

# 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
3. Create action plans that include risk reduction projects suggested by NFPA
4. 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<sup>®</sup> site

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>



*NFPA photo – with funding from USDA Forest Service*



# 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-for-core-classes>

Or hold one in your neighborhood!

