

# Living With WILDFIRE in the Inland Empire

Fall 2025

**HONORING  
FIRST RESPONDERS**



MOUNTAIN RIM  
**FireSafe**  
COUNCIL



# TOGETHER *We* CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council thanks its partners in wildfire prevention, education, preparedness and response.



Mountain resident L Hemingway shared this picture of the 2024 edition of LWW to say thank you for the info inside that helped her prepare for the Line Fire in the background. 2024 cover courtesy of Big Bear Fire Dept

## PRESENTED *By*

This informative magazine would not have been possible without the contributions of the following: DuPlain Designs, Debbie Strong, David Haas/CAL FIRE, and MRFSC's Board of Directors (Laura Dyberg, Terisa Bonito, Chris Jones, Jim Taylor, Brenda Meyer and Lisa Joyce).

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... AND *You*

# HONORING CALIFORNIA'S EVERYDAY *Heroes!* FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY

By Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh

**WHEN** an emergency strikes, they're the first on scene. Whether it's a wildfire, a traffic accident, a medical crisis, or a public safety threat, California's first responders stand ready day or night, rain or shine.

That's why I'm proud to have introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 93, officially declaring October 28, 2025, as First Responders' Day in California. This resolution aligns our state with the national recognition established by President Joe Biden in 2022 and, more importantly, gives our communities an annual opportunity to reflect on and honor the individuals who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe.

**Why First Responders' Day Matters**  
First responders are the backbone of public safety in California. From police officers and firefighters to emergency medical technicians, paramedics, 911 dispatchers, and public works professionals, these men and women are our first line of defense. They act fast, under pressure, in situations that most of us would find overwhelming. But their value extends beyond crisis response. They are the calm in chaos, the strength in uncertainty, and the hope in disaster. Their work saves lives, protects property, and builds trust within our neighborhoods.

Across the United States, more than 1.5 million first responders serve our communities. In California alone, they play a critical role in our ongoing efforts to tackle wildfires, earthquakes, storms, and a wide range of public health emergencies. They do it with professionalism, courage, and compassion.

**Local Heroes, Statewide Impact**  
This resolution was inspired in part by the tireless efforts of local leaders like Laura Dyberg and Terisa Bonito of the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC). Based in the San Bernardino Mountains, MRFSC has been a pillar of



wildfire prevention and public education since 1999. Their work, especially during the devastating 2023 snowstorm, has shown how vital local action is to public safety.

MRFSC represents the spirit of collaboration and resilience that defines California's response to natural disasters. Alongside their partners in the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance, they have built a network of over 14 fire safe councils across the region, bringing together nonprofits, state agencies, utility companies, and first responders.

**A Day to Say Thank You**  
SCR 93 is not just a symbolic gesture. It is a call to action. It encourages every Californian to recognize the contributions of our first responders not just with words, but with support. Whether it is through community events, educational campaigns, or simple acts of gratitude, we all have a role in uplifting the people who rush toward danger so we can stay safe.

To every first responder across California, thank you for your service, your strength, and your sacrifice. You make our communities stronger, and you make our state proud.

Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Terisa Bonito and Laura Dyberg with First Responders Day resolution

*This edition is dedicated to the the memory of Marlene Kiemel, a very special and dedicated volunteer [1947 to 2025]*

# ASSEMBLYMAN *Tom* LACKKEY 34TH DISTRICT



## SUPERVISOR *Dawn* ROWE



Presenting the Medal of Valor with Sheriff Dicus



Exploring capabilities of All-Terrain Rescue Vehicles (ARV) with the dedicated crew at SBC Fire Station 18.

**SAN** Bernardino County's first responders embody the spirit of service and resilience that defines our region. They work tirelessly — often under the most challenging conditions — to keep our families, homes, and communities safe. We don't always get to tell them how much we appreciate their steadfast service and dedication. While October 28 commemorates "First Responders Day" and provides an opportunity for us all to reflect on the efforts of these brave men and women, it's important to recognize they do this work every day. Today and every day, we salute you.

We are especially grateful for our first responders here in our mountain communities. These dedicated professionals rush toward danger when others seek safety, providing critical care, comfort,

**OUR** first responders represent the very best of our communities. Every day, they step forward with courage, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives of others. Their service — often performed under extraordinary pressure and personal risk — reflects the highest ideals of public duty.

As someone who served nearly three decades with the California Highway Patrol, I have witnessed firsthand the sacrifices these men and women make, as well as the strength and resilience required of their families. Their dedication is not just admirable — it is essential to the safety and well-being of every community in our state.

I am profoundly grateful for their service and will forever be proud to honor these extraordinary individuals who continue to answer the call, no matter the challenge.

and protection in our most vulnerable moments. Whether battling wildfires, responding to medical crises, or maintaining order during disasters, their commitment to saving lives never wavers.

Thank you to our San Bernardino County first responders and to our federal, state, and local agencies who collaborate seamlessly to put service above self when disaster strikes. Thank you also to the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council for all you do to educate the community and the work you do to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.



Chair and Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe

## California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection



Since 1885 the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has protected the people, property, and natural resources of California. The men and women of CAL FIRE are dedicated to the fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres of California's privately-owned wildlands. The heart of the Department's emergency response and resource protection capability is a force of approximately 8,000 permanent and seasonal employees that help fulfill the department's mission to serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and resources of California.

### FIRE PREVENTION

Preventing wildfires in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) is a vital part of CAL FIRE's mission.

The Department responds to nearly 6,000 wildland fires that burn on average over 260,000 acres each year. Beyond its wildland fire fighting role, CAL FIRE is an "all-risk" department. The Department is always ready to respond - medical aids; hazardous material spills; swiftwater rescues; search and rescue missions; civil disturbances; train wrecks; floods, earthquakes and more.

[WWW.FIRE.CA.GOV](http://WWW.FIRE.CA.GOV)  
[WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG)



### OSFM

Since 1995, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has supported the mission of CAL FIRE by focusing on fire prevention. Through major program elements that include engineering, education, enforcement, and support from the State Board of Fire Services, OSFM has a wide variety of fire safety responsibilities.

Through its foresters and other natural resource professionals, CAL FIRE is responsible for the management and protection of California's natural resources under its Forest Practice, Urban Forestry, Fuel Reduction, Demonstration State Forest, Pest Management, Landowner Assistance, Environmental Protection and Regulation, Archaeology, Fire and Resource Assessment, and Nursery programs. CAL FIRE foresters promote conservation and the importance of our trees and forests to Californians of all ages.



**Know Before You Go!**

Fire restrictions on Forest Service lands change with the seasons. Check them before you head out and enjoy your visit!

Arson investigators examine a site of an illegal campfire that caused a small wildfire (Forest Service photo by Lisa Cox).

# Help Our First Responders!

Let's Do Our Part –  
when it comes to  
wildfire, we create  
the defense, they  
provide the offense.



**WE'RE PROUD TO SERVE YOU**

MAKE YOUR WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN  
[SBCFIRE.ORG/READYSETGOFIRE](http://SBCFIRE.ORG/READYSETGOFIRE)



Real heroes  
don't wear capes.  
Real superheroes  
wear uniforms  
and badges and  
stethoscopes!  
Real superheroes  
are members of  
our military, law  
enforcement,  
and first  
responders.

—Dean Cain  
(actor)



ARE YOU READY TO  
**GTFO?**

**GET THE FAMILY OUT**

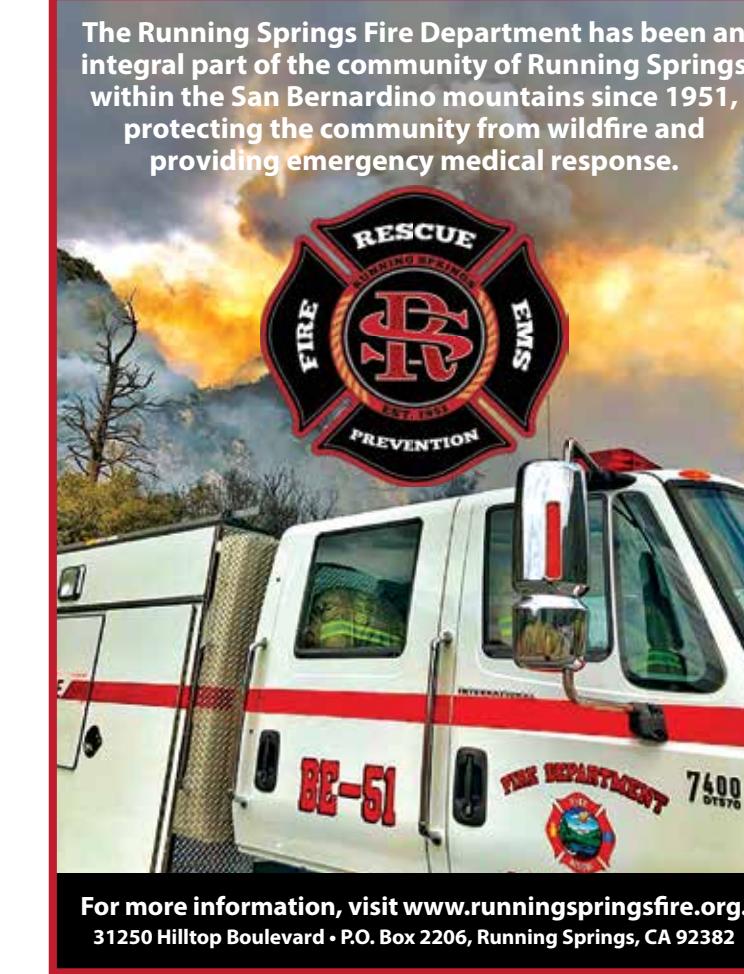
**GET READY EARLY**  
Prepare a wildfire action plan tailored to your family's needs ahead of time.

**TAKE THE GO BAG**  
Have a go bag for each family member ready to grab in a moment's notice.

**HAVE A FAMILY PLAN**  
Know your routes, meeting spots, and stay in touch with family.

**OUT TO SAFETY**  
Leave as soon as evacuations are ordered or if you feel unsafe.

**CAL FIRE** SINCE 1885



The Running Springs Fire Department has been an integral part of the community of Running Springs within the San Bernardino mountains since 1951, protecting the community from wildfire and providing emergency medical response.

For more information, visit [www.runningspringsfire.org](http://www.runningspringsfire.org).  
31250 Hilltop Boulevard • P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA 92382

*Serving the residents of Arrowbear Lake and the mountain communities for almost a half century with professionalism, compassion, and community involvement.*



Arrowbear Lake Fire also assists Running Springs Fire, San Bernardino County Fire and CAL FIRE with Mutual Aid as requested.

Under the direction of Fire Chief Paul Lindley, the combination of Volunteer and Paid Call Crews are dedicated and passionate about their role in the community.

Contact [www.ablfd.org](http://www.ablfd.org) for more information.

# ONE Firefighter's OBSERVATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EVACUATIONS

Photo Courtesy of Debbie Strong

Photo Courtesy of MRFSC



**EVACUATIONS** are not taken lightly by any incident commander. Communities are placed under evacuation based on the threat created by the potential growth and future of the fire. Time to evacuate communities is also considered, when possible, with trigger points established. The evacuation zones on the Pilot and Blue Cut Fires were established by incident commanders with a combined fire experience that is in the hundreds of years. Trust me when I tell you, "You do NOT know more than they do." Do not mistake getting lucky for superior knowledge; it is a fatal error.

Once the life safety issue has been mitigated through residents complying with evacuation orders, firefighters focus on the next step: Structure defense. Firefighters enter an evacuated community with different tactical considerations. While life, property, and infrastructure remain the priority order, we are now talking about the lives of firefighters. We shall engage in the defense of a community until the last possible moment. We are trained and equipped to accomplish this, yet when the fire front comes crashing through, we will retreat. Through narrow streets choked with smoke and fire pushing across the

lanes, we shall retreat. However, after the front pushes through, these same firefighters will rush back in to reengage and protect homes.

The argument that firefighters and law enforcement will come save you if it gets really bad is not realistic. The evacuation order is public safety authority exercising its due diligence to protect your lives.

Consider the ramifications of staying in a community that is under an evacuation order: When the same fire makes the ridge and explodes into town, I promise that you will panic. If you cannot accept this fact, realize that everyone who made the same decision as you is now panicking. Now that you are trying to escape via the same two-lane road that is down to near zero visibility, accept that an accident is going to occur that will block your only path to survival. Recognize that your decision has now doomed the lives of the firefighters and law enforcement officers trapped behind you that were assigned to protect your community. When looked at from this angle, failing to heed an evacuation order is one of the most selfish and dangerous actions an individual can take.



## BE A *Partner* WITH FIRST RESPONDERS DURING A WILDFIRE - EVACUATE!!!

**RESIDENTS** evacuating help first responders by preventing road congestion, allowing them to access neighborhoods to fight the fire and rescue those who need immediate help. An orderly, early evacuation also reduces the number of people first responders need to locate and assist and frees them up to focus on critical life-saving operations and property protection. How residents evacuating helps first responders:

- **Allows for quicker response:** Authorities may not have time to go door-to-door in an intense, fast-moving wildfire. By leaving early, residents ensure their own safety and allow first responders to work more efficiently.

- **Prevents people from getting trapped:** Evacuating early gives residents the best chance of getting out safely before roads become blocked by fire, smoke, or traffic. This prevents first responders from having to risk their own lives to rescue people who are trapped.

- **Keeps roads clear:** When residents leave early, they help prevent traffic jams. This is crucial for allowing fire engines, ambulances, and other emergency vehicles to move freely to and from the fire zone, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

- **Reduces emergency workload:** When a significant portion of a community has evacuated, first responders can focus their efforts on areas of highest risk and on individuals who may not be able to evacuate on their own, such as those with mobility issues.



Photo Courtesy of MRFSC

“Next to creating a life, the finest thing a man can do is save one.”

—Abraham Lincoln  
(16th President of the United States)

### WANT TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS IN A DIFFERENT WAY?

Check to see if your local fire department or law enforcement has a related association or non-profit to donate directly at a local level. Or consider these options:\*

**Gary Sinise Foundation:** Supports the physical and mental well-being of first responders, veterans, and their families.

**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation:** Supports first responders with equipment and resources.

**Operation Gratitude:** Provides support to first responders and their families.

**First Responder Support Network:** Our goal is to help First Responders and their families recover from traumatic experiences and live healthier and happier lives by offering a new perspective on stress and providing resiliency skills for improved long-term coping.

**First Responders Foundation:** Offers behavioral health services and other support for first responders and their families.

**Operation First Response:** Supports wounded heroes, disabled veterans, and first responders.

\*Please note: MRFSC is not affiliated with any of these entities. You should always research non-profits before contributing funds.

# BE DISASTER READY, CALIFORNIA

Doing small things today can make sure you, your family, friends, neighbors and loved ones are safe and cared for when disaster strikes. Below are life-saving tips for different types of disasters.

For more information visit [ListosCalifornia.org](http://ListosCalifornia.org) and sign up for emergency alerts.



				
BEFORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Red Flag warning means prepare NOW.</li><li>Plan for no electricity. Don't use candles.</li><li>Get a bandana or mask to protect your lungs.</li><li>Check that your water hose is working.</li><li>Clean your gutters and remove brush near home.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Check the Air Quality Index in your area by visiting <a href="http://airnow.gov">airnow.gov</a></li><li>Get high quality face masks and air purifiers, if you can.</li><li>Prepare to help those with pre-existing conditions.</li><li>Plan ahead to stay indoors and keep children and pets inside as much as possible.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be ready to evacuate.</li><li>Pay attention to any weather reports.</li><li>Remove dead trees and overhanging branches.</li><li>Prepare for any of your medical needs.</li><li>Sign up for alerts through your energy company.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Keep your storm pipes and drains clear.</li><li>Move your valuable items to higher floors.</li><li>Get plastic tarps, sandbags to keep out water.</li><li>Keep your car gas tank at least half full.</li><li>Learn the best escape routes to higher ground.</li></ul>
DURING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Don't "wait and see" Leave when told!</li><li>Leave smoky areas quickly.</li><li>Close all doors and windows. Turn off your air conditioner.</li><li>Open or remove curtains, shades or blinds.</li><li>Prepare your pets for evacuation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If someone has difficulty breathing, call 9-1-1.</li><li>Keep your doors and windows closed.</li><li>Don't burn candles or lanterns inside, minimize use of stoves and fireplaces.</li><li>Turn off ventilation, keep outside air from entering.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Find shelter and stay away from trees and power lines.</li><li>Stay inside your car if trapped in moving water.</li><li>Do not walk or drive through moving water.</li><li>If trapped, move to higher floors and call 9-1-1.</li><li>Slow down when driving in heavy wind.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Don't "wait and see" Leave when told!</li><li>Never walk through moving water.</li><li>Never drive into flooded areas.</li><li>Watch for mudslides after wildfire.</li><li>Watch for tsunami on coast after earthquake.</li></ul>

With thanks to LISTOS California

# Evacuation TIPS



Photo Courtesy of MRFSC

**FIRE SEASON** is no longer a "season". In our area we must be fire safe all year long. The recent destructive fires in Southern California are harsh reminders that one never knows when wildfire will hit.

Long before fire threatens, plan your evacuation. When evacuation seems likely, put your plan into action.

Make a list of items you want to take with you during an evacuation.

Here's an example, but prepare your own list:

- Jewelry
- Pet, pet food, leash, carrier
- Child's favorite toy
- other...

1. Keep your "Important Stuff" list handy, on the fridge, for example.
2. Keep sturdy boxes ready for collecting things on your list.
3. Prepare an emergency supply kit.
4. Copy all important documents and store with a friend or family out of the area.
5. Keep a regular/paper address book in addition to what may be stored in your computer or cell phone as this equipment may not work if power is out or towers are down.
6. During fire season, always have at least half a tank of gas in your car. Gas stations may not operate if power goes out. And you may not be able to evacuate by the shortest route out of your area.

When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work.

—Edward F. Croker  
(former New York City fire Department Chief)



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Help us keep you safe during a disaster by registering for emergency notification systems. Stay prepared and protect your loved ones should an emergency occur.

## TENS

During a major disaster such as a wildfire, your Fire and Sheriff's Departments use a system known as the Telephone Emergency Notification System or TENS to send high-speed mass notifications by telephone and text messages. This system helps us get you critical updates, such as evacuation information, as quickly as possible.

The County uses a database of landline telephone numbers, which is updated every six months, to send emergency messages to landline phones only. By signing up, residents can receive emergency text messages on their cell phones, add voice over internet phone numbers (V.O.I.P.), and manage their own account using a valid email address. Those without internet connections can sign up by calling 2-1-1 or (888) 435-7565. TENS alerts do not generally go out to the entire County but instead are targeted to affected areas. Register today!

<https://oes.sbcounty.gov/stay-informed>

## SB Ready App

The Ready San Bernardino County app will help you prepare and plan for how to respond to a disaster in your area. Using the Ready San Bernardino County app, you will be able to:

- Share your status with your selected contacts with the push of a button.
- Receive critical emergency alerts via push notification.
- Locate San Bernardino County's emergency shelters.
- View up-to-date evacuation route maps.
- Get the latest news and weather for the San Bernardino County area.
- Create a personalized Emergency Preparedness Plan by answering five basic questions.

For more information go to <https://prepare.sbcounty.gov>

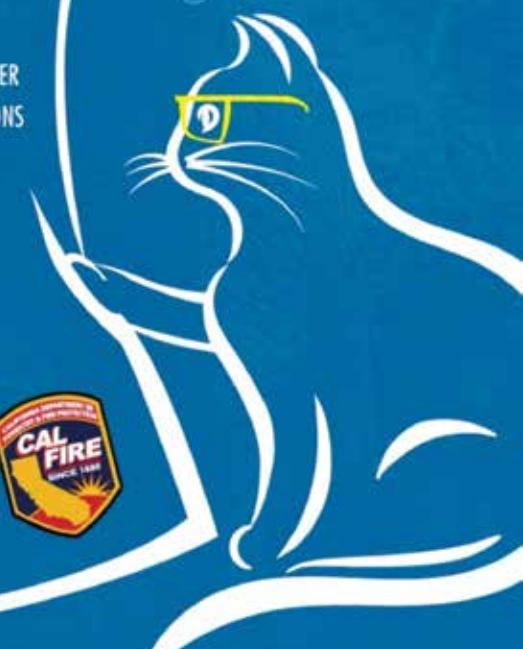


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## DON'T WAIT... START YOUR PET DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT RIGHT MEOW!!

### THE ESSENTIALS:

- PET CARRIER FOR EACH PET
- TWO WEEK SUPPLY OF FOOD AND WATER
- MEDICATIONS AND DOSING INSTRUCTIONS
- NON-SPILL FOOD AND WATER BOWLS
- PET FIRST-AID KIT
- PAPER TOWELS
- DISINFECTANTS
- LEASHES/COLLARS/HARNESSES
- BLANKETS
- CAT LITTER BOX AND LITTER
- PLASTIC BAGS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL
- TOYS AND TREATS
- NEWSPAPER



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### Natural Resources Conservation Service

**WHO IS THE NRCS?** The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency that works with private landowners to help them protect their natural resources and keep watersheds healthy. NRCS emphasizes voluntary, science-based assistance, partnerships, and cooperative problem solving at the community level.

**THE PROBLEM** Due to extreme fire behavior, unprecedented landscape-scale fires, and wind events, the impact to California's forests has been widespread and destructive. Events following the damage from fires can be detrimental to watersheds, public safety, and long-term recovery of these landscapes. Responding quickly after a fire and offering select practices may offer a long-term solution to address the long-lasting impacts of high intensity fires.

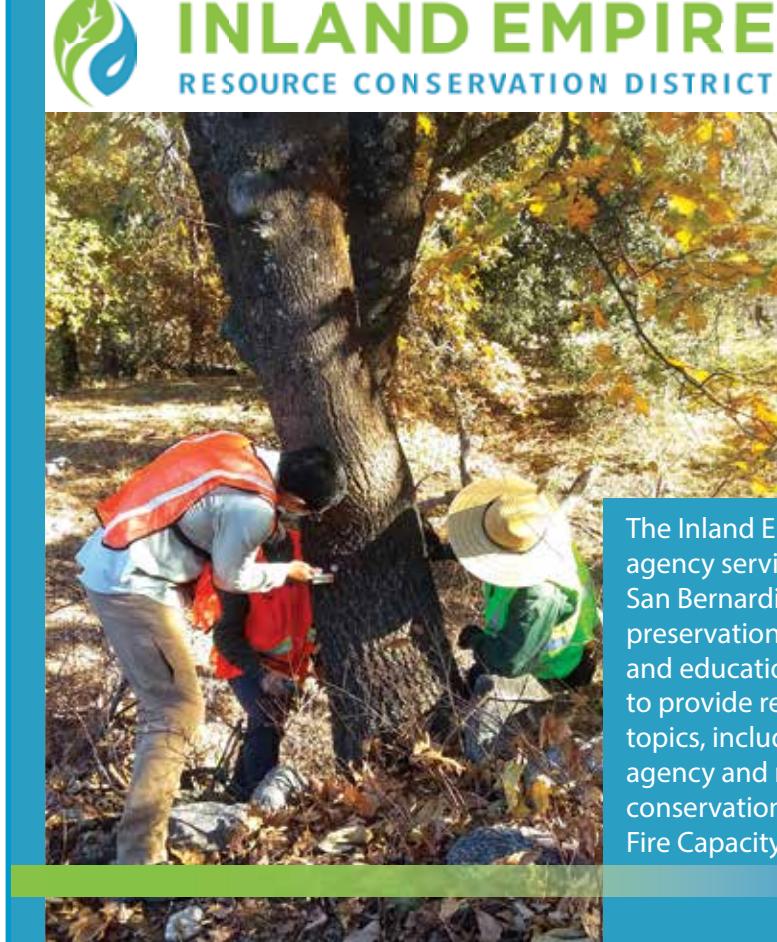
**NRCS ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE FORESTLAND** NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance for private forestland owners to promote healthy and productive forests, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildfire habitat, and minimize impacts to water quality and reduce wildfire risks. NRCS can also provide post-fire resource protection and public safety in areas affected by wildfire.

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## INLAND EMPIRE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



The Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) is a public agency serving the Upper Santa Ana Watershed, including portions of the San Bernardino Mountains. The IERCD's mission focuses on open space preservation, sustainable agriculture, forest health and fire resiliency, and education and outreach. IERCD staff work with private landowners to provide resources and technical assistance on a variety of conservation topics, including forest health and fire resiliency, and collaborate with agency and non-profit partners to increase the pace and scale of conservation work. The IERCD also oversees the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program for the San Bernardino Mountains.

More information about the IERCD and its programs can be found at [www.iercd.org](http://www.iercd.org)

# RECENT California WILDFIRE STATISTICS

Year	# of Wildfires	Structures Lost or Damaged	Acres	Fatalities
2021	7,396	3,846	2,569,386	3
2022	7,477	1,279	331,358	9
2023	7,386	179	332,822	4
2024	8,110	2,481	1,077,711	1
2025*	7,834	16,511	525,208	31

There is no longer a wildfire "season" in California — the threat is year-round.

Source <https://www.fire.ca.gov/stats-events/>

(Statistics include all wildfires responded to by CAL FIRE in both the State Responsibility Area, as well as the Local Responsibility Area under contract with the department. Statistics may not include wildfires in State Responsibility Area protected by CAL FIRE's contract counties.

\*as of production date

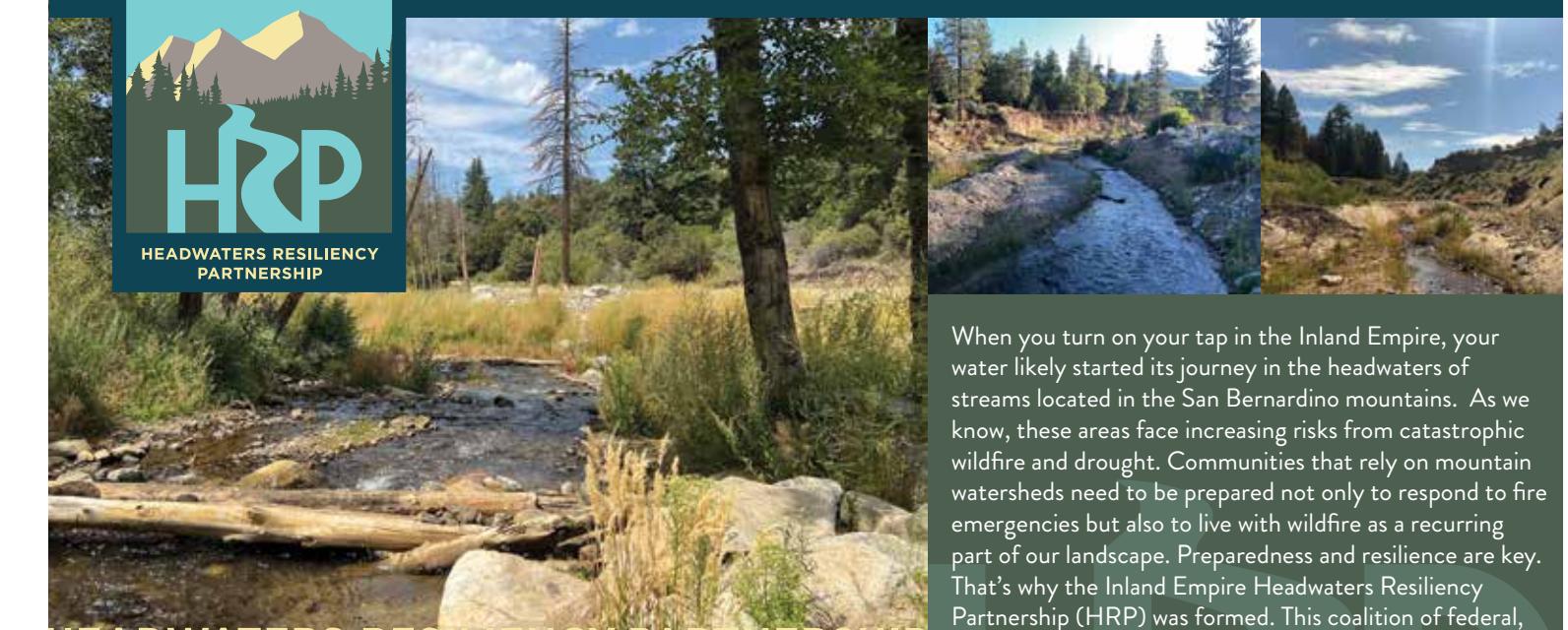
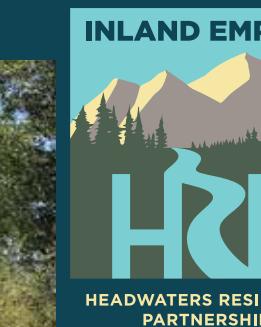
**The police officer who puts their life on the line with no superpowers, no X-Ray vision, no super-strength, no ability to fly, and above all no invulnerability to bullets, reveals far greater virtue than Superman — who is only a mere superhero. —**

—Elieser Yudkowsky (American Writer)

IF YOU FLY,  
WE CAN'T.



DRONES RESTRICT FIREFIGHTERS' ABILITIES TO PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES



## HEADWATERS RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP

HRP's vision is clear: an Inland Empire mountains and foothills region where partner expertise and resources align with regional priorities to improve the health and resilience of our watersheds, natural resources, ecosystems, and communities. By working together now, we can reduce the risks of catastrophic wildfire and ensure the future of the lands and waters that sustain us all.

Please feel free to connect with the partnership at [hrp@sbvwmwd.com](mailto:hrp@sbvwmwd.com).

## CORE

Community Organized Relief Effort

CORE is a global humanitarian aid organization dedicated to providing immediate relief & long-term recovery support to communities in crisis.



## Climate Resilience and Disaster Preparedness

- Free Disaster Preparedness Workshops
- Community Outreach for Local Events and Trainings
- Wildfire Mitigation Projects

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Learn more: [coreresponse.org](http://coreresponse.org)

We equip residents with practical tools and resources to prepare for emergencies, disasters and climate resilience.

## FIVE EASY STEPS TO BE DISASTER READY:

- GET ALERTS** to know what to do.
- MAKE A PLAN** to protect your people.
- PACK** a GO BAG with things you need.
- BUILD** a STAY BOX for when you can't leave.
- HELP** friends and neighbors get ready.

For more Preparedness Resources:





IEFSA unites local fire safe councils, agencies, and stakeholders to strengthen wildfire prevention and resilience across the Inland Empire. Founded on collaboration and efficiency, IEFSA addresses wildfire challenges through innovative solutions and shared resources throughout San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

**Our Region:**  
We support the Inland Empire's Urban Areas, Mountain Communities, and Desert Regions, addressing WUI risks, reducing wildfire threats in forests, and mitigating fire hazards in arid landscapes.

We bring together Fire Safe Councils, agencies, tribes, and partners to strengthen regional fire safety efforts. By celebrating successes, addressing challenges, and fostering collaboration, we build a safer community together.

Join our meetings every second Wednesday of odd-numbered months, both in person and online.

### FIRE SAFE COUNCILS CREATE A STRONGER, SAFER INLAND EMPIRE.

- Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council
- Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council
- Desert Region Fire Safe
- Devore Rural Communities Fire Safe Council
- East Little Mountain Fire Safe Council
- Fire Safe Big Bear
- Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council
- Mill Creek Canyon Fire Safe Council

- Morongo Basin Fire Safe Council
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
- Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council
- Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council
- Southwest Riverside County Fire Safe Council
- Wildwood Watchers Fire Safe Council
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

### IEFSA PARTNERS

USDA Forest Service, CAL FIRE, San Bernardino County Fire, local fire departments, San Bernardino County Sheriff, CHP, AQMD, IERCD, SCE, So Cal Gas, Bear Valley Electric, Red Cross and various regional non-profit organizations



### FIREWISE COMMUNITIES LEADING THE WAY

Angelus Oaks	Luring Pines
Arrowbear Lake	Pioneertown
Carbon Canyon	Santa Rosa Plateau
Chapman Heights	Smiley Park Country Club
Dogwood Blue Jay Canyon Assoc	Spring Knolls HOA
Eagle Glen	Strawberry Flat POA
Four Seasons at Hemet	Upper Town
Friends of Live Oak Canyon	Upper ROWCO
Glen Oak Hills	Westridge at Canyon Hills
Green River HOA	Lake Elsinore
Lower ROWCO	Wildwood Watchers
Lower Town	



### COMMUNITIES WORKING TOWARD FIREWISE RECOGNITION

- Big Bear / Sugarloaf
- Devore
- Forest Falls
- Green Valley Lake
- Lytle Creek
- Meadowview
- Morongo Valley
- Rainbow Point POA
- Snowcreek
- Upper Little Bear
- Wylerhorn

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“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

—Albert Pike  
(American Author and poet)

“Many of the best parts of America's history would have been impossible without police. All the freedoms we enjoy — freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from fear — sit on a foundation of public safety.”

—William Bratton  
(former New York City Police Commissioner)

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