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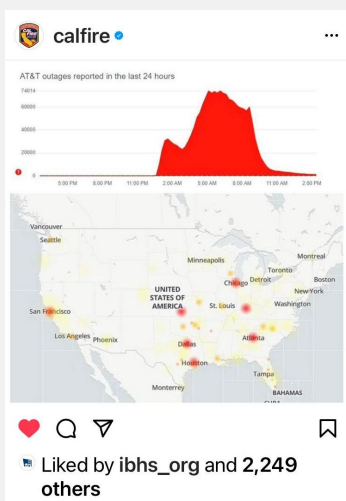
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STAYING CONNECTED

How you would get help during an emergency if mobile phone service is unavailable?

On 2/22/24, CAL FIRE posted the following on Instagram

Note we have added some comments below.



Early this morning (2/22), thousands of Americans woke up to discover that their mobile phone service was down. As many as 70,000 users lost service, including thousands of Californians, according to the tracking site Downdetector. For most of us, cellular service is our primary lifeline, making the outage an alarming situation.

Although service has been restored for most, it is a good time to consider how you would get help during an emergency when mobile phones are unavailable.

- Internet Messaging Apps: If you have access to Wi-Fi, internet messaging apps like WhatsApp, Signal, or Telegram can be used to send messages and make calls over the internet.
- Landline Phones: If you have a traditional landline phone that doesn't rely on electricity, it may still work during a power outage. Keep a corded phone handy for emergencies.
- Send a Runner: If communication is critical and other methods are unavailable, consider sending a trusted individual to relay messages or seek help from emergency services.

Additional comments from OFSC:

- Especially important information to receive would be **AC Alerts** and **evacuation zone orders**.
- Most smart phones can make calls over Wi-Fi as well as access the internet. Internet/IP phones should also work during an emergency if you have local power. Remember though there's no guarantee that mobile, IP and/or landline phone service will always work during and after a disaster.
- 2-Way Radio: Participate in our **GENOAK 2-way emergency radio network**. This network is designed for communities to be able to communicate with each other and relay information to emergency services.



>>> OFSC Guide **Emergency Communications** <<<

Here's A Chance to Make Your Voice Heard:

PUBLIC FORUMS – California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) invites you to public forums on AT&T's requests regarding voice service obligations **SEE SCHEDULE**

ARTICLE – *Opposition mounts to AT&T's plan to stop landline service in most of Bay Area* **READ**



Opposition mounts to AT&T's plan to stop landline service in most of Bay Area
mercurynews.com

PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR!



Saturday, October 5, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM, Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley
Join Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council for a day filled with great information & resources at **Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day**. Stay tuned for details!

FIREWISE USA® SUPPORT FROM OFSC IS BACK (FOR NOW)

Thanks to recent donations from some wonderfully supportive community members, **OFSC is once again able to offer free assistance** to neighborhoods interested in becoming Firewise USA® Recognized.

TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW

Since there's always the chance we'd have to put the program back on hold once funds are exhausted, **we suggest getting in touch with us asap** to get your group on the



schedule for a free info session.

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>>> OFSC Guide **Firewise USA®** <<<

MORE ITEMS OF NOTE

2024 CALIFORNIA FIRE SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES



Join California Fire Science Consortium for a biweekly, virtual presentation and discussion on emerging fire science topics from a diverse range of topics and speakers.

NEXT UP:

The Role of Economics in Wildfire Risk Management

March 5, 2024 / Tuesday / 2:00-3:00pm

Despite the growing impacts, interest and investment in wildfire traditional economic tools such as cost modeling, cost benefit analysis, and cost effectiveness have played a relatively limited role in informing wildfire management ... Presenter Dave Calkin will discuss some of the challenges applying economics and highlight some of the key concepts that are helping us better understand the challenges and opportunities of wildfire management. **LEARN MORE**

SURVIVING STORMS: TIPS FOR NATIVE TREES



Fallen branches of a coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) after stormy weather in January 2024; Image: Ann-Marie Benz

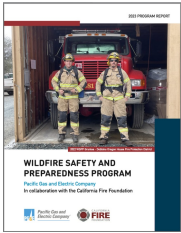
Now that we've gotten past most of our winter storms, now is a good time to focus on tree care throughout year.

CNPS Naturehood Webinar

Thursday, March 7
5:30pm

From California Native Plant Society: Join us in March with Joshua Gevertz, the Arboretum Director at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Arboretum and Botanical

2023 WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS REPORT



The CA Fire Foundation in collaboration with PG&E released this report which captures their efforts to raise awareness on wildfire safety and to bring resources to disinvested communities and socially vulnerable populations in high fire threat areas in California. This year \$730,000 was distributed to 48 grantees for specialized equipment, PPE, programs to increase fire prevention and emergency preparedness education, defensible space programs, senior citizen wildfire preparedness programs and supported fuel/ hazard reduction programs. [SEE REPORT](#)

OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT | EMSD - CORE PROGRAM



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2024 Outreach, Training, & Exercise
[CALENDAR](#)

COMMUNITY KEEPS US GOING



Working together contributes to the well-being and safety of each other, our neighborhoods and our communities in Oakland (and beyond). OFSC continually strives to help everyone be prepared and ready for disasters. In addition to continuing the Firewise USA® for Oakland program (see above), your **tax-deductible contributions** help us

- Provide free workshops
- Develop new wildfire safety programs
- Nurture connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

THANK YOU for all that you have done so far in supporting OFSC's work and thank you for ANY donation you are able to make now.

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people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.
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