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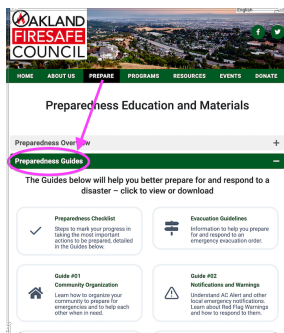
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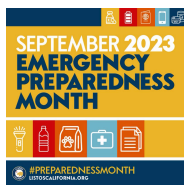
SEPTEMBER IS PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Disasters and emergencies could happen at any time (not just during the month of September). **By opening and reading this newsletter, you've already taken an action in preparedness!**



Now keep that momentum going with a review of available DIY resources, starting with [OFSC Preparedness Guides](#) – there are 24 downloadable, printable, and shareable PDFs.

For a deeper dive into wildfire-related information and preparedness, review our **Wildfire Safety Programs**.



Listos California's **Social Media Toolkit** provides colorful, attention grabbing graphics, posts, and information in English and Spanish to help engage communities around disaster preparedness. They also have a hub of [resources in multiple languages](#).

PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 9/20

OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

7:00-8:30pm

Details and registration info [HERE](#)



A FEW RECENT ITEMS OF NOTE



The Oakland District 4 Wildfire Preparedness Virtual Townhall on August 30th had over 100 community members participate. The California Department of Insurance and Oakland Firesafe Council shared insights and tools on home insurance, home hardening, and wildfire preparedness. Watch the [recording](#). Read a recap of the townhall's highlights is this article:

"With insurers fleeing fire-prone California, what can be done in Oakland?" by Natalie Orenstein, *Oaklandside* [READ](#)

"Tragedy in Maui – A Caution for Oakland/East Bay" by Doug Mosher, Oakland Firesafe Council, *The Rockridge News* – "A contributing factor to the chaos was how fast and for how long the cellular and internet communications infrastructure went down due to the fire..." [READ](#)

City of Berkeley New siren will signal an emergency, need to seek information – A new outdoor warning system in Berkeley will use a wailing siren tone and voice message to prompt the public to seek emergency evacuation or shelter-in-place information... [MORE](#)

>> If you are in or near Berkeley this **Sunday, September 17th**, listen for the **first test** of the new outdoor warning sirens at noon! <<

HOW WILL YOU KNOW?



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.



With the new **Genasys Protect** (formerly Zonehaven) **mobile app**, turn on your location to learn your zone name and be able to get notified about danger and when to evacuate wherever you are.



The **Wildfire Forecast & Threat Intelligence Integration Center** (WFTIIC) serves as California's integrated central organizing hub for wildfire forecasting, weather information, threat intelligence gathering, analysis and dissemination.

>>> OFSC **Wildfire Monitoring and Reporting** Program <<<

CAN YOU HELP US CONTINUE SPREADING THE WORD?

Unfortunately OFSC has lost a critical City of Oakland grant that has enabled much of our important work over these past two years. As we no longer have the funding, we are now having to cut back on activities such as

- providing free workshops
- distributing printed Guides and materials
- developing new wildfire safety programs
- offering Firewise USA® support
- nurturing connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness



Thankfully we have experienced a relatively mild wildfire season so far this year but **our driest and windiest months are still to come**. Helping our communities be prepared and ready for any disaster is a **crucial service** that OFSC has provided and needs to continue doing so.

Your financial support could help us to continue on with these and other important, potentially life-saving endeavors. And should you have any **contacts with corporate and/or foundation sources** of grant funds and donations, we'd be grateful for any connections.

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.

SUPPORT

Oakland Firesafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax-deductible.



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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