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October 2018

# Lakehills Fire Safe Council Community Bulletin

Promoting Fire Safe Communities

### Next Council Meeting:

Tues, October 9th, 7 pm  
 EDH Fire Department  
 Main Station #85  
 El Dorado Hills Blvd. and  
 Wilson Blvd.

**Guest Speaker: Stacy Vegna**  
**“Status of Santa Rosa”**

### Update on Santa Rosa - Speaker

#### 2017 Santa Rosa Wildfire Update - Oct. 9th, 7 pm

For our year-end meeting, neighbor Stacy Vegna will provide a presentation on the current status of the Santa Rosa area, 1 year after their wildfire. Stacy has work experience with CA OES and Disaster Case Management. The fire may be yesterday’s news, but there are still people dealing with the fire’s deadly after-effects. What lessons can be learned?

Please join us! There will be also be an open forum at the meeting to summarize 2018 accomplishments and plan for 2019. If you have ideas for the Fire Safe Council’s 2019 slate of topics, speakers and/or activities, please bring them to this October 9 meeting.

2018 Council meetings are coming to a close as the Oct. 9th meeting concludes our year. The next meeting will be in March, 2019, but if questions come up & assistance is needed before then, call (916) 933-3238. Remember, Fall and Winter months are active times for defensible space work, tree trimming, clearing debris, and planning / preparation. Use the checklist on Page 4 —reduce your risk during the cooler weather!



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### Webinar: Understanding Insurance in the WUI

NFPA is offering a free webinar on **October 10th, at 12 noon** discussing how insurance policies for residences located in wildfire-prone areas are frequently inadequate and coverage is often misunderstood. To provide residents the information and knowledge needed to be financially prepared, NFPA is hosting a one-hour webinar. It will include an interactive section for questions with the subject matter experts on the panel. Pre-registration is required—go to this link: [<<REGISTER HERE>>](#)

### Action Steps for Around Your Home

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- **SCREEN** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home’s foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don’t let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.

### Reporting Numbers to Call

Report non-desired activities in a proper and timely fashion.

- Report illegal parking or traffic problems to the Highway Patrol (916) 861-1300.
- Report illegal parkland activities to State Parks (916) 358-1300.
- Report illegal activity on non-park properties to the Sheriff (530) 621-6600.

Lakehills Fire Safe Council is a community organization. Join and Email us at: [lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com)

### CAL FIRE updates its Strategic Fire Plan

As destructive wildfires continue to burn throughout California, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) took action last week in adoption of the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan. The Strategic Fire Plan for California is the State's road map for reducing the risk and impacts from wildland fires.

"We continue to experience large and damaging wildfires across our state and must work to break the cycle," said J. Keith Gilless, chair of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. "This plan addresses the need for continued efforts to prevent wildfire, while considering recent climate considerations like drought and tree mortality."

The plan update was developed over the past 21 months in a collaborative effort between the Board, CAL FIRE, stakeholders, and public input.

"Significant effort went into the development of this plan, and now we have updated policy to guide us through current and future fire seasons." said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director.

The Strategic Fire Plan places an emphasis on what needs to be done long before a fire starts, while also looking to reduce firefighting costs, property losses, increasing firefighter safety, and contributing to forest health. The 2018 Strategic Fire Plan has seven goals that include: analyzing the fire risk, supporting land use planning, community preparedness planning, public education, integrating landowner fuels management, identifying fire suppression resources, increasing fire prevention efforts, and post wildfire recovery.

"The 2010 Fire Plan served us well in navigating one of California's worst droughts," said Chief Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE assistant deputy director and co-chair of the Fire Plan Steering Committee. "This new plan will continue to provide us a framework to reduce California's growing wildfire risk."

The State's Strategic Fire Plan is updated every 8-10 years.

The new plan is available. Click below:

<< [http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/hot\\_topics\\_resources/2018\\_strategic\\_fire\\_plan\\_approved\\_08\\_22\\_18.pdf](http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/hot_topics_resources/2018_strategic_fire_plan_approved_08_22_18.pdf) >>

## Public Alert Text Message Coming Oct. 3 - Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (FEMA)

### You may be receiving a text from the President when Emergency Alert Systems are tested on Oct. 3rd

Most are familiar with the public broadcasting alerts, which on a monthly basis interrupt radio, television, cable, and satellite programs, announcing "This is a test of the National Emergency Alert System..." If it had been an actual emergency, an official message would followed the tone alert heard at the start of the message. This system to warn the public about dangerous situations is called the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

There's also another alert system called the Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA) which can deliver public alert texts to cellular phones.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) System on October 3, 2018. The test will assess the readiness to distribute an emergency message nationwide and determine whether improvements are needed. The test messages will be sent using FEMA's Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS), which enables authorities to send emergency messages to multiple communications networks, including the EAS and WEA as part of the nation's modern alert and warning infrastructure.

On **October 3rd, beginning at 11:18 a.m. PST**, the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) System will be tested. This is the first Presidential level national test of WEA. Cell towers will broadcast the WEA test for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, WEA-compatible cell phones that are switched on and within range of an active cell tower, and whose wireless carrier participates in WEA, should be capable of receiving the test message. Cell phones should receive the message only once. You'll hear that same familiar tone, along with your cell phone vibrating, repeated twice. The text will read "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

EAS will also send an alert test using the well-known method beginning 2 minutes later.

For more info, click here: << [www.fema.gov/Emergency-Alert-Test](http://www.fema.gov/Emergency-Alert-Test) >>

## National Guard Drones Used to Fight Wildfire

Posted By Jason Reagan on: August 08, 2018

### National Guard Launches Drone Missions to Fight California Wildfires

The California Air National Guard's 195th Airlift Wing recently launched a drone reconnaissance mission to aid firefighting efforts in Northern California.

At least six people have been killed by the raging wildfires with more than 500 homes and buildings decimated.

The unit deploys a MQ-9 Reaper drone to monitor and track the blaze. The drone flights collect data, imagery and telemetry which is transmitted to state firefighting officials.

"We're able to provide real-time eyes on in any area where the fire's at," said Air Force Maj. Nicholas Edwards, intelligence analyst manager. "We can provide information to where CAL FIRE can direct resources. We give information to the decision makers in a timely manner."

The Guard's contributions are "seriously helping us," said Capt. Robert DeCamp, CAL FIRE intelligence officer. "The knowledge they have and the information they provide are critical for us to fight the fire. They have equipment we don't have, and that helps us tremendously."

Click here: <<<https://dronelife.com/2018/08/08/national-guard-launches-drone-missions-to-fight-california-wildfires/>>>



## 2-1-1 is Coming Soon to El Dorado County

### 2-1-1 El Dorado

#### September 2018 Update

2-1-1 El Dorado will be a free, comprehensive, 24-hour information and referral network accessible by phone, website and text that links El Dorado County residents to vital health and human service resources in the community. **2-1-1 El Dorado is expected to be operational in mid-2019.**

#### Benefits of 2-1-1 El Dorado

The system will have a rich database of information to help people in our county connect to resources, services and programs they need. 2-1-1 El Dorado will be accessible countywide, 24 hours a day, seven days per week, with live operators who speak multiple languages. The system will include a website with organization and service listings, information via text message, and more. We will also be tied into other 2-1-1 systems across California, including our neighboring counties. During emergencies, 2-1-1 El Dorado can help provide evacuation, shelter, recovery and other information, and reduce calls to 9-1-1.

2-1-1 El Dorado updates will be developed as new information comes forward.

For questions, please **send email** to: [211eldorado@icfs.org](mailto:211eldorado@icfs.org)



## Funny How Time Flies – by Roy Janes

I first came to Northern California some 30 years ago with my family to go river rafting. We had no idea what to expect. We came with 30 other people and stayed in Coloma. The countryside was absolutely beautiful. I think we had the best weekend of our lives but due to living in Southern California, we never expected to return anytime in the future.

London and Los Angeles are not Northern California, but 30 years later I found myself back in El Dorado Hills and surprised that not much had changed since our visit all those years ago. This was paradise for us and with much less traffic and with people that take the time to say good morning - so different from LA.

We have been here 4 years now and things are starting to change with all the new developments. Our unique open space, surrounded by FLSRA public lands which we so enjoy, is becoming even more precious. We are hoping El Dorado Hills can avoid the urban sprawl affecting so many areas.

The growth, along with the climate driven wildfires, may endanger our paradise. Let's protect what we have been given, protect the wildlife, the forest and the rivers. Native Americans emphasized that "man is the caretaker of the planet". Let's slow down on the roads carrying more traffic with which the wildlife has to co-exist. Let's ensure there is no human-caused fire event that will impact every living thing in our area. Let's not make leave a mark of trash & litter. We live in a special, beautiful place...let's not take it for granted, nor cause harm.