

Community Canyon Fire Watch Program

Some of your local University City Community Leaders have teamed up with City Councilmember Sherri Lightner and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to start a very important Community Fire Watch Program for neighborhoods in University City that surround the Rose Canyon and other canyons in the area.

Your Community Leaders are looking for volunteers to assist in this effort to help protect the Rose Canyon and your neighborhoods from fires during the high fire severity months of September, October and November.

Please join the Community Canyon Fire Watch Program for a community meeting on:

Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6 pm at the Standley Recreation Center.

For more information on this Community Canyon Fire Watch Program, please contact Andy Freeburn at promovstar@aol.com or call 858.336.4437

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Wildland Fire



Every year, wildland fires threaten hundreds of homes, causing millions of dollars in damage. Areas with an abundance of flammable vegetation and periods of dry, hot, windy weather are particularly vulnerable to wildfires.

[Download Wildfire Zone Safety Instructions](#)

To learn about creating a defensible space around your home by clearing brush and pruning trees, see the San Diego Fire-Rescue guidelines for [canyon fire safety](#).

Watch the "[Before the Threat](#)" video (Video requires [Windows Media Player](#) for viewing.)

Prepare

- Sweep gutters, roofs, and eaves regularly. Remove dead branches around chimneys.
- If fire is approaching, remove combustible materials, including wood piles, lawn furniture, doormats, barbecue grills, and tarps, from around your home.
- Locate your evacuation checklist and assemble the items in it. Place these items in your vehicle.
- Evacuate before the fire approaches your home. Back your car into the driveway and roll up the windows to allow for a quicker getaway. Plan to bring your valuables and your pets.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including attic doors and vents, windows, doors, and pet doors. Remove flammable drapes and curtains and close all shutters, blinds, or heavy non-combustible drapes. Do not lock the doors and windows in case firefighters have to make a quick entry to fight the flames.
- Close all the interior doors in your home and the fireplace screen. Open the fireplace damper.
- Shut off any natural gas, propane, or fuel oil supplies at the source.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water.
- Disconnect garage door openers so the doors will open if there is no power.
- Place a ladder against the house in clear view.
- Turn on the outside lights and at least one light in each room to make your house more visible in heavy smoke.

After the Fire

- Do not return to your home until authorities say it is safe. If you are at home or able to return to your home, check the roof immediately and

<http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/safety/wildfire.shtml>

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