

FIRE DRILL SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2019
Planning Meeting #1
25 January 2019

Attendees: Matt Wallen, Cal Fire Battalion Chief; Donn Thane, Fire Safe Council; Frances Jorgensen and Pete Williams, Greater Champion Firewise Community; Beth Enoch, Cement Hill Firewise Community; Gloria Novak, Lake Vera Round Mountain Firewise Community

This year the fire drills will be held in a different manner than in the past. There will be two drills--one for the northern Firewise communities on one date and another drill for the southern group of Firewise communities on another date. We are part of the North Area that includes Greater Cement Hill and Greater Champion communities. Our drill will be held on 19 May 2019.

The fire drill is a simulated wildfire training event lasting from around 8:00 am and ending around 2:00 pm with a debriefing and a barbecue. It will include community evacuation and firefighter defense training. There will be fire engine companies, local and out-of-area, as well as other emergency personnel, such as law enforcement and EMS (paramedics). The Rood Center will be the staging area for this event. At 9:00 am there will be a briefing in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (BOS) at the Rood Center with selected homeowners and all other residents invited to attend. At some point, all residents of the three Firewise communities will be alerted to the beginning of the drill via CodeRed. At the end of the drill there will be a debriefing in the Rood Center BOS, also with residents in attendance.

Our community has been asked to provide 15 potential residences before February 15 for possible visitation by a fire engine team and other emergency personnel. During the drill, these homeowners will be on the scene when the fire engine arrives. Their interaction with the fire captain and other emergency personnel will be especially valuable to the homeowners who agree to participate.

The characteristics of the property that may lead to their selection for the drill include the following:

- Location at the end of a dead end road
- Location on a road heavy with hazardous vegetation
- Location that may be particularly hazardous because in the possible path of strong winds from SW, NW, and NE, the latter especially serious
- Location relative to a steep slope

- Selected sites shall be no closer than 1/4 to 1/2 mile from each other
- Residence of a disabled individual
- Residence with young children
- Residence with animals
- A well-maintained property
- A poorly maintained property

After selection, Chief Wallen will directly contact each homeowner to further discuss drill requirements.

Executive management of all three camps will be required to participate in the drill.

During the drill, there will be a number of fire engines traversing our communities. Children of seven (7) and under must be closely monitored to be certain they do not run into the path of these engines.