

Fire Safety

Presented:

May 3, 2025

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Nick Cleary, Ventura County Fire Department

Ken Nelson, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Association

Thomas Marowelli, Insurance Agent



Agenda

- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Three pillars:
 - Government and neighbor support:
 - Boeing, UCLA and West Hills Hospital
 - Ventura County Fire Department
 - Mountains Recreation & Conservation Association
 - Community initiatives
 - Personal responsibility
- Personal Insurance



Emergency Preparedness Committee

WILDFIRES

Power, water, closures, smoke, communications, heat & debris



EARTHQUAKES

Cracks, collapse, gas, water, electric, road blockage, need 3 days of food and water



EQUIPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE CONCERNS
(POWER, WATER, COMMUNICATIONS)



SEVERE WEATHER

Flash floods, landslides, winds impact roofs, windows, trees, power, debris, and communication and power outages



HOME EMERGENCIES

Fire, gas leaks, electrical needs, extinguishers, smoke detectors, shut-off tools.

CRIME

CRIME/TERRORISM

Attacks, theft, service interruption of water and power, and emergency equipment.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – Prepare and Prevent

Government agency collaboration, Community initiatives, and Individual responsibility

Government and Neighbors

Government

- Ventura County Fire Department
- Ventura County Fire Safe Council
- Mountains Recreation & Conservation Association

Neighbors

- Boeing
- UCLA/West Hills Hospital

Community initiatives

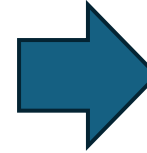
- Early detection systems
- Test emergency response protocols
- Community Emergency Response Team
- Organize NP's, PA's, RM's
- Organize skilled workers

Personal responsibility

- Maintain defensible space
- Trim/thin/Remove specific vegetation – palm fronds, eucalyptus, sumacs, cypress, juniper, spruce, and cedar trees
- Regular tests of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms
- Maintain electrical, gas, and plumbing systems know how and shutoff
- Prepare fire response plans and emergency kits
- Inventory 3-days of water and food
- Retrofit roofs, windows for flood, fire, and wind
- Secure home entry point for personal safety
- Install exterior motion lighting
- Install HOA application for security alerts and emergency procedures



Communications Technology



Computer Telephony to Broadcast Community Messages:

- HOA is installing technology to send mass messages to all members simultaneously.
- An integrated platform to push email, text, and voice notifications
- Members can access easy-to-use prompts and menu functions.



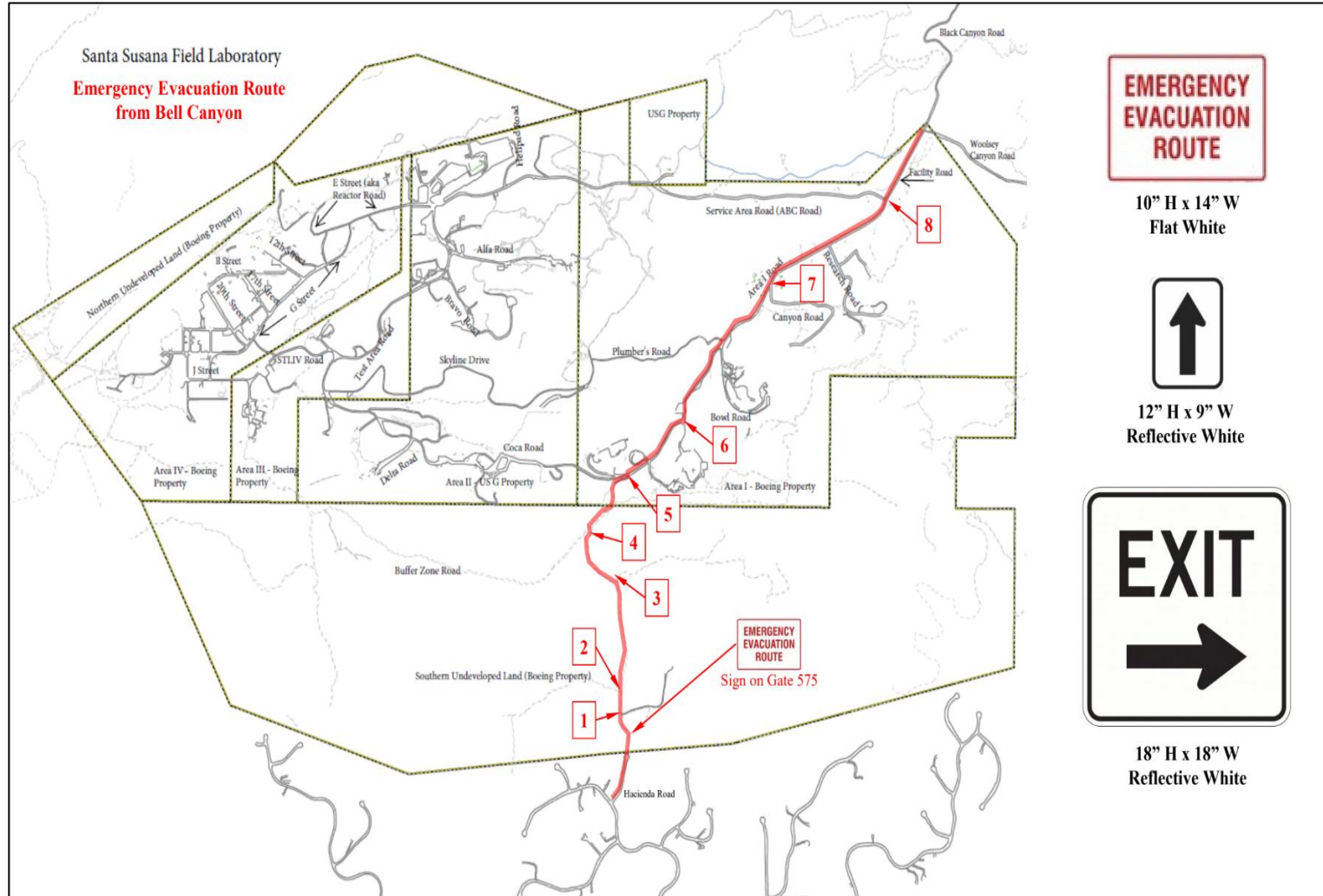
Rapid Radios test with entry and maintenance staff:

- Uses every cell carrier so no bog down during a disaster
- Works for days without a battery charge
- Secure, encrypted communication for the community only



Boeing Fire Exit:

Enter at the end of Hacienda ➡ 2 miles to the Wolsey Road ➡ exit to Valley Circle



**EMERGENCY
EVACUATION
ROUTE**

10" H x 14" W
Flat White



12" H x 9" W
Reflective White

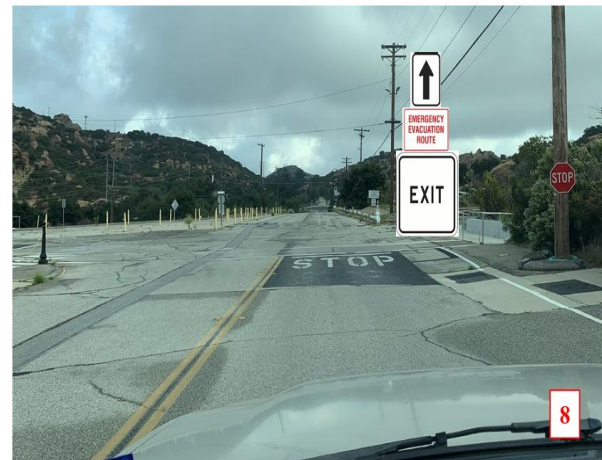


18" H x 18" W
Reflective White

About 3/4 mile of dirt road



About 1 ¼ miles is paved



Fire risk and hazard reduction



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Mike Worford

Senior Fire Inspector, Ventura County Fire Department



Prevention efforts

- Defensible Space – 19,092 Notices Mailed 4/18/25
- Home Hardening
- Zone 0
- Insurance Discounts
- Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- Real Estate Disclosures

Defensible space - Brush clearance



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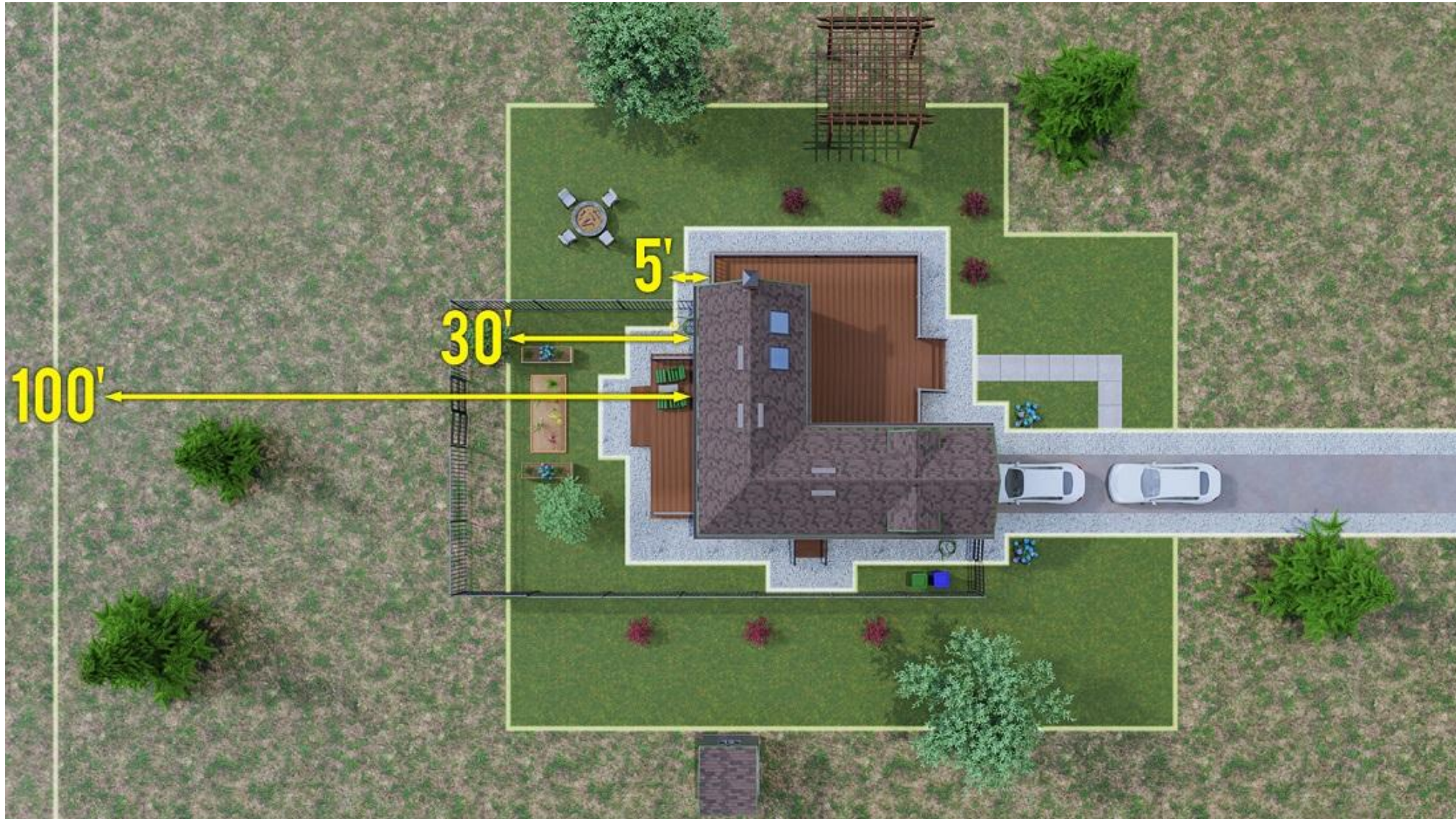
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Defensible space – zone 0



Zone 0 - landscape



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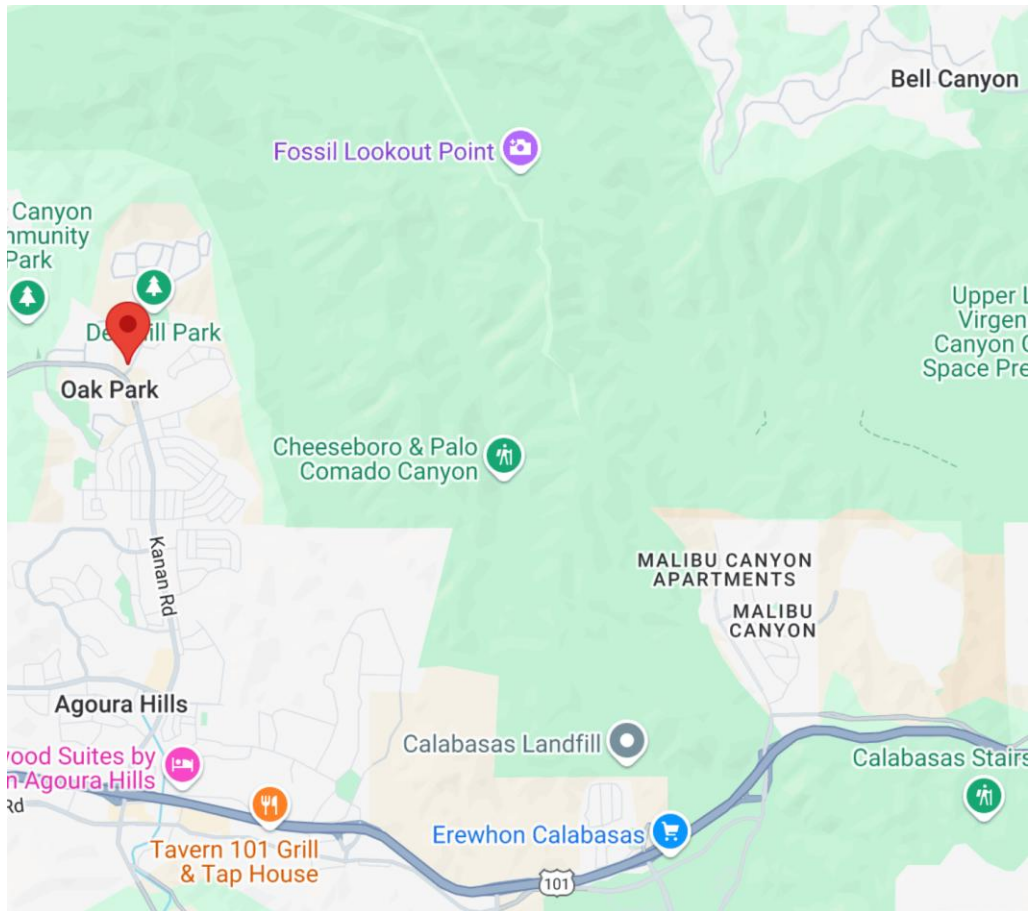


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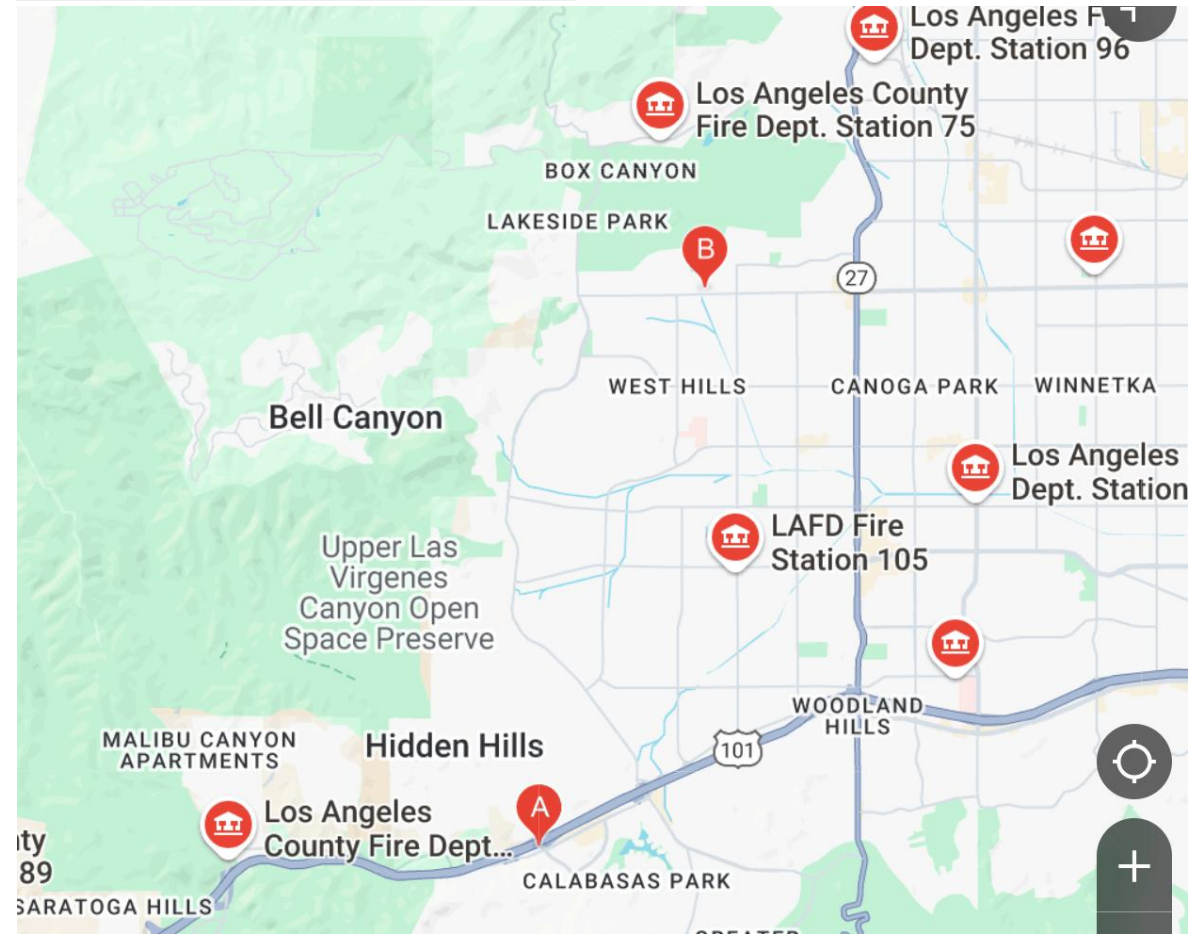


Would a Bell Canyon Station ever be possible?

Ventura Fire Stations



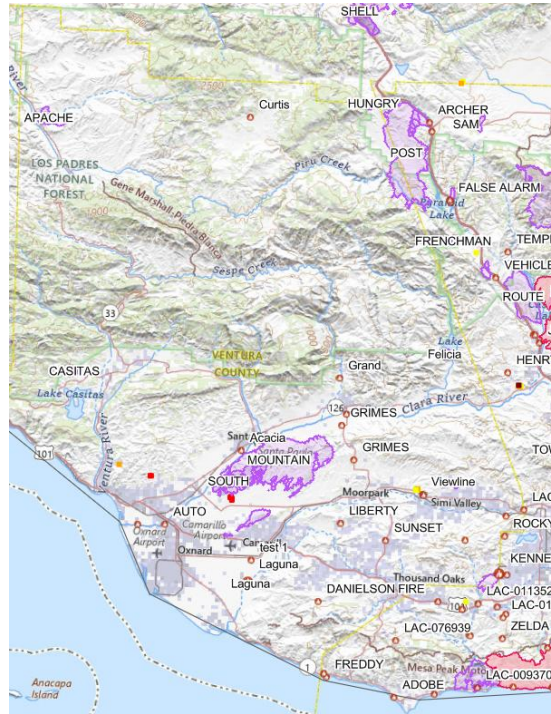
Los Angeles Fire Stations



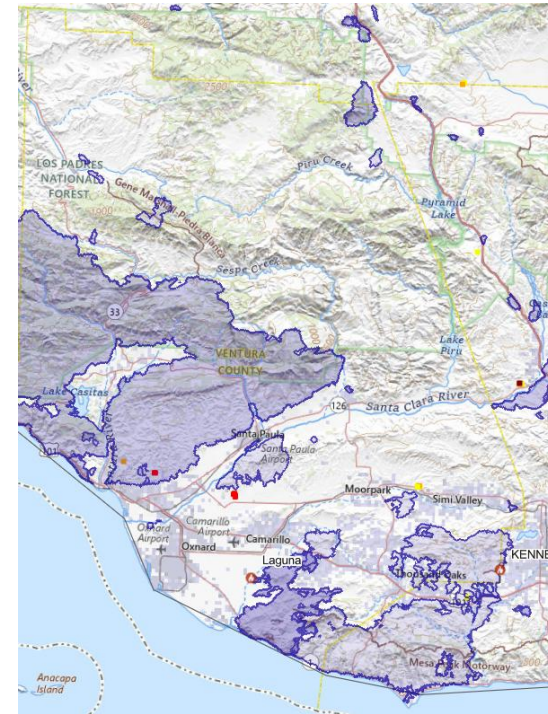


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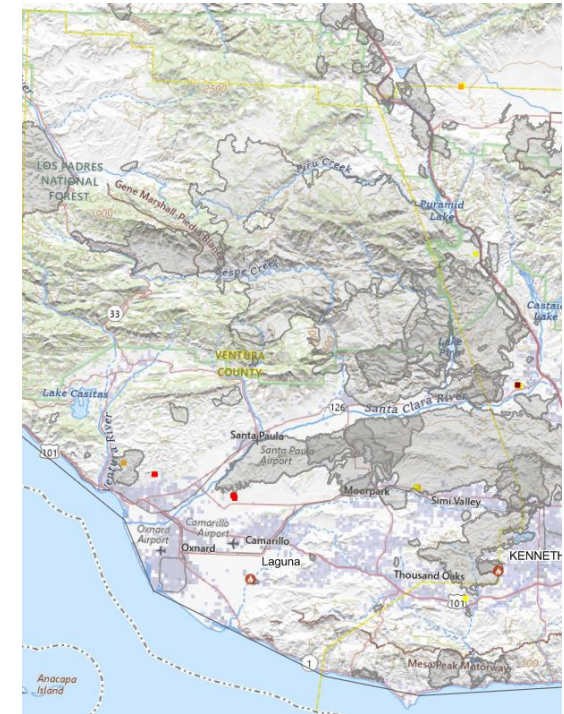
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2020-2025



2011-2019



2000-2011

Fire History Ventura County

2000-2025

Nick Cleary, Division Chief, Ventura County Fire Department

Notifications:

- VCAAlert
- NWS WEA
- Watch Duty



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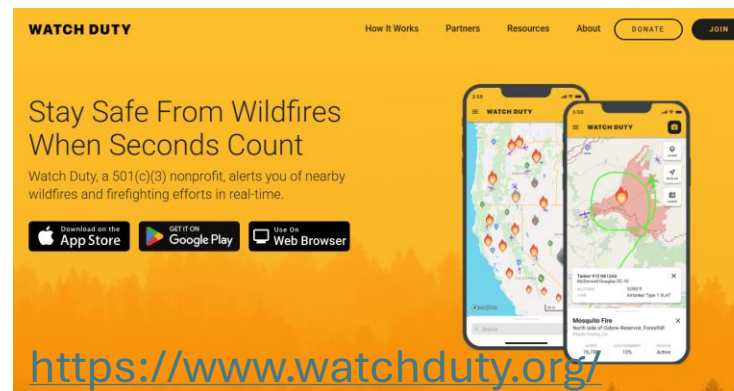
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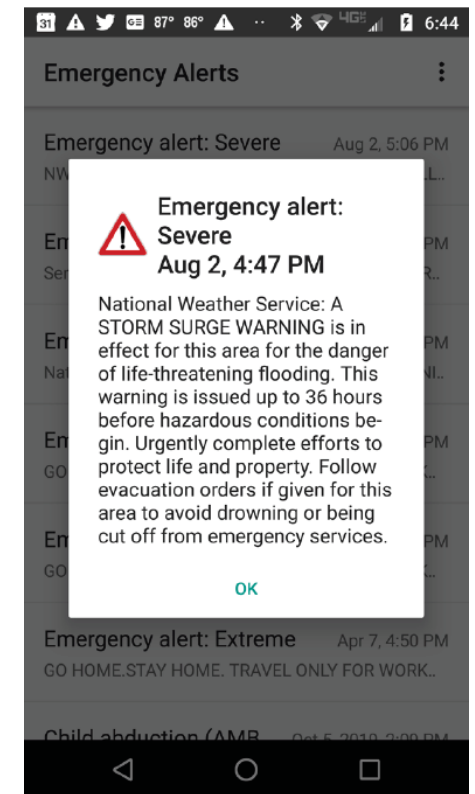
<https://emergency.venturacounty.gov>



<https://www.readyventuracounty.org/vc-alert/>



<https://www.watchduty.org/>



<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea>



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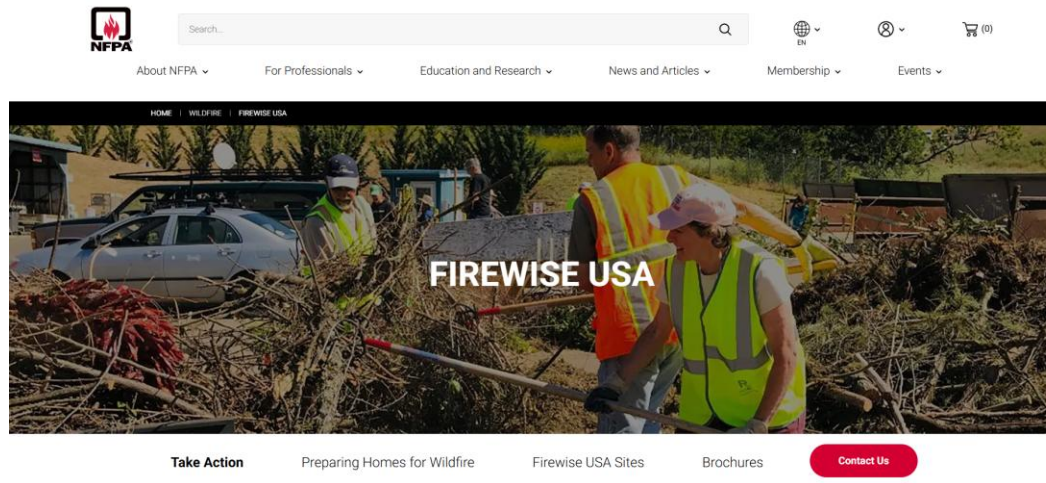
Prepare/ Prevent:

- FireSafe Council
- Firewise
- VCFD
- CalFire

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<https://venturafiresafe.org/>

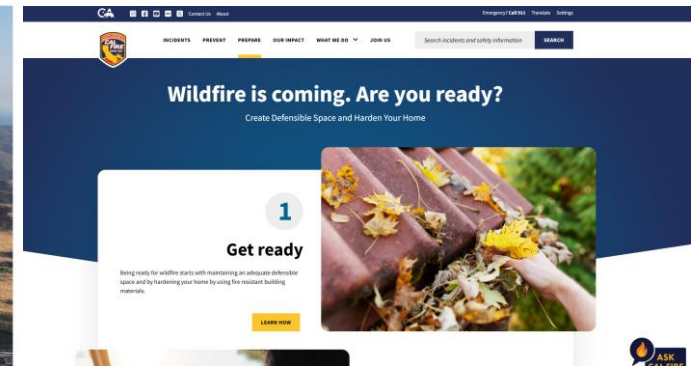


<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa>

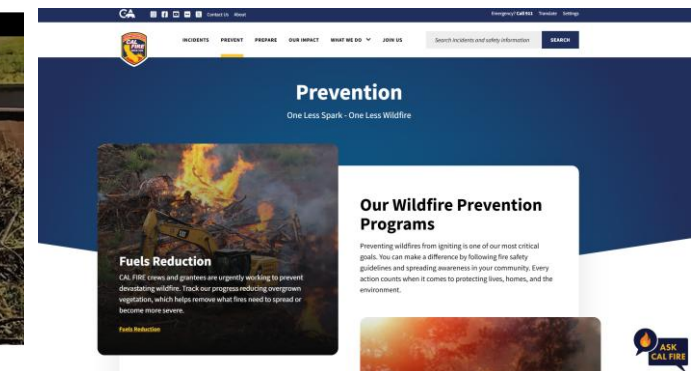


COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

<https://vcfd.org/fire-hazard-reduction-program-fhrp/>



<https://www.fire.ca.gov/prepare>



<https://www.fire.ca.gov/prevention>


Get Involved



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 American Red Cross
Training Services

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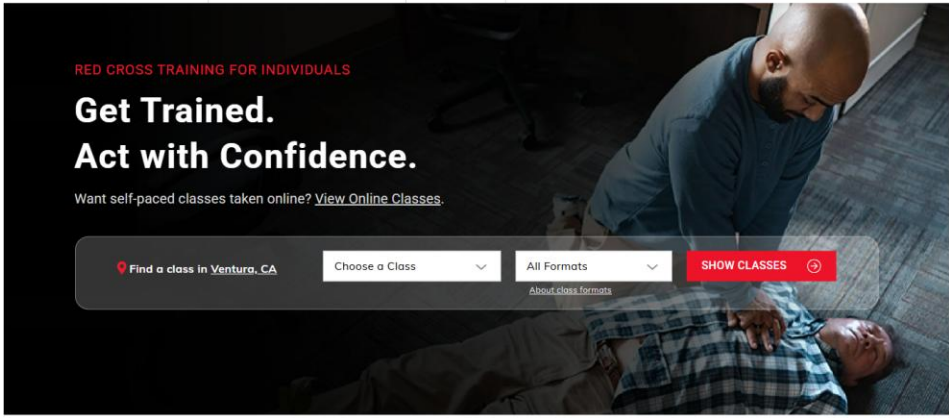
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Adult, Child and Baby First Aid/CPR/AED (Online)

Develop the skills to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies

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Ken Nelson, Chief of the Fire Division

- Stay Informed
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Get Involved



MRCA
FIRE DIVISION

GET IN TOUCH!

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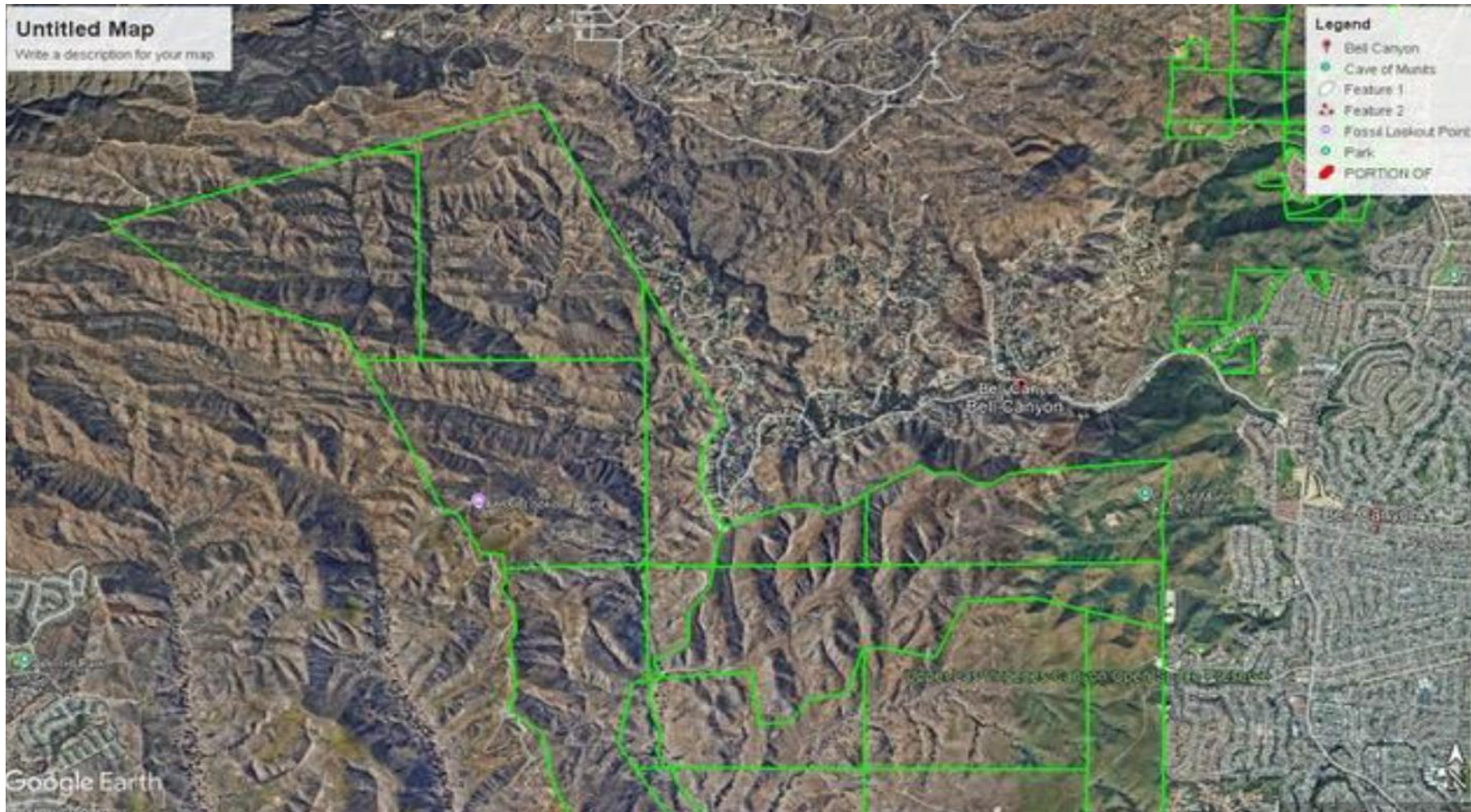
ABOUT US

MRCA is a local public agency dedicated to the acquisition, preservation, and protection of open space, wildlife habitat, and urban, mountain, and river parkland that is easily accessible to the public.

The MRCA Fire Division protects the array of resources on MRCA-managed properties, and works together with local fire departments, State and federal agencies, and the public to prevent wildfires, and—if necessary—to defend against them.

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Association

Ken Nelson, Chief of the Fire Division



Insurance Coverage Options

California Fair Plan with a DIC (difference in conditions)

- CA Fair Plan covers fire, smoke, explosion, wind, hail, and damage by auto or aircraft
- DIC covers liability, water, plumbing, and leaks from the roof

North Light Specialty Insurance Company

- Wholly owned subsidiary of Allstate Insurance Company
- A.M. Best A+ rating (Superior)
- Allstate claims service

Thomas Marowelli, Allstate Insurance

Questions and Answers