ Discuss the message its how we learn be open input
- ▶ The forwarded e-mail analogy
- ▶ The goal is bring to your attention patterns behind circumstances...This helps us notice teaching moments

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