

Update: the number of missing persons in Sonoma County alone has jumped to more than 500. As thousands evacuate and broken cell towers inhibit communication, 670 people have been reported missing in Sonoma County wildfires, Sheriff Rob Giordano said.

Pushed by a return of windy conditions, California's firestorm exploded overnight to burn another 1,000 homes and businesses, bringing the total lost to 3,000. Some 170,000 acres have been engulfed by flames.

Most of the homes being burned are on the north edge of Santa Rosa, in Sonoma County.

Though 3% contained, Napa County's Atlas Fire nearly doubled last night to about 46,000 acres from 26,000.

New evacuation orders were issued overnight in Calistoga, the east side of Santa Rosa, and Geyserville north of Healdsburg.

The skilled nursing facility of the Veterans Home in Yountville was evacuated. Over 1,000 disabled veterans are housed in the Veterans Home, which has not been evacuated.

The number of missing person reports soared to 300, but 110 of those people have now been located.