



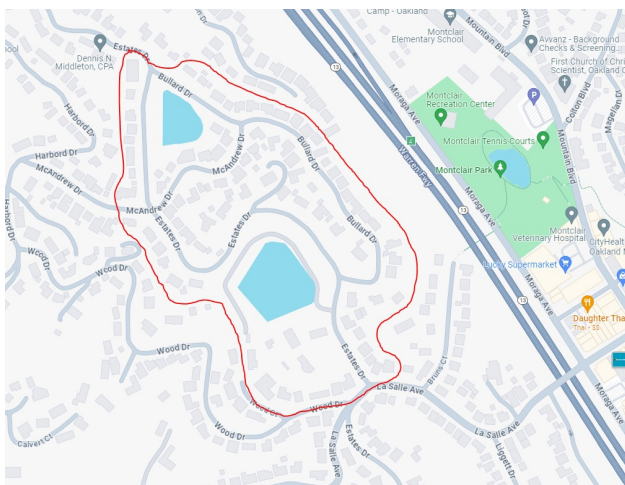
# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2014-2024

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## CONGRATS TO #5

### Estates Fountains is Oakland's FIFTH Firewise USA® Recognized Site!



Leslie Louie, Estates Fountains FireWise Lead, had this to share about the experience:

The Estates Fountains neighbors have been **organized as a community against crime and for emergency preparedness since 2006** to strengthen our neighborhood resilience and get to know our neighbors and neighborhood better. Located on the west side of Hwy 13,

we are comprised of 106 households including Estates from La Salle on the south proceeding north half way to Johnston, and all of Bullard and McAndrew. Several of us had **participated in Oakland's CORE program**, and we had run emergency preparedness drills following what we learned. We maintain a **community emergency supply shed** and conduct an annual inventory to refresh supplies and remind ourselves of what is needed during a disaster, such as an earthquake. We've **participated in National Night Out** ever since Oakland began celebrating it.

More recently, **we have been concerned about wildfires and the ability to insure our homes**, with companies canceling policies or refusing to insure new homeowners moving into the neighborhood ... Since receiving our certificate, **several neighbors have sent it to their homeowner's insurance companies and received small discounts or rebates, and even been reinstated** after being told they would be canceled.

## READ THE WHOLE 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.

Oakland Firesafe Council is encouraging Oakland neighborhood groups to join the growing network of more than 1,500 Firewise USA® sites from across the nation by taking ownership in preparing and protecting their homes and communities against the threat of wildfire.

>>> OFSC Guide **Firewise USA®**

## JULY 4TH WILDFIRE PATROLS

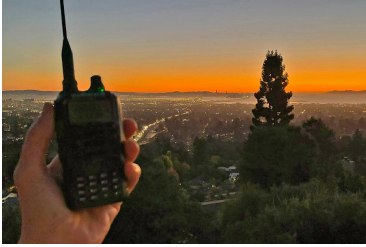


On Thursday, July 4th, 2024, the Oakland Radio Communication Assn (**ORCA** - Amateur/Ham radio) in conjunction with Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division/Oakland Fire Dept will again conduct mobile wildfire patrols in the Oakland Hills (Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone) during the late afternoon and early evening. This will be **our 30th anniversary** conducting these safety patrols!

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 Fire Station 25 on Butters Dr.



The Firesafe Council's **GENOAK** 2-way radio network will 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 (e.g. from



fireworks) is a possibility anywhere, not just in the hills.

## SPEAKING OF GENOAK...

GENOAK recently participated in the Bay Area-wide **Golden Eagle emergency exercise** on 6/26/2024 at Oakland's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Fire Station 1 on MLK. County-wide communications exercises were conducted and a number of Oakland/GENOAK operators were calling in damage report scenarios. Here is the GENOAK Net Control in the EOC radio room.



## REPORTING FIRE IN OAKLAND

call **911** or

the Fire Emergency Direct Line **(510) 444-1616** to report fire or smoke

### FIREWORKS TIPLINE

report sales, possession and lighting of fireworks, call **(510) 238-2373** or  
OPD Non-Emergency **(510) 777-3333**

**REPORT ONLINE**

### GUNFIRE

to report gunshots or celebratory gunfire  
call **911** or  
OPD Emergency  
**(510) 777-3211**

## NOT ONLY FIREWORKS CAN START A VEG FIRE



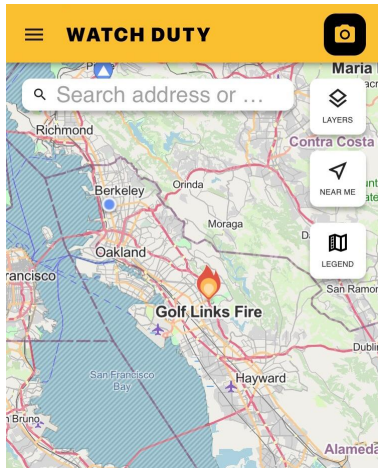
From **@oaklandfireca** on Instagram, 6/24/2024

"Great Stop on this **vehicle turned vegetation fire** on Friday evening.

Just after 6pm this evening, #OFD responded to a vehicle fire along Westbound I-580 just before the 98th Ave / Golf Links exit. The fire spread from the single vehicle to the hillside vegetation and ran up the hillside. **A second alarm was called due to potential rapid spread in the vegetation.** The approximately 35 firefighters quickly extinguished the car fire and within 30 minutes had surrounded and contained the

blaze to the vegetation between the freeway and the road that leads guests into the Zoo (@oaklandzoo).

Great Stop by the responding crews, successfully preventing the fire from reaching the Oakland Zoo property. There were no reports of any injuries and no structures were directly threatened by this fire."





Here's a screenshot of the above referenced fire, the "Golf Links Fire", as shown on the Watch Duty App.

The **Watch Duty** app is a collaborative wildfire notification service, powered by volunteers – firefighters, dispatchers, and first responders – who monitor radio scanners and other official sources 24 hours a day to send the most up-to-date information.

Additional useful apps can be found on OFSC Program offering **Wildfire Monitoring & Reporting**.

## HEAT & ELEVATED FIRE CONCERNS THIS WEEK



### Excessive Heat Warning and Heat Advisory

Weather Forecast Office  
San Francisco Bay Area  
Sunday, June 30

#### What

- Excessive Heat Warning: upper 90's to 110°
- Heat Advisory: lower 80's to mid 90's

#### When & Where

- Late Tuesday morning through Friday evening
- Areas away from the immediate coast in the Bay Area and Central Coast

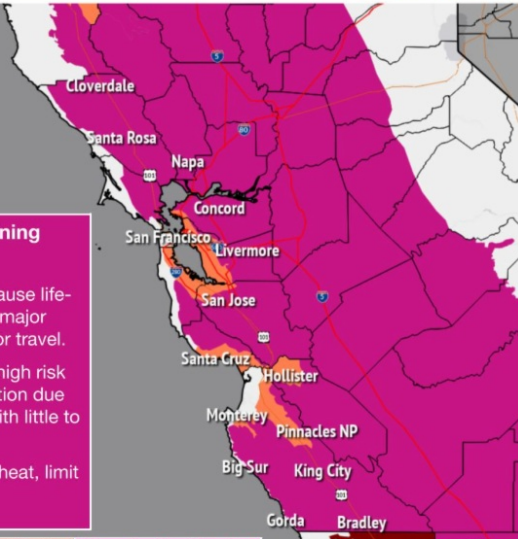
#### Impacts and Safety

- Never leave people or pets in vehicles
- Limit outdoor activities during the afternoon and evening
- Stay hydrated and take cooling breaks

#### What is this?

An **Excessive Heat Warning** means that...

- Hot conditions could cause life-threatening impacts or major impacts to commerce or travel.
- There is a high to very high risk for much of the population due to long duration heat with little to no overnight relief.
- Prepare for dangerous heat, limit outdoor activities.



Heat Advisory Excessive Heat Watch Excessive Heat Warning

# Extreme Heat Planning Timeline

## Pre-Season

Start planning before hot weather arrives.

- ✓ Build an emergency kit
- ✓ Make a plan for power outages
- ✓ Become trained in first aid for heat-related emergencies
- ✓ Check that your A/C and fans are in working order

## A Few Days Out

If the forecast calls for extreme heat, be ready.

- ✓ Gather food, water, and medication
- ✓ Make a list of friends and family to check on & help them prepare
- ✓ Know your local cooling shelters or other cool locations
- ✓ Reschedule outdoor events

## During and After

Remain vigilant and stay informed.

- ✓ Stay in air conditioning and out of the sun if possible
- ✓ Check on friends, family, neighbors, and pets
- ✓ Drink plenty of water
- ✓ Take breaks and use a buddy system if working outdoors

weather.gov



## Now Is the Time to Organize YOUR Block Party!



National Night Out (NNO) is time for neighbors to get together to build neighborhood spirit and unity, introduce Emergency Preparedness ideas, and raise crime prevention awareness. Research shows that when neighbors know each other, neighborhoods are safer. **REGISTER** by July 29, 2024 to receive a Host packet from the City of Oakland.

If you would like any wildfire safety information to put out at your NNO event, please let us know. **CONTACT**

## AL CO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY



OCTOBER 5, 2024 / SATURDAY / 10 AM - 2 PM

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** at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley. Stay tuned for details!

## 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, 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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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.

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