Wildfire Preparedness

Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group

- Moderator – david.pierson.usna@gmail.com
- Largest Focus Group in SLO
- SLO Fire Safe Council – Grants
- Meeting – 2nd Wednesday at 3 PM

Plan

- Check your smoke detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Sign up for Alerts
- Know your evacuation routes – at least two ways to exit
- Have a "GO BAG" ready
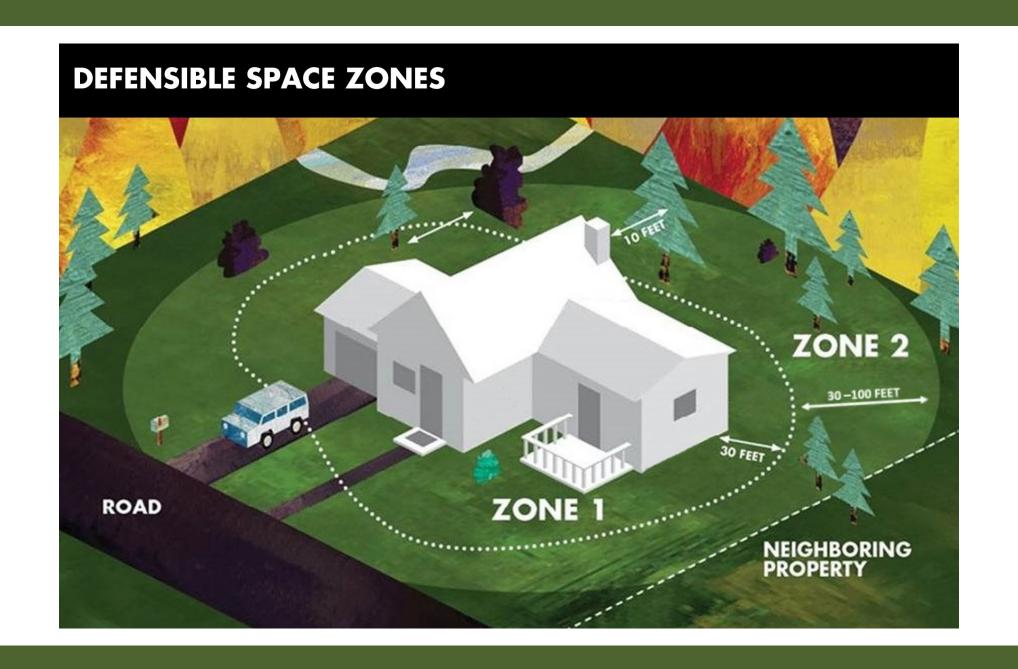- Pet Ready

Sign up for Alerts

- Reverse 911
  - https://slosheriff.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUrl=%2f

- CalFire Alerts
  - CAL FIRE Incidents (readyforwildfire.org)

- Nixle
  - https://nixle.com/county/ca/san-luis-obispo/

Go Bag

- Face Masks
- Medicines, extra glasses/contacts
- 3-day supply of food and water
- Change of clothing
- First aid kit, Flashlight, Blanket
- Battery powered radio
- Copies of documents i.e. birth certificates
- Pet food
- [Emergency Supply Kit - Ready for Wildfire](#)

Prepare

- Defensible Space
- Home Hardening

DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONES

10 FEET

ZONE 2

30 – 100 FEET

30 FEET

ZONE 1

ROAD

NEIGHBORING PROPERTY

Home Hardening

- Wind driven embers
  - Any opening in your house is a target
  - Any highly flammable material attached to your house is a target
- [Hardening Your Home - Ready for Wildfire](#)
- Examples of things to do
  - Roof material and openings
  - Clean your gutters
  - Wire mesh for attic and crawl-space vents
  - Garage door openings
- Grants are years away

Evacuation

- Decision by On-Scene-Commander   Usually the Fire Chief

- Implemented by the Sheriff – assisted by CHP and Caltrans

- Evacuation Warning – get ready

- Evacuation Order – GO!

- Cambria is difficult due to few exits from neighborhoods and the town itself
  - Studies done with grants driven by the Focus Group

GO

- Take your Go Bag
- Turn-off the gas
- Leave garden hoses hooked up
- Close the windows and doors leaving them unlocked
- [Pre-Evacuation Preparation Steps - Ready for Wildfire](#)

What is in the Works

- Zone Haven
  - Implementation and education next spring
- Alert System
- Fire Prevention Week – O
  - Fisci the Fire Safe Fox
  - School visits

Resources

- [Home - Ready for Wildfire](#)
- [Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group (247ncep.com)](#)