

Planning for Wildfire Emergencies and Evacuation Notification Series.

Feb 25 at the Placitas Community Library from 7 PM to 8 PM

Announcing the second in our series on preparing for an emergency declaration or evacuation notice in the Placitas area. The meeting will be on Feb 25 at the Placitas Community Library from 7 PM to 8 PM. Please arrive by 6:45 PM to ensure you get seating.

Our first meeting was well received with about 50 people attending to learn how to prepare ahead of time for an emergency / evacuation announcement.

This next meeting will focus on how our neighboring communities on the east side of the mountain organize and prepare themselves to react to a community emergency notice. The East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association advises residents of the East Mountain area on how to prepare for emergencies and arranges speakers on wildfire preparedness and emergency and evacuation issues.

Our speaker for this next meeting is Jerome Macdonald, President of the EMWPA and is the Preparedness Bureau – State Training Officer for the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. His presentation will focus on:

- History of when and why it started as EMIFPA
- How it evolved to EMWPA
- Education programs using Zoom, in-person and outside (Demo project) presentations and training.
- Seasonal Topics Focus - Spring prep for season, fall presentation and topics based on fire season activity
- How we are organized, Board Members at large.
- Funding

This is an opportunity to learn how other communities prepare for, and react to, wildfire emergencies and evacuation notices. This meeting could be a springboard for a similar Placitas organization.

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Make your plans now to attend!