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San Diego Superior Court Prepares For Post-Fire Court Activity

After an unprecedented week-long closure due to the fires, the San Diego Superior Court will reopen to the public on Monday, October 29, 2007. The entire Superior Court system in the County was closed when security personnel was diverted to assist in fire evacuations and neighborhoods patrols. The court expects heavy traffic at courthouses as San Diegans try to find out what happens next with their jury service or other court-related issues. “We know the court closure has affected thousands of San Diegans. We are doing everything in our power to get information out to the public about what happens next as the courthouses reopen,” says Presiding Judge Kenneth K. So.

To assist the public in getting information, the court has set up a “Frequently Asked Questions” section on its website: sdcourt.ca.gov. Some of the information includes the following:

- Prospective jurors summoned to report for service during the week of October 22, 2007 – October 26, 2007 will be rescheduled. Do not show up to court.
- Jurors already serving on a trial are to report to the court at 9 a.m. Monday, October 29, 2007 unless they’ve received other instructions from a specific courtroom.
- If someone was scheduled to appear in court (criminal or traffic citations) during the week of the court closure, they should contact their attorney as soon as possible, if they have one. The attorney should be able to assist you with future dates. If one does not

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have an attorney, or is unable to reach their attorney, they are asked to either contact the court or report to the courthouse where their case was to be heard. They should contact the court **no later than November 9, 2007 UNLESS you have received other written instructions from the court.**

- If you are currently involved in a civil lawsuit, contact the courtroom to which the case has been assigned to get further instructions.

The public can access more information on post-fire court issues at website: sdcourt.ca.gov.

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