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FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

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Happy summer, everyone. It's early June, and South Placer Fire District has multiple wildland deployments. SPFD sent crews to Rancho Cordova to assist our neighbors with a rapidly moving brush fire, and we have a crew deployed in Calaveras County. These deployments are part of the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement was developed to leverage California fire service resources to protect communities like ours that need more resources to fight large wildland fires. SPFD will send a fire engine to assist other agencies in exchange for reciprocation should we ever need help. It's a great example of cooperation and teamwork, with your community playing a crucial role in protecting all our California communities.

It's shaping into an active fire season, so please make your home and property fire-safe. Your proactive measures can make a significant difference in preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires. This newsletter contains recommendations and tips to help you in this important work.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We value your input and encourage you to share any questions or ideas for future content with us at contact@southplacerfire.org. Your feedback is important in helping us provide information that matters most to you. If you would like to receive communications from the District (including this newsletter), use the contact button on the homepage and leave your name, email, and your interest in receiving communications in the message.



WHAT'S NEW WITH THE DISTRICT

Like the fire season, the District has also been active. In this newsletter, you'll learn what the District has been up to, including:

- The District Master Plan
- 2023 Annual Report
- New Staff
- ISO Update
- Open Houses
- Community Survey
- Strategic Plan
- Recent Emergency Responses

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

It's time to prepare for wildfires. This is a partial checklist; see the box to the right for more information and resources.

Harden your home—Protecting your home from direct flame, radiant heat, and flying embers is critical. Things that improve your home's chance of survival include non-combustible roofing, dual-pane windows, advanced venting, fire-resistant decking, and more.

Defensible Space This is crucial for wildfire safety. There are three zones (graphic below). Zone 0 (0-5 feet) is the key to wildfire defense. Zones 1 and 2 cover up to 100 feet around your home and focus on clean-up and fuel reduction.

Evacuation Plan - What will you do in the event of a wildfire? Everyone is different, so make a plan and practice it. Remember the six P's of evacuation -

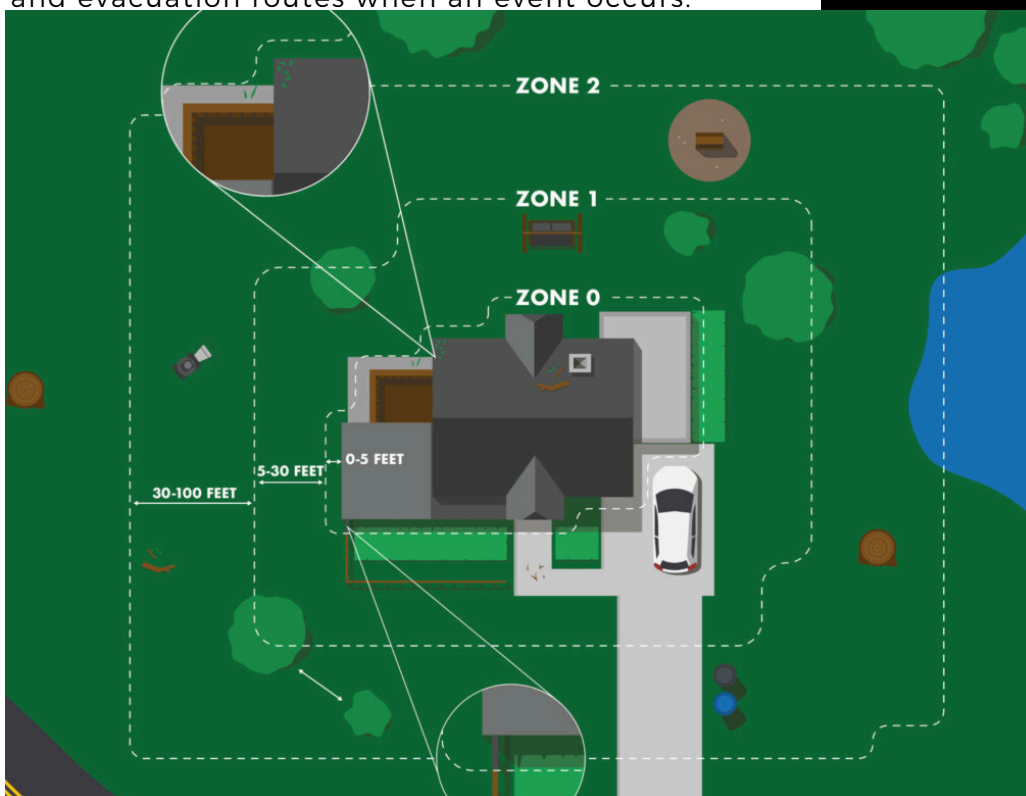
- **People** and Pets;
- **Papers**, phone numbers, important documents;
- **Prescriptions**, vitamins, & eyeglasses;
- **Pictures** and irreplaceable memorabilia;
- **Personal** computers, hard drives & disks; and
- **Plastic** (credit cards, ATM cards, cash).

[ReadyPlacer.gov](https://www.readyplacer.gov) is the resource for information and evacuation routes when an event occurs.



WILDFIRE SAFETY RESOURCES

- Ready For Wildfire
- Fire Information Engine
- IBHS Wildfire Guidance
- ReadyPlacer.gov
- Wild Fire Action Plan



Fire District MASTER PLAN

Community Risk Assessment
Standards of Cover



South Placer
FIRE DISTRICT

May 2024



DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

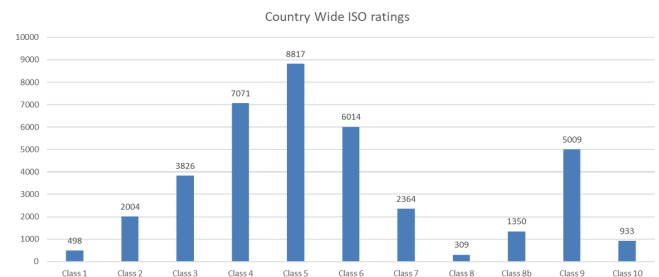
In partnership with Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and after more than 18 months of work, the South Placer Fire District is proud to announce the completion of our Master Plan. The Fire District Master Plan, conducted by AP Triton, aims to help the District stay ahead of community growth and associated risks, ensuring that it continues to provide effective services to the community while also serving as a valuable resource for policy-making and budgeting decisions. On June 12, 2024, the SPFD Board adopted the Master Plan, the foundational planning document for the next 20 years. The Master Plan can be found on our District website under About SPFD> Public Documents> Budgets & Plans> [Master and Strategic Plans](#).

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2023 Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the South Placer Fire District's performance and achievements over the past year. This report is a testament to our commitment to safeguarding our community through prompt and effective emergency response services.

Emergency response and financial stewardship remain the District's top priorities. This report reflects our commitment to maintaining operational excellence within responsible budget management,

As we look ahead, we remain focused on continuous improvement and innovation to serve our growing community's needs better. The insights gathered from this report will guide our future initiatives and strategic planning efforts, ensuring that we uphold our mission to protect and support South Placer residents. The plan can be found under [Budgets & Plans](#) on our website.



DISTRICT ISO RATING

The Insurance Services Office evaluates fire service through the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). You can learn more about how the FSRS works [here](#), but in brief, a better rating (1-10, with 1 being the best) may positively affect your insurance. Evaluations are every 5-10 years; The District's last rating (2018) was 3/3y. In September, a new rating will become effective, which is an improvement to 2/2y.

DISTRICT UPDATES

New Staff - On June 10th, the District began an academy of six new hires, five Firefighter paramedics, and one apprentice. They are performing well and plan to serve the community by July 12th.

Open House - The District hosted a successful open house at Station 20. It was attended by the young and young at heart, and everyone had a great time. Thanks for coming out, and we will see you at our next open house at Station 18 in Loomis in the fall.

Community Survey and Strategic Plan - The results of our community survey, conducted by FM3, were discussed at our June board meeting. The presentation is on our website under About SPFD> News&Media> [Voter Attitudes towards the South Placer Fire District](#).

Fires—As we prepare this newsletter, it is fire season, and that includes buildings as well. Numerous structural fires have occurred in the last few weeks, so please be careful. Our crews do an amazing job, but we would rather see you at one of our open houses or out and about in the District than at a fire at your residence. Be careful out there.



SAFETY TIP

On June 10, SPFD crews responded to a grass fire on Eureka Road. The crews did a fantastic job putting out the wildfire, but they also saved a life during their efforts - a juvenile red-tailed hawk. Check out [Gold Country Media's](#) coverage for the full story



THIS QUARTER AT SOUTH PLACER FIRE

In the first quarter of 2024 (Apr- Jun) the District responded to:

Total Calls - 1047

Fires - **42**

Medical - **672**

Hazardous Condition - 15

Service - **100**

Good Intent - **160**

False Alarm - **56**

Italics = No fire involvement