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CITY OF PLACERVILLE

Wildfire/Disaster “READY, SET, GO” Evacuation Plan

BE READY!

Create an evacuation plan that includes:

- A designated emergency meeting location outside of the evacuation area.
- Several different escape routes from your home and community. Drive these routes often so your family is familiar in case of an emergency.
- A plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock. Go to www.SCLAR.org.
- Sign up for Emergency Notification at;
 - Placerville Police Nixle, Facebook, Twitter
 - CodeRED - www.ready.edso.org

Be Prepared:

- Make sure structures have defensible space.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Keep gas tanks full or fully charged if electric.
- Assemble a “Go Bag” (Emergency Supply Kit) for people and pets (Checklist attached).
- Make sure your address is clearly visible for first responders.
- Obtain street maps for the city and county and keep them in your car, or download them onto your smart device. (Wi-Fi and Cellular service could be disabled.)
- Keep a Go Bag in your car in case you cannot get back to your home.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them off in an emergency.
- Make your home/property more fire safe; find resources at www.readyforwildfire.org, www.ready.gov, www.fire.ca.gov. Visit www.edcgov.us/Animal Services/ for preparedness for pets.

Evacuation Zones & Routes

Know your zone: The included map shows your community’s zones. These zones allow officials to designate specific areas of evacuation advisories based on the emergency. Each zone has a Placerville Police Sergeant as a liaison. Get to know who that is.

Evacuation Routes: The specific evacuation route for you will depend upon the location of the wildfire or other emergency. It’s important that you are familiar with several routes out of your neighborhood and community. The included map shows the routes best suited for evacuation. The routes available in each emergency will be based on conditions and determined by road closures. Based on this information, you may have to choose an alternative evacuation route based on your location. Identify these alternate routes during your preparation.

BE SET!

Prepare for Evacuation:

- Alert family and neighbors.
- Dress in appropriate clothing (clothing made of cotton or wool). Have gloves, goggles, a dry bandana and dust mask handy.
- Grab your Go Bags and add last minute items
- Those with special needs may want to consider evacuating at this time.

Inside the house:

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and lightweight curtains. Close metal shutters.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the source (meter or tank). Turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioner.

Outside the house:

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Move propane BBQs and appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- Do not leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters.
- Put your Go Bag in your vehicle.
- Back your car into the driveway with your vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry car keys with you and have a spare. Leave gates open for access.
- Have a ladder available and place it at a corner of the house so firefighters can quickly access the roof.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Check on your neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.

Animals:

- Locate and transport your pets with you. Need help? Contact the El Dorado County Animal Services at (530)621-5795.
- Prepare and transport large animals early to a safe location

GO!

When an evacuation order is issued by public safety officials, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY to avoid being caught in the fire, smoke or road congestion. Officials will not have time to knock on every door during an intense fire. You will not be able to return until conditions are safe.

- In an emergency, you must take initiative to stay informed and aware when an evacuation is ordered, or a warning has been issued for your zone.
- Monitor official social media sites from public safety and government agencies for announcements.
- Know your zone and multiple evacuation routes and follow the directions of public safety officials promptly.
- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated depending upon the fire's location, direction of travel and fire behavior (winds, terrain, etc.). Public safety officials may ask you to shelter in place if you are not in an area with an evacuation advisory.

If you are trapped:

In your vehicle:

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an open area clear of vegetation.
- Close all vehicle windows and vents.
- Cover yourself with a wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on the vehicle floorboard.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials-CALL 911.

On foot:

- Stay calm.
- Go to an open area, clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if possible.
- Lie face down, cover up your body.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials-CALL 911.

In your home:

- Stay calm, keep your family and pets together.
- Stay inside your house.
- CALL 911 and inform officials of your location.
- Keep doors and windows closed but unlocked.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.

Evacuation advisories:

Evacuation Warning:

Alerts people in an affected area(s) of potential threat to life and property. People who need additional time should consider evacuating at this time. An Evacuation Warning considers the probability that an area will be affected and prepares people for a potential Immediate Evacuation Order.

Immediate Evacuation Order:

Requires the immediate movement of people out of an affected area due to an imminent threat to life. Choosing to stay may result in a loss of life. Staying may also impede the work of emergency personnel. Due to the changing nature of the emergency, this may be the only warning that people in the affected area(s) receive.

Shelter in place:

Advises people to stay secure at their current location by remaining in place as evacuation will cause a higher potential for loss of life.

Trip-to-green:

There would be a possibility of this being implemented to assist with high volumes of traffic to get through and out of the Placerville area. Traffic signals on East/West bound Highway 50 at Canal St, Spring St, and Bedford Avenue will be set to remain green for Highway 50 traffic. No vehicles will be able to cross Highway 50 at those intersections. Traffic will have access to merge onto Highway 50 at those intersections. Traffic North of Highway 50 will be able to merge onto westbound Highway 50 and traffic South of Highway 50 will be able to merge onto eastbound Highway 50.

Household Safety Plan:

My Zone: _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____

In the event of a wildfire/disaster evacuation, we will meet at: _____

During a wildfire, we will take our animals to: _____

Local contact (neighbor/relative): In the event roads are closed, our local to contact to care for children and pets is:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Out of area contact/phone: _____

School phone: _____

We have neighbors who may need help (persons with disabilities or persons with access and functional needs): _____