

Supporting Oakland and Alameda County in reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property



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HIP HIP HOORAY FOR CRANE WAY!

The List of Oakland's Firewise USA® Recognized Sites is Growing! Meet Crane Way Firewise Neighborhood



Susan Carlsen, resident lead, had this to share:

"The new Crane Way Firewise neighborhood includes 48 homes – ALL of the homes on Crane Way and a handful of adjacent homes on Joaquin Miller Road.

We are compact and well-defined, with Butters Canyon to the downhill side of us and Joaquin Miller Road and Park to the uphill side. The neighborhood turned its attention to fire safety when neighbor **Dale Risden**, long active with the Friends of Joaquin Miller Park, spoke of the great benefits of joining Firewise at a neighborhood meeting.

We were highly motivated by several factors:

some of the neighbors had lost standard home insurance coverage in recent months, and we were all rattled by what we saw in the small but close-by Keller Fire (October 2024) and the massive fires in Los Angeles (January 2025).



As we went through the preparations for joining Firewise, Joelle Fraser was a wise guide and responsive partner. I think we were all amazed by the quality of the Firewise materials and the important stages of the membership process. The neighborhood 'walkthrough'..." **READ THE REST OF THE STORY**

The NFPA Firewise USA® recognition program was designed to help residents learn about wildfire risks and provide a self-directed, collaborative framework for neighbors to work together to reduce these risks by engaging in fuel reduction and home hardening activities. See how OFSC can help your neighborhood group with the process – visit our program page **FIREWISE USA® FOR OAKLAND**

JOIN US ONLINE – WEDNESDAY EVENING 6/18

Meeting **AGENDA**. June's special guest presentation will be about WUI-Go!, a NSF-funded start-up developing technology for wildfire evacuation preparedness and response.



OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)


Wednesday, June 18, 2025

7:00-8:30pm

REGISTER

We welcome everyone from all communities of Oakland and the East Bay to observe, participate and/or get involved.

INTERESTED?



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PREVENTION
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Apply

If you're thinking of applying to be considered for the Wildfire Prevention Commission, the oversight body for Measure MM, there's still time to submit your application. Council Members and the Mayor's Office are reviewing them as they come in and would like to see more. There isn't a deadline, but there are more steps in the process before it goes to the Council, so it would be good to do it soon.

DETAILS & APPLICATION

GOATS ON THE GO!



Release the GOATS! While they might not look like your typical Oakland Fire Department firefighters, they're hard at work clearing vegetation for wildfire prevention. This eager team was spotted toward the end of May heading to tackle a job off Hiller Drive. They're chomping around the tunnel and other hazardous spots across Oakland to help reduce fire risk.

Thanking OFSC volunteer Maryanne Hubbard for this contribution!

THAT TIME OF YEAR APPROACHES



On Friday, July 4th, 2025, the **Oakland Radio Communication Assn** (ORCA - Amateur/Ham radio) in conjunction with Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division/Oakland Fire Dept will again conduct mobile wildfire patrols in the Oakland Hills (High Fire Hazard Severity Zone) during the late afternoon and early evening. ORCA has conducted these wildfire safety patrols every July 4th since 1994!

ORCA volunteers will drive, observe and report any signs of smoke or fire as well as illegal fireworks using Amateur/Ham radios accessing the ORCA Amateur/Ham network being run from Oakland Fire Station 25 on

Butters Dr.



The Firesafe Council's **GENOAK** 2-way radio network may also be activated on the evening of July 4th. GENOAK radio operators can observe locally and report emergencies to 911, and update others via their 2-way radios if there's an incident. This could be from anywhere in Oakland/East Bay, as fire is a possibility anywhere, not just in the hills. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Doug at prepare@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org



Also, during the weekend of June 28-29th, ORCA will take part in the **national Field Day** event, where Amateur/Ham radio operators will practice emergency communications and connect with other operators across the country. It's open to the public and you're welcome to stop by at the Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park from 11am on Saturday through 11am on Sunday.

OFSC OUT AND ABOUT



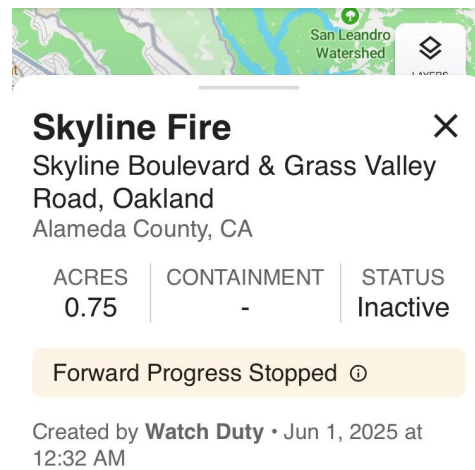
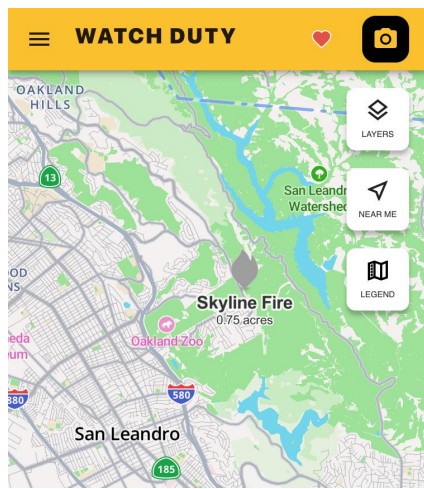
Oakland Firesafe Council's Vice Chair and board member, Doug Mosher, is often out in the community leading emergency preparedness workshops. In May, he took his expertise back to school!

Doug joined 9th-grade students at **East Bay Innovation Academy** for a special Capstone project focused on disaster preparedness. The students explored topics like earthquakes, wildfires, and evacuations, creating plans and creative projects focused on preparedness.

From natural disasters to evacuation strategies, OFSC has already done the homework for you. Our comprehensive preparedness Guides can help you and your family get ready.

Want to bring a presentation to your organization, group or neighborhood? We'd love to connect – **reach out to schedule!**

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



On the night of May 31st a 3-alarm brush fire broke out in the area of Skyline Boulevard and Grass Valley Road in Oakland. Although I was out of town (in Maine) at the time, I did receive a notification of the incident from my Watch Duty App. As I have friends living in the Grass Valley area, it was a relief to be able to keep track and see that forward progress was stopped fairly quickly (see screenshots). If you haven't done so already, you might want to [download this app](#) ~ Jen Grimm, OFSC Outreach & Communications

MORE OF NOTE

- June is Pet Preparedness Month – review OFSC Guide [Preparedness for Pets](#)
- Article – "California plan to ban most plants within 5 feet of homes for wildfire safety overlooks some important truths about flammability" [Read](#)
- Recording – United Policyholders (UP) June 2025 WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Initiative) Working Group Meeting [Watch](#)
- Recording – East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments (EBWC) April 16th meeting [Watch](#)

AND FINALLY

- NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS – Our newsletter is published once a month, about one week before our third-Wednesday-of-the-month meeting. If you have something you'd like to announce or share, send along a submission by the **first Monday of the month** for consideration. EMAIL: outreach@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org



Oakland Firesafe Council (OFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

CONTACT

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