

# Welcome to Sierra County, CA



As remote and sparsely populated as Sierra County is, we have a great volunteer base. Volunteer Fire Departments are located in Alleghany, Pike, Downieville, Sierra City, Sattley, Sierra Brooks, Calpine, Sierraville & Loyalton. Fire departments have ongoing training for firefighters and EMTs to keep current on their skills & certifications. At the sound of the siren, personnel leave their regular jobs and show up, seemingly out of nowhere, to take care of you. So while vacationing or visiting the area, play safe, but if faced with an emergency, rest assured, help is right around the bend. Use caution while navigating our narrow curvy scenic highways. **Remember when you see those emergency lights coming, get as far off the path as safely possible.**



**Personal Preparedness** goes a long way in avoiding meeting our trusty search and rescue volunteers. Let somebody know where you are going and when you expect to return. Do not count on your cell phone working. Carry basic first aid supplies, any required prescription medications, flashlight, jacket, blankets, bug repellent, sun-screen, snacks and water. Do not count on your GPS device working or being entirely accurate. **NOTE: Local stores will not be open in the evening.**



Should you need advanced medical attention while in Sierra County there is a high likelihood you will be transported by air. Many have discovered after receiving air transport, this service is not always covered by regular insurance. **Costs start at \$20,000.00 per trip.** Purchasing membership with a medical transport company in advance is a prudent option. For an annual fee averaging \$45- \$85 you can have peace of mind for you and your household. Some membership options:

- AirMedCareNetwork (Reach for life & Calstar) 1-800-793-0010 [www.airmedcarenetwork.com](http://www.airmedcarenetwork.com)
- Enloe Flight Care 530-332-7300 <http://www.enloe.org/>
- Care Flight 775-858-5745 <https://www.remsahealth.com/>



A few common hazards to be on the alert for are mountain lions, rapidly changing weather extremes, bears, rattle snakes, aggressive ground wasps, wildland fires, ticks and mosquitoes which can carry disease.



When swimming, fishing, or engaging in water sports, being a strong swimmer is not a good rationale for not wearing a life jacket. Besides buoyancy, a life jacket has additional safety purposes to consider. A life jacket will help protect a person against hypothermia, an important threat when a rescue might be slow in coming. Most life jackets are brightly colored assisting in rescue efforts. They can also absorb some of the impact of a fall and minimize injuries. Seeing adults wear a life jacket sets a positive example for children. **FREE Childrens Life Jackets @ Family Resource Center: Monday-Friday, 530-993-1110**



911 calls made from cell phones are often routed to larger dispatch centers then transferred back locally. This can cause a delay in getting assistance. Specify you are in Sierra County. In order to expedite the handling of an emergency call from your cellular phone you can program the direct dial number for Sheriff's Office Dispatch into your phone and use it instead of 911 while in Sierra County. **Dispatch: 530-289-3700**



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## Local Health & Medical Providers serving Sierra County:

- **Eastern Plumas Health Care**  
700 Third Loyalton CA 96118  
530-993-1231
- **Sierra County Public Health**  
202 Front St Loyalton CA 96118  
530-993-6701

*NOT Primary Care -Family Planning & Immunizations*

- **Western Sierra Medical Clinic & Dental**  
209 Nevada St Downieville, CA  
95936 530-289-3298

*Some limited emergency & pharmacy abilities*

- **Sierra Family Medical Clinic**  
15301 Tyler Foote Road  
Nevada City 95959  
530-292-3478

**NO pharmacies are located in Sierra**

**County. Closest is Portola Village Pharmacy  
530-832-4218**



All information provided on this site comes from Genasys and your local emergency services team, including Fire, Police, and Community Managers. Genasys Protect uses your location on the website and in the app to offer you the most relevant information.

## Emergency Medical Services:

Should you require advanced medical attention while in Sierra County you will likely be transported to one of the following facilities:

- **UC Davis Medical Center**
  - Sacramento CA
- **Enloe Medical Center**
  - Chico CA
- **Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital**
  - Grass Valley CA
- **Renown Regional Medical Center**
  - Reno NV
- **Sutter Roseville Medical Center**
  - Roseville CA
- **Eastern Plumas District Hospital**
  - Portola CA
- **Tahoe Forest Hospital**
  - Truckee CA

## Local Post Offices & Community Bulletin Boards

These are information sharing hubs. Post Offices are located on Main Street in the following towns; Loyalton, Sierraville, Calpine, Sierra City, Downieville, Alleghany, Verdi, North San Juan (serves Pike). Examples of information commonly posted: Road closures/traffic controls, wild fire status information, community events, and health warnings.

## NO Gas or Diesel available in Sierra City or Downieville

Fuel available 24x7

in Sierraville, Loyalton, and at Bassett's

## Many communities have a "Noon Whistle"

Whistle Type & Meaning: 3-Second Wail = Test & It's Lunch Time! 120-Second Wail = Fire Personnel Assemble. 3-Minute High-Low Wail = Immediate threat. Check Electronic Messages & Listen for direction.

## Some Veterinarians serving Sierra County

Plumas Vet Service (small animal) Beckwourth CA 530-832-4485

Large Animal Vet Services Chilcoot CA 530-993-1400

## Very little radio signal is available on the mountainous West Side of the County

Some station options on the East Side are: **Reno:** 98.1FM 104.5FM 88.7FM 780AM 1270AM 1340AM (Spanish)

**Susanville:** 92.3FM 93.3FM 1240AM **Truckee:** 101.5FM