

TOWNHALL MEETING

OHCC SERT Club Presents:

“Wildfire Safety & More”

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 1-3 PM in Abravanel Hall

- **Randy Hill** – Assistant Fire Marshal Oceanside Fire Department
 - Proposed CalFire Fire Hazard Severity Zone Requirements
 - Defensible Space
- Vegetation and Wooden Structures Updates, and more
- Life Saving Information & Apps
 - Smart911
 - Alert San Diego
 - American Red Cross 1st Aid
- “Your Safety – Your Responsibility”
 - Listos – Disaster Ready Guide
 - Be Red Cross Ready
 - Red Cross – Free Smoke Alarms
- Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor, “The Buddy System”

Today we will be covering the following topics.



At the END of the presentation please

- Go to a microphone stand in the aisle
- Wait to be called on to speak
- Do NOT tell a story ... Ask a question (2-minutes)

Please hold your questions until the end of the presentation.






Find your Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ)

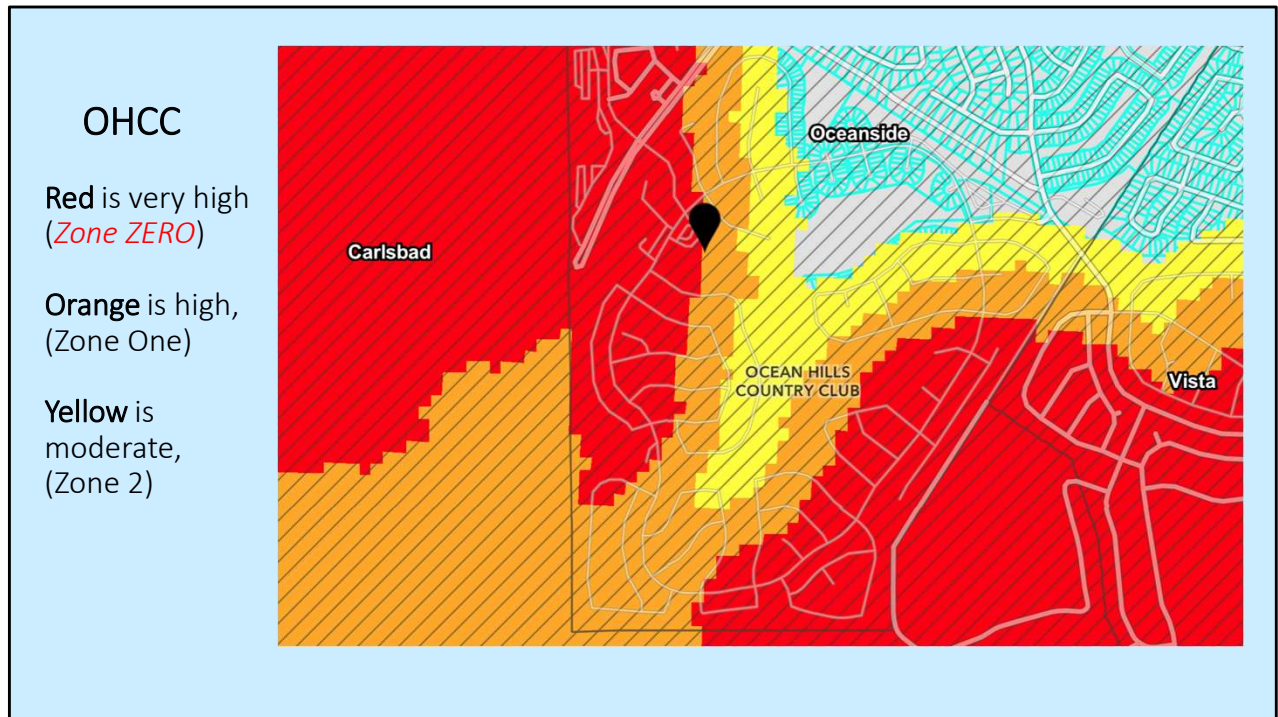
To view the high fire maps

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5065c998b4b0462f9ec3c6c226c610a9>

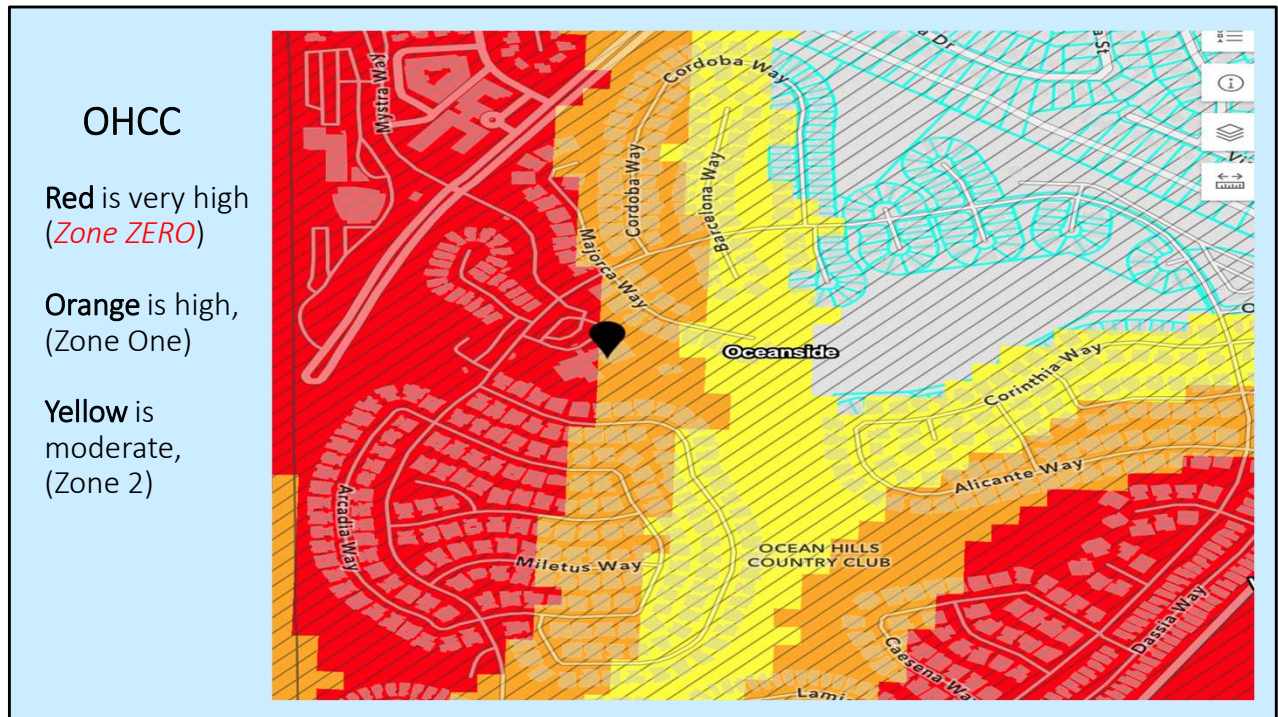
Fire Hazard Severity Zone

-  Very High
-  High
-  Moderate

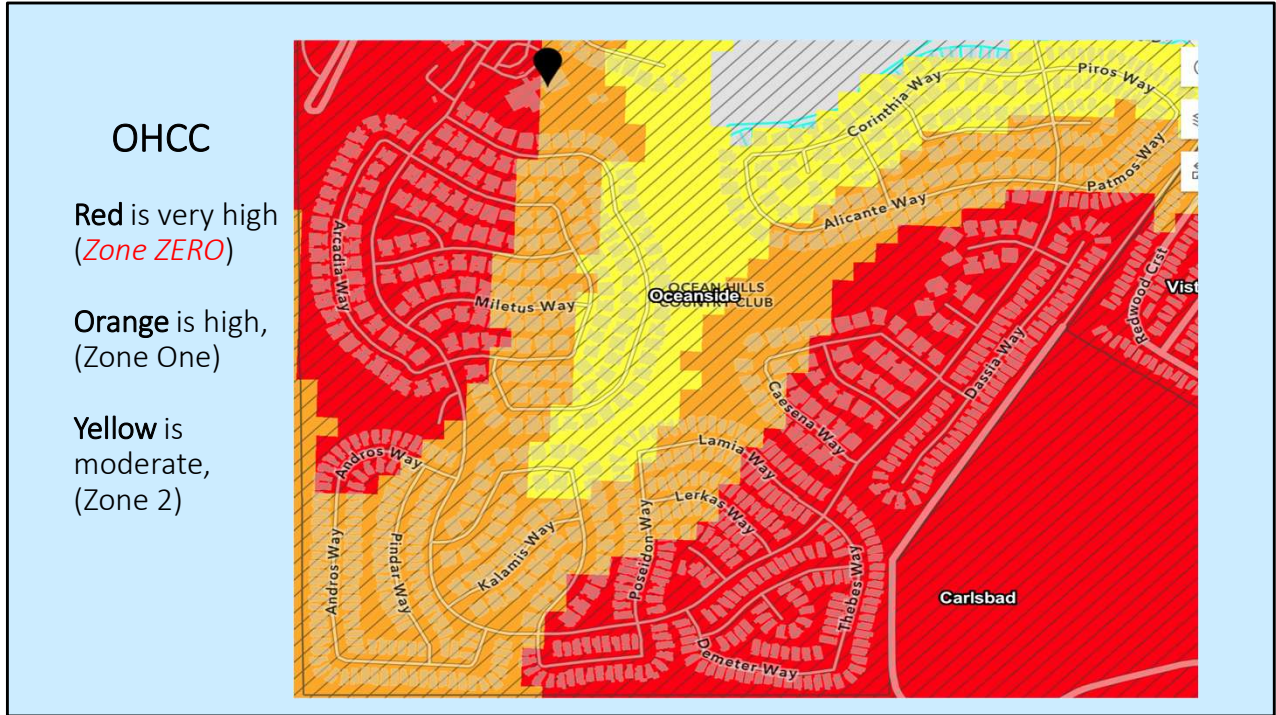
CalFire is proposing new Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and these include Ocean Hills County Club.



The black icon points to the OHCC Clubhouse. You can see that the Clubhouse is in the ORANGE zone and across the street, including the over-flow parking lot is RED.



This view of the map displays the northern portion of OHCC. It is interesting to see how portions of the golf course are in both Orange & Yellow areas.



The section of the map several sections our community are in RED Zone ZERO very high fire damage areas.

Fire Zone – Potential New Requirements

The 5' separation you are referring to is called Zone 0. While it currently is not a requirement, meaning it is not formally adopted by the State/Government Code, it is currently a recommendation. Zone 0 is the first 5' (0-5') from the structures that are located in the High and Very High Fire Zones per the new state fire hazard maps. There has been a big push recently on Zone 0, so most of the information, or maybe rumors, is that it will eventually become a state requirement during the next code cycle in 2028, potentially sooner.

Zone 0 would essentially mean just hardscape around the home: concrete, rocks, dirt, etc. All trees, bushes, and even wood chips would need to be removed. It is still unclear if this would be enforced on existing structures or just new construction, and possibly during the required real estate defensible space inspections.

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Fire Zones

The FHSZs displayed in the viewer are the **recommended** zones provided to Local agencies by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The final adopted zones may differ from what is currently shown on the map. **For the FHSZ maps that have been officially adopted for your location, please contact your Local agencies using the information below.**

Your City/County

Based on CAL FIRE's statewide jurisdictional layer, your local City/County is Oceanside in San Diego County.*

WEBSITE

<https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us>

EMAIL

citymanager@oceansideca.org

PHONE

760-435-4101

Defensible Space

Practical ways to protect your home from wildfire



Defensible Space is crucial for your home's wildfire safety. It's the buffer zone you create between your property and the surrounding wildland area. This space is key to slowing or stopping wildfire spread and protecting your home from embers, flames, or heat. It also gives firefighters a safer area to defend your property.

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Defensible Space Zone - 0

What to do:

- **Use hardscape** like gravel, pavers, or concrete. No combustible bark or mulch.
- **Remove all dead and dying plants**, weeds, and debris (leaves, needles, etc.) from your roof, gutter, deck, porch, stairways, and under any areas of your home.
- **Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney** or stovepipe outlet.
- **Limit combustible items** (like outdoor furniture and planters) on top of decks.
- **Relocate firewood and lumber** to Zone 2.
- **Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors** attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives.
- **Consider relocating garbage and recycling containers** outside this zone.
- **Consider relocating vehicles**, and other combustible items outside this zone.

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Defensible Space Zone – 1

Keep It Lean, Clean, & Green within 30-feet

What to do:

Regularly clear dead or dry vegetation and create space between trees. During times of drought when watering is limited, pay special attention to clearing dead or dying material.

What to do:

- **Remove all dead plants**, grass, and weeds.
- **Remove dead or dry leaves** and pine needles.
- **Trim trees regularly** to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- **Create a separation** between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

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Defensible Space Zone – 2

Reduce Potential Fuel within 100-Feet

What to do:

Continue reducing potential fuel within 100 feet or the property line.

Why? 100 feet of defensible space is required by law. Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291 Public Resource Code 4291 (Applies to state properties), the Government Code Section is 51182.

- **Cut or mow annual grass** down to a maximum height of four inches.
- **Create horizontal space** between shrubs and trees.
- **Create vertical space** between grass, shrubs and trees.
- **Remove fallen leaves**, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of three inches.
- **Keep 10 feet of clearance around exposed wood piles**, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.
- **Clear areas around outbuildings and propane tanks**. Keep 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exterior.

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Plant selection to minimize combustion
Prepared for the Master Landscape Committee
the Full report is 10 pages

Comment: Mismarking plants in the nursery trade is common. If multiple high flammability plants were on the original OHCC Plant List, all are shown as DO NOT PLANT. This document is based on the OHCC Plant List dated May 2019. The DO NOT PLANT labels were added and redundant listings under genus removed.

Plant selection to minimize combustion

Ocean Hills Country Club Plant List						
For Use in All Common Areas, Including Front Yards, by Botanical Name						
February 2026						
Botanical Name		Common Name	Type	Height	Width	Water
Abelia x 'Edward Goucher'		Abelia-Pink	Shrub	3-5'	3-5'	M
Abelia x grandiflora 'Kaleidoscope'		Abelia-Kaleidoscope	Shrub	2-3'	3-4'	M
Abutilon x hybridum		Maple-flowering/Chinese Lantern	Shrub	2-3'	3-4'	M
Acacia species	DO NOT PLANT		All			
Achillea 'Moonshine'		Fern leaf Yarrow	Shrub/Perennial	1-2'	1-2'	L
Achillea millefolium		Yarrow White	Shrub/Perennial	2-3'	2-3'	ML
Adonidia merrilli		Christmas Tree Palm	Tree	20	5-8'	L
Aeonium		Aeonium	Succulent	18"	18"	VL
Agapanthus africanus		Agapanthus / Lily of the Nile	Shrub	3-4'	2-3'	M
Agapanthus orientalis/variegated/Silver		Lily of the Nile	Shrub	1-2'	2-3'	M
Agapanthus 'Peter Pan'		Lily of the Nile	Shrub	1	1	M
Agapanthus praecox orientalis 'Albus'		Lily of the Nile	Shrub	2	2-3'	M
Agapanthus 'Queen Anne'		Lily of the Nile	Shrub	2	2-3'	M
Agapanthus - Variegated		Lily of the Nile	Shrub	2	2-3'	M
Agave attenuata		Agave/Soft,/Swans Neck/Lions Tail	Succulent	4	3-4'	L
Agave ellemeetiana 'Satina'		Agave/Ellemeet's Agave	Succulent	1-2'	2-3'	L
Agonis flexuosa	DO NOT PLANT	Peppermint Willow/Peppermint Tree	Tree	25-35'	25-35'	ML
Alnus rhombifolia	DO NOT PLANT	White Alder	Tree	40-80'		
Aloe 'Blue Elf'		Aloe/Blue Elf	Succulent	1-2'	1-2'	L

The full 10-page list was updated in February 2026.

Exterior construction utilizing non-flammable materials

Replace

- Wood decks – Artificial deck materials
- Wood Patio Covers – Aluminum Patio Covers
- Wood Patio Furniture – Metal based materials



With the new fire zones, you may wish to consider making changes to the exterior of your home.

Review of roof venting requirements when roofs are repaired or replaced

Before



Add replace vents with ember resistant style (Brandguard, O'Hagin Fire & Ice, Embers Out, Vulcan are ember resistant vents).



The existing vents through out OHCC look similar to the one shown on the left. New O'Hagin vents, shown on the right, you can see the difference in height.



Not “If” ... but “When”

<https://www.alertsandiego.org/en-us.html>

Local Resources



[Genasys Protect](#)

Find your Evacuation Zone, live evacuations and road closures, and more on our partner's website and app.



[Hello Helo](#)

Active announcements being broadcast by the Sheriff's Office Helicopter.



[CAL FIRE Radio](#)

Live audio from the San Diego County Fire / CAL FIRE Dispatch radio feed, hosted by Broadcastify.



[Cameras](#)

Alert California fire detection and monitoring cameras.



[Register for Emergency Alerts](#)

Register to get emergency phone, email, and text alerts.

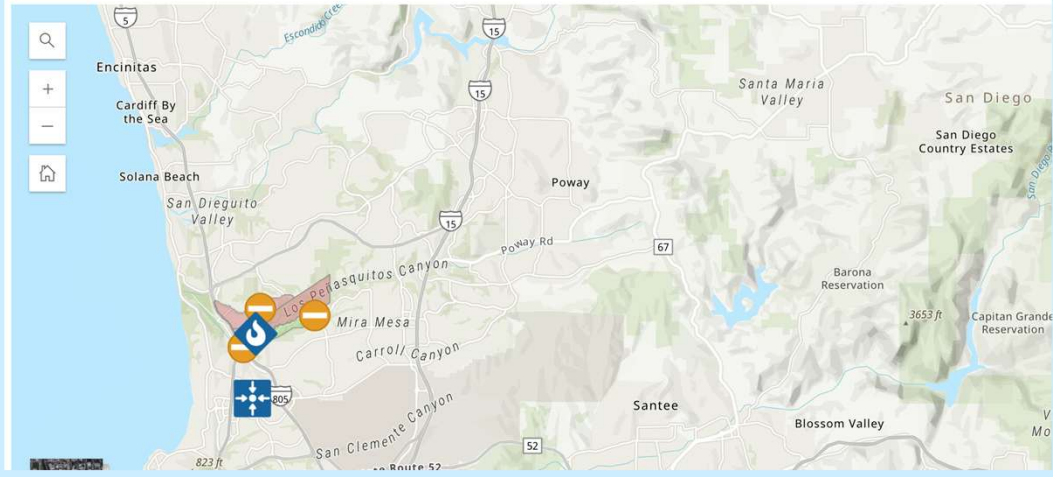


[Sheriff's and SDPD calls for service](#)

Incidents being handled by the County Sheriff's Office and the San Diego Police Department.

Alert San Diego is a FREE app, also available on your computer, to keep current with may different types of emergency situations. You can download the app from the website show here.

Emergency Map



The Emergency Map displays the location of the emergency. This is from Monday, June 6 when there was a fire off the 76 at the Oceanside Airport.

Preparedness

4 Steps to Disaster Preparedness

1. Create your own [Personal Disaster Plan](#) (available in 12 languages)
2. [Register your cell phones](#) for emergency alerts
3. Make an [Evacuation Go-Kit and a Shelter-in-Place Stay Kit](#)
4. Click on the links below to review the types of disasters that San Diego is most at risk for:



Build a Kit

Learn how to make your home more resilient to wildfire with home hardening techniques.



Make a Plan

Evaluate your needs and make a personalized emergency plan to be better prepared.



Home Hardening

Make your home more resilient to wildfire with home hardening techniques.



Defensible Space

Defensible space acts as a barrier to slow or halt the progress of fire that would otherwise engulf your property.



Earthquake

Earthquakes can happen with little warning. If you feel shaking, remember to Drop, Cover and Hold On!



Wildfire

Be prepared for wildfires by learning about defensible space and evacuation planning.



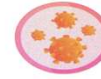
Flooding

Learn about flooding impacts and what you can do to prepare like never driving through flooded roadways.



Heat

Learn about heat related illness and tips to beat the heat like staying hydrated and not leaving kids or pets in vehicles.



Pandemic

Pandemics, like COVID-19, affect everyone. Know your trusted sources of information before the next one.



Tsunami

Learn the signs of incoming Tsunamis and when you need to move to high ground away from beaches and waterways.



Terrorism

Terrorism can happen anywhere, at any time. If you see something, say something.



Power Outage

Unplanned outages can be caused by many things. Learn what to do if your power goes out unexpectedly.

Preparedness provides you with a lot of useful information.



Oceanside Fire Department

The OHCC Evacuation Process

When to Evacuate

- Leave as soon as evacuation is recommended by fire officials to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. Don't wait to be ordered by authorities to leave. Evacuating the wildfire area early also helps firefighters keep roads clear of congestion and lets them move more freely to do their job. In an intense wildfire, they will not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!
- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and escape routes to use depending upon the fire's location, behavior, winds, terrain, etc.
- Law enforcement agencies are typically responsible for enforcing an evacuation order. Follow their directions promptly.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware. Listen to your radio/TV for announcements from law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- You may be directed to temporary assembly areas to await transfer to a safe location.

One of the frequently asked question is where and how do we evacuate. The best answer is "IT DEPENDS". You need to follow the instructions of the Fire Department and/or Law Enforcement.

How to Prepare for a Wildfire in OHCC

Inside the House

- Have your Go Bag or Emergency Supply Kit ready to go
- Ensure you have an Action Plan prepared ahead of time
- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades, curtains and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.

These are some things you need to do if a fire is headed towards OHCC.

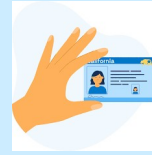
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Outside the House

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc).
- Turn off propane tanks and move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters.
- **Don't** leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- Put your Emergency Supply Kit and Go Bag in your vehicle.
- Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you.

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Returning Home – Have Photo ID Ready



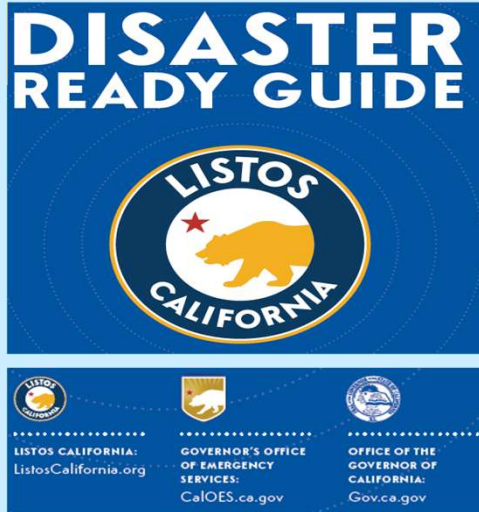
Do not return to your home until police/fire officials determine it is safe. Notification that it is safe to return home will be given as soon as possible considering safety and accessibility.

When You Return Home:

- Be alert for downed power lines and other hazards.
- Check propane tanks, regulators, and lines before turning gas on.
- Check your residence carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.

If you do have to evacuate before the authorities is let you return you must be able to proof you live in the community.

“Your Safety – Your Responsibility” Life Saving Information



Listos guide is 23-pages and **FREE** to everyone in OHCC – The link is below

<https://www.ohccsert.com/files/ugd/fdece2978b3d942a1b485586c7e8af30577d19.pdf>

1. Get alerts to know what to do.
2. Make a plan to protect your people.
3. Pack a Go Bag with things you need.
4. Build a Stay Box for when you can't leave.
5. Help friends and neighbors get ready.

There are multiple sources of information to help you be prepared for a disaster. On the SERT Club website you can access this Disaster Ready Program.

A copy of the booklet will be on everyone's seat. Those not in attendance will receive a copy in the next few weeks.

An electronic version of the booklet is also available on the SERT Website. (5-minutes)



Register at www.SMART911.com

Welcome to **Smart911.com** – a database containing emergency preparedness and response information provided by you and maintained by your local 911 operator. Information that can be used by the emergency medical responders to be better prepared to provide assistance.

Welcome to Smart911. We thank you for taking a proactive role in the safety of yourself and your loved ones. You have better equipped first responders to help you in any emergency.

Please check that you added everything you want first responders to know about you and your household in case of an emergency. Did you miss anything?

Spread the Word.

Help protect your friends and family by spreading the word about Smart911.

Remember to Keep Your Profile up to Date.

Remember to update your profile at least every 6 months, simply signing in if your info has not changed. This assures that responders have your most current info.

[Go To My Safety Profile](#)
Need help? Send an email with your question to help@smart911.com.

SMART911 is a very effective way to store your emergency information and if you call 911 from your cell phone in Oceanside that information is instantly displayed to the 911 dispatcher.



Adult CPR/AED First Aid Certification Courses

Brought to you by SERT

FEATURES:

- Blended Learning Format (Internet and Skills Evaluation)
- 1st Class - via Internet
- 2nd Class - skills evaluation on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 am - Noon at the OHCC Clubhouse

COST:

All OHCC Members
\$60
ERT Members \$40


30 DAYS PRIOR TO CLASS DATE


Register/More information: | arc-ohccert@gmail.com


Be prepared for an emergency by know basic First Aid.

American Red Cross – Additional Info

Be Red Cross Ready
Be Prepared. Get Connected. Take Action.






 **American Red Cross**
San Diego/Imperial Counties

 **American Red Cross**
Southern California Region

FREE Smoke Alarms and Installations


Every day in America 7 people die in home fires. Working alarms in your home can prevent this.

American Red Cross installs and provides **FREE** smoke alarms, bed shaker alarms, and strobe alarms for anyone in need, including adults and children with all levels of hearing loss.

Kidde 10-year smoke alarm	Lifetone Bedside alarm and clock	Gentex Strobe Light Alarm
This ionization sensing smoke alarm has a built-in lithium battery good for 10 years. Does not detect carbon monoxide.	These bed shaker alarms work together with smoke detectors and produce an audible, tactile, and visual alert.	These strobe alarms are a stand-alone device has photoelectric detection. They have a 9ft cord which plugs directly into wall outlets and a 9-volt backup battery. They produce a visual and audible alert.

Installations take about 20 minutes. To schedule an appointment visit:
www.SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal or call (619) 354-9609.


SOUND THE ALARM
Save a Life

Point to the Information Table. Take Be Red Cross Ready pamphlet and review the information about FREE Smoke Alarms. Contact “Sound the Alarm” at www.SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal or call 619-354-9609.



Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor “The Buddy System”

In an emergency be prepared to help your neighbor(s).

Next door and across the street.

- **Their contact info and their emergency contacts.**
- **Know if they have Vial of Life information next to their refrigerator.**
- **Do they have SMART911 on their cell phone**
- **Consolidate info with your Village Safety Coordinator**

The “Buddy System” is simply know your neighbors and let them get to know you. In an emergency do they know how to contact the people on your emergency contact list? Do you know how to contact their contacts?



- Go to a microphone stand in the aisle
- Wait to be called on to speak
- State your name and the street you live on
- Do **NOT** tell a story ... Ask a question (2-minutes Max.)

OK, we have covered a lot of topics today. How is the time for your questions. Please come to a microphone and provide your name and the street you live on.

If a question can not be answered quickly it will move to a “parking lot” for a later response.

Thank You

Copies of this presentation will be available on the
OHCC SERT Club Webpage:

www.OHCCSERT.com

Under the “Education” tab “Safety Committee Presentations”



Tom will thank everyone for coming and the presenters for their participation and on-going support.