

Devastating Fires Across Greece



Theoni Konstantopoulou shows her burned olive trees in the village of Artemida southwestern Greece, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007. Thousands of people have been affected by the fires, which burned tens of thousands of hectares of olive groves and fruit trees. (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

The U.S Embassy in Athens and the Consulate General in Thessaloniki would like to express condolences for the loss of lives, and heartfelt sympathy and support to the Greek government and people as they combat the deadly forest fires.

American Citizen Assistance

American citizens requesting information or assistance should call the U.S. Embassy American Citizen Services Office at (30) 210 720-2419, -2415, -2420, -2408. After working hours, if urgent assistance is needed, American citizens may call the Embassy Duty Officer at: (30) 210-729-4444, 4301.

Greek Hot Lines

The General Police Directorate of Athens has established a hotline for any person seeking information or requiring assistance related to the fires. The telephone number is (30) 210 647-6686, fax (30) 210 644-3689, and e-mail grafioty@otenet.gr. The Greek Government has established an additional hotline: 1555 (only for callers within Greece).

For additional information regarding the area hit hardest by the fires, the Peloponnese, the contact numbers are:

General Police Directorate of the Prefecture of Peloponnese: (30) 2710 222-252 and 2710 230-501

Prefecture of Ilia: (30) 2621 023-911

Prefecture of Arkadia: (30) 2710 222-243

Prefecture of Messenia: (30) 2721 093-933

Donations

There are several institutions that have established accounts to receive contributions and assistance for those affected by the fires.

Hellenic Red Cross

"Bank of Attica" Account

IBAN: GR54 0160 0690 0000 0008 4298 361

Swift Code: ATTIGRAA XXX

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Contact telephone number: (30) 210 362-1681

Bank of Greece Account

IBAN: GR 9801000230000002341103053

SWIFT/BIC: BNGRGRAA

Emporiki Bank Account Number: 86181428

Contact telephone number: (30) 210 328-2126

"Solidarity" – NGO of the Church of Greece

Pireaus Bank Account

Number: 505-401-812-9257

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA)

<http://www.ahepa.org>

AHEPA Emergency Greek Fire Relief Fund

<https://secure.doublematrix.com/ahepaonline-com/contribute.aspx>

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

<http://www.goarch.org/>

Greek Fire Relief Fund

http://idonations.goarch.org/index.cfm?page=donation_6&skipEdit=1&affiliateID=E5FC78F8-6072-475F-BC23C5E64984FCE0

International Orthodox Christian Charities

<http://www.iocc.org>

On-line Donation Form

https://www.iocc.org/giving/giving_donatemain.aspx

MESSAGES:

If you would like to send a fire-related message, comment or question to the U.S. Embassy, please click here AthensAmEmb@state.gov.

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