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FLASHY FUELS

from @calfire on Instagram, 7/1/2024

"Shrubs and trees are often seen as potential sources of large fires, but **grass fires pose a significant risk too.** Materials like dry grass, leaves, pine needles, and ferns can ignite quickly, generate intense heat, and spread rapidly. Most wildfires are caused by human activities..."

PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 7/17



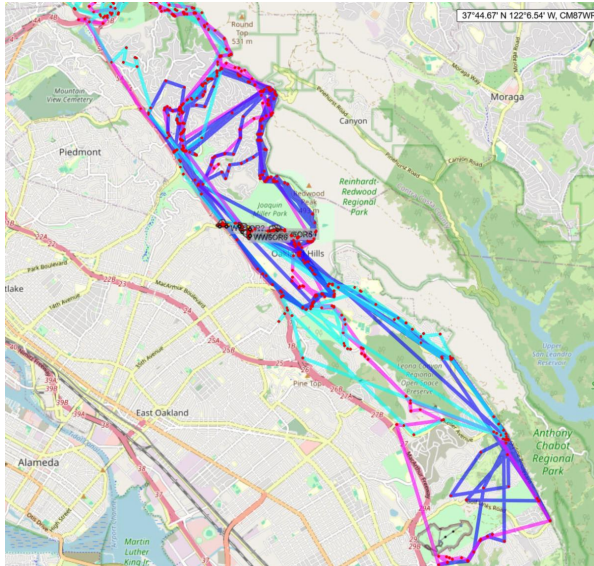
OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)

**Wed., July 17, 2024
7:00-8:30pm**

Details / registration **HERE**

REPORT ON JULY 4TH WILDFIRE PATROLS

On Thursday, July 4th, the Oakland Radio Communication Assn (**ORCA** - Amateur/Ham radio) in conjunction with Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division/OFD and Oakland Firesafe Council conducted mobile wildfire patrols in the Oakland Hills during the late afternoon and early evening. This was ORCA's **30th anniversary** performing this service!



15 ORCA volunteers patrolled and observed, looking for fire or smoke as well as illegal fireworks. Thankfully no fire/smoke was encountered, although fireworks being set off in the hills were reported using Amateur/Ham radios coordinated from Oakland Fire Station 25 on Butters Dr.

This year the patrollers used automated position reporting devices based on Amateur/Ham radio (APRS) that were provided by ORCA and OFSC. Net Control could see in real-time the location of each patrol vehicle.

Oakland Fire Dept was also out patrolling and responding well into the evening hours – thank you OFD!



A vegetation fire in the Berkeley-Oakland hills on Monday, July 1, 2024. *Wendell Laidley*

RELATED READ

Fireworks started 2-acre grass fire in Berkeley-Oakland hills "... five local agencies responded in total – from Berkeley, Oakland, El Cerrito, Moraga-Orinda and Cal Fire – bringing 20 fire engines to the scene."

July 2, 2024 *The Berkeley Scanner* **ARTICLE**



How Will You Know About Local Wildfires?
See our list of suggested apps and websites for
WILDFIRE MONITORING & REPORTING

GOAT BREAK



**Goats at Joaquin Miller Park
taking their City-mandated rest break**

IT'S 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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