National Wildfire Prevention Day Workshop

Sponsored by the Oakland Firesafe Council, the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association and the Montclair Neighborhood Council

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Organize for Firewise and Score with CORE

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What is an Organized Neighborhood?

- Group of neighbors along a block or a few adjacent streets
- Typically 20 50 homes
- Neighborhood lead(s)/Block Captain(s)
- Neighborhood roster
- Levels of organization—PPNA MONs
- Not everyone will participate... Dues!





Neighborhood Organization is Key!

- Know your neighbors and look out for them
- > Firewise, CORE and Neighborhood Watch
- Prepare and respond to emergencies
- Solve local issues-vegetation management,

parking on narrow streets...

- > Gain power in numbers
- Socialize and have fun!



National Night Out event

Create (or Rejuvenate) Your Group

- Determine boundaries
- Create a neighborhood roster
- Schedule events, activities, training
- MON Leaders Guide from PPNA/MNC



Neighbors helping neighbors!



Witness, Paramount Pictures, 1985

Firewise USA®



- National Fire Protection Association program
- Teaches how to adapt to living with wildfire
- Encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses

"Research tells us that the majority of homes ignite during a wildfire as a result of embers or small flames. There are steps that homeowners can take to reduce the risk, with the most important efforts occurring on and immediately around the home." —NFPA

Becoming a Nationally Recognized Firewise USA® site

- 1. Obtain wildfire risk assessment from the local fire department (OFD in-process)
- 2. Form a committee that's comprised of residents
- Create action plans that include risk reduction projects suggested by NFPA
- Hold a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational event annually
- 5. Invest the equivalent of one volunteer hour per household annually

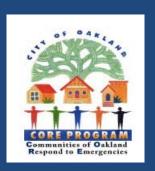
Apply to Be a Firewise USA® site

https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Bytopic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA





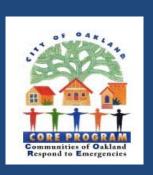
CORE Program



- Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (among first CERT program)
- OFD/Emergency Mgmt Services created following 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake
- Free (free!) emergency preparedness and disaster response training
- Over 21,000 Oakland residents trained



CORE Training



- > CORE I, II and III classes
- Prepare before a disaster
- Know what to do during a disaster
- > Self-sufficient for 7-10 days after a disaster
- Provide emergency assistance to family and neighbors
- Respond as team members in the neighborhood

Sign Up for CORE Training

https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/register-forcore-classes

Or hold one in your neighborhood!

