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REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

July 24, 2025
7:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Somis, California**

**Somis Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
5268 North Street
Somis, CA 93066**

WEB ACCESS

At: <https://ventura.org/somismac>
MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Somis to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell
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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call and Oath of Office Krista Nowak
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on April 24, 2025
5. Agenda Review

6. Consent Agenda Items (A. through C.)
 - a. California Highway Safety Report
 - b. Ventura County Fire Department Safety Report
 - c. Ventura County Sheriff Safety Report
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

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10) Alternative Revenue Opportunities for Ventura County Farmers

Dave Ward, Planning Director for Ventura County, will be presenting on the county approved alternative revenue sources for farmers. These alternatives sources include:

- Review of the County's Ag Tourism Program
- Farm Stays
- Onsite Farm Food Processing
- Battery Storage

11) Preparedness Community Presentation – Office of Emergency Services & Ventura County Fire Department. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the wildfire problem within the county, and the mitigations that can reduce the impact of fires in the County and Somis.

12) Sub-Committee and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – MAC members to provide an update on work being done within the subcommittees and Ad-Hoc committees since the last MAC meeting in the following areas:

- Public Safety
- Public Health
- Planning & Public Works
- Community Welfare & Relations

CLOSING

13) Adjournment of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, October 23, 2025, at Somis Elementary School, 5268 North Street, Somis, CA 93066



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Minutes

April 24, 2025
7:00 PM

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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
 - a. **Chair Bob Fulkerson** called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - a. Members Present: **Chair, Bob Fulkerson, Vice Chair Tyler Cobb, Patricia Martinez, Jack Foss.**
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on January 30, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes made by: **Jack Foss** seconded by **Tyler Cobb**. Motion Passes
5. Agenda Review
 - a. No Changes to the agenda
6. Consent Agenda Items (11 through 13)
 - a. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by: **Patty Martinez**, seconded by **Tyler Cobb**. Motion Passes
7. Public Comments:
 - a. Speaker #1: **Carol Jackson** asked if the cause of the Mountain Fire has been determined. Also asked about the timing on the re-opening of Balcom Canyon.
 - b. Speaker #2: Is there a place for us to go to learn about slides on our property. It was suggested they contact James Maxwell, the County Geologist
 - c. Speaker #3: Mike had a question about the status of the vehicle inspection stations at Moorpark.
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
 - a. Krista Nowack will be joining the MAC starting in July of this year.
 - b. The Supervisor commented on Edisons failure to communicate and the issue with PSPS shutoffs. Senator Herny Sterns is introducing new legislation to address these issues with Edison.
 - c. The Supervisor worked with the California Insurance Commissioner to include the zip codes of the Mountain Fire victims which keep insurance companies from cancelling their insurance policies.

- d. Homelessness in my district decreased by 15%. I researched why the decrease is happening. The reduction is partly in response to the Homeless Liaison Unit. Because they are in constant contact these touch points help in placement and a reduction. Good news for the entire County.
- e. Excited about a grant that we recently signed to help with creating highly technical jobs in aviation, surface warfare, and a center of influence for the County. Expanding the opportunities around space, aerospace. Air Mobility Grant and it is going to be located at Camarillo Airport. This will be a test center for unmanned aircraft and testing innovations. It should be a place where companies will want to conduct testing their research and development.

9. Council Comments: No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

11) California Highway Patrol Safety Report

The CHP Safety Report was verbally provided at the MAC meeting.

- **Captain Hoglund from CHP** made a verbal report to the MAC and spoke about monitoring parking along Somis Rd, CA Route 34. She has alerted her units to be aware and ticket, if necessary, in order to reduce hazards. She also mentioned that pit scale going into Moorpark is progressing and that asphalt is happening this week. We have launched for April a reduced maximum enforcement period with a focus on distracted drivers.

12) Ventura County Fire Department

Please see the attached April Fire Safety Report as part of the Final Agenda Packet.
RECEIVED AND FILED

- **Battalion Chief Mark Seastrom** talked about the new blood transfusion program that is used in trauma cases. Just in the first two weeks there were two lives saved as a result of the new program. The county paramedic ambulances are now equipped with whole blood to administer to victims onsite.

13) Update Ventura County Sheriff Department

The Sheriff's Safety Report was verbally provided at the MAC meeting.

- **Senior Deputy Luis Vazquez** spoke about the homeless liaison group who are working to alleviate problems and service this population and transition to housing. The recent crimes in the area involve theft of farming equipment, specifically stealing sprinkler items.

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14) Status Report on Water District 19 Presented by Jeff Palmer, Assistant Director of Public Works Agency

The Assistant Director of Public Works provided a report on the current status of Water District 19 and talked about some of the challenges and opportunities facing the district. In addition, Mr. Palmer spoke about the water district tour coming up on May 6th.

Everything is running well throughout the system and the system is monitored 24/7. Question from audience on the monitoring of the chlorine levels. Mr. Palmer stated it is monitored, and it is running at 3.1 level, which is well within the tolerances. Our ground water is cheap, but full of manganese and requires that it be blended and treated prior to going out to consumers. We are currently developing a masterplan for our facilities. We are taking a proactive approach and are assessing the older facilities for any potential infrastructural issues and looking into what pieces have to be replaced. Because we are constantly monitoring operations, we have very few leaks in the system. We are lucky that we have wells that are working well and that we do not have to rely on ground water.

15) Report From Firewise Ad-Hoc Committee:

Council Member Jack Foss along with the ad-hoc members from the Firewise committee presented a report on their recent meetings and activities towards making Somis a Firewise Recognized community.

16) Assignment of MAC Members to Sub-Committees and Initial Identification of Goals & Objectives for 2025

MAC Members discussed which Somis Sub-Committees they would like to serve on.

- Tyler Cobb agreed to head up the Public Works/Planning sub-Committee.
- Motion made by **Tyler Cobb** to form a Public Works and Planning Ad Hoc Committee which will work on CA 34, Highway 118, and Monitor any proposed developments, and the Somis Ranch Farm Housing project. Second, by **Jack Foss**. Discussion took place, the MAC voted on the motion. Motion passed.

CLOSING

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- Motion to adjourn made by **Jack Foss** to adjourn and seconded by **Patty Martinez**. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.



Website: **VCFD.org**

Twitter: **@VCFD**

Facebook: **The @VenturaCountyFire**

Instagram: **@VenturaCountyFire**

Contact: **Scott Thomsen**

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

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Email: **scott.thomsen@ventura.org**

July 7, 2025

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- Fourth of July fireworks caused four small brush fires that were quickly extinguished, including one in Thousand Oaks. A day earlier, fireworks were involved in a house fire in Simi Valley that claimed the life of one resident. All fireworks are illegal to buy, possess and use in Ventura County outside the city limits of Fillmore, where "safe and sane" fireworks are allowed. Illegal fireworks activity often continues for several days to two weeks after July 4. The Ventura County Fire Department encourages anyone who still has fireworks to surrender them, no questions asked, at any sheriff's office, police station or fire station where they will be collected by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad for safe disposal.
- Junior Fire Academy will give girls and boys age 13 to 15 a taste of what it's like to be a firefighter this month. Three, five-day sessions will be held, starting July 14, 21 and 28, respectively. Junior Fire Academy is held at the department's Regional Training Center in Camarillo. Among the activities, participants will learn to dig fire lines, rappel from a building, put out fire with hoses and shovels, and operate in confined spaces.
- Rescue Ambulance 42 is now in service in Moorpark. Paramedics on the rescue ambulance can provide transport services when an ambulance is not available in a timely fashion by the existing provider. Additionally, those paramedics can support calls in north Thousand Oaks, which is one of VCFD's busiest areas of the county.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

Ventura County Fire Department



To: The Somis MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

CHP MOORPARK'S SOMIS MAC TALKING POINTS: (7.24.25)

- During the Independence Day Maximum Enforcement Period, the CHP made over 1,300 arrests for DUI, issued over 21,000 citations for speed violations, issued over 1,000 citations for seatbelt violations, and issued nearly 2,000 citations for distracted driving violations. Additionally, there was a suspected medical emergency involving a motorcycle rider that resulted in a fatality within CHP Moorpark's area of service. Overall, there were a total of four property damage only and/or minor injury crashes reported within the Moorpark Area during the MEP.
- CHP Moorpark and the Moorpark Police Department (Ventura County Sheriff) will be hosting a National Night Out event at our station on August 4th from 5-7 p.m. This FREE event will give the public a chance to see our station and check out our patrol and special enforcement vehicles. We will also be holding a "bike rodeo" for new, young bicycle riders which will include a skills course and a helmet fitting station. We look forward to seeing you and your families at this fun event.
- The California Highway Patrol is still hiring officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit www.betheCHP1000.com for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than just officers. For more details and applications please visit www.chp.ca.gov.
- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

Twitter: @CHPMoorpark
Facebook: @CHP-Moorpark
Instagram: @CHPMoorpark

Contact: **Officer Ryan Ayers**
Public Information Officer

Phone: **(805) 553-0800**

Email: **rayers@chp.ca.gov**





Disaster Preparedness Somis MAC



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
Emergency Services

Photo Credit: Skip Robinson

Agenda

- ★ Ventura County Sheriff's Emergency Services
- ★ Hazards
- ★ Emergency Notifications
- ★ Evacuations
- ★ New Technology
- ★ Ready Ventura County



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
Emergency Services

Ventura County Sheriff Emergency Services

Our Mission:

- ★ To protect life, property, and the environment
- ★ Support first responders from Emergency Operations Center
- ★ Coordinate local, state and federal resources for response and recovery

Who We Are:

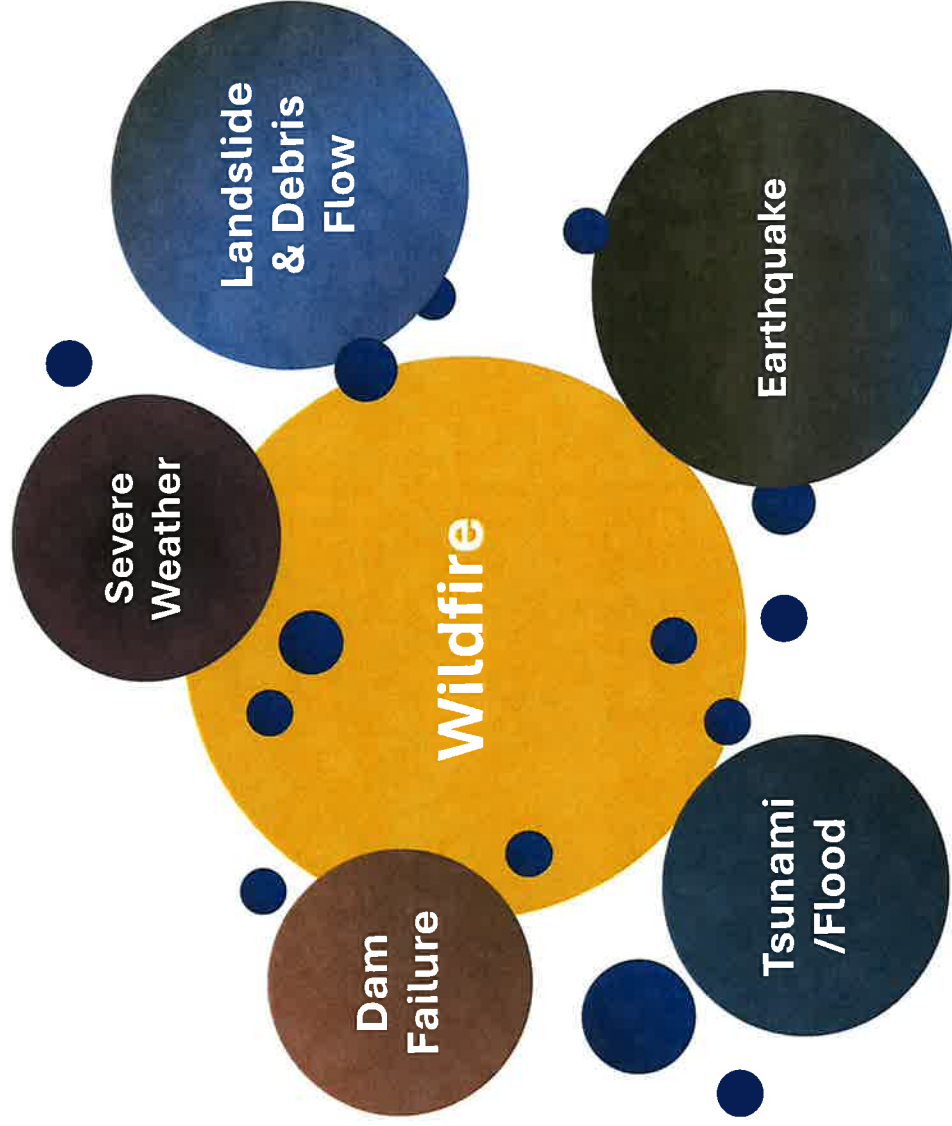
- ★ Full-time & Part-Time Emergency Managers
- ★ Backgrounds in fire, law, medical, county planning, finance, technology, event planning and more



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Local Hazards

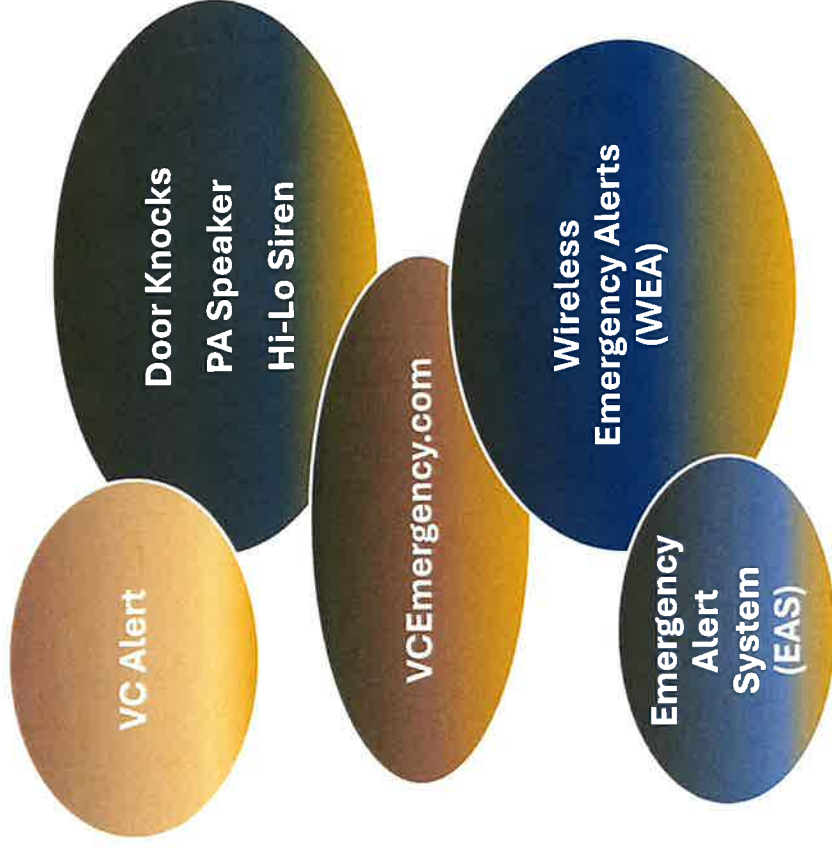
- ★ ReadyVenturaCounty.org
- ★ Local Hazard Profiles
- ★ Personalized Perspective
 - ★ Interactive Hazard Map
 - ★ Individual Preparedness Plan

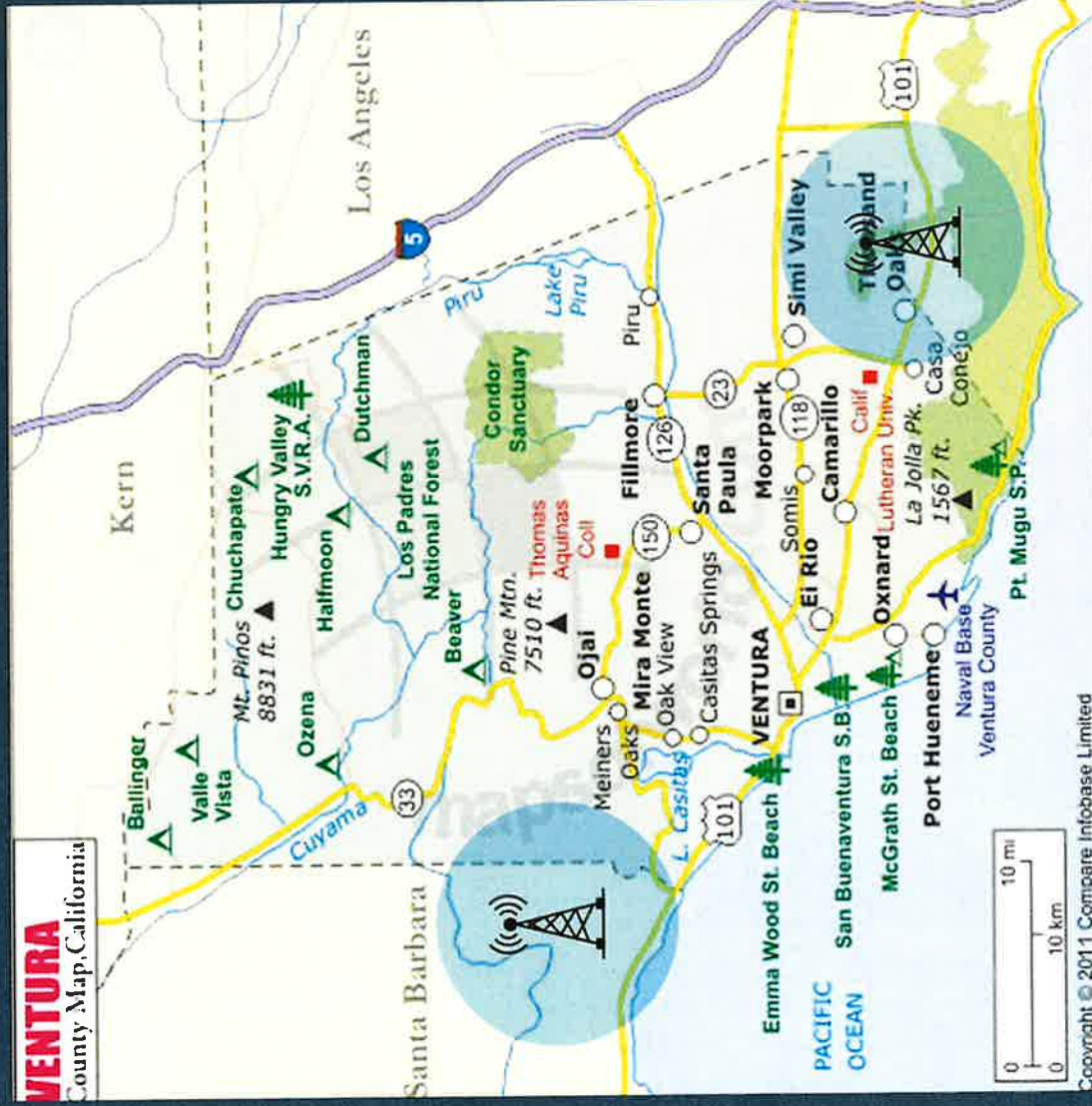


Emergency Notifications



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Wireless Emergency Alert



Emergency Alert

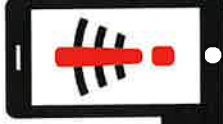
VCALERT: FAST MOVING BRUSHFIRE IN Oak Park, Bell Canyon. Go to VCemergency.com for more info.

- ★ Sent for urgency via wireless message
- ★ May be first notification in severe conditions
- ★ Provides basic information and resources
- ★ No registration required
- ★ Delivered to all within cell tower range
- ★ Drawback = Bleed over potential



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
A Proud Agency of CALSHERIFFS

VC ALERT



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Contacts	Messaging	Methods
★ Opt in at vcalert.org	★ Life safety – yours & theirs	★ Phone call
★ 911 database	★ Pre-recorded by hazard	★ Text
★ Residential wireless	★ Bilingual – English/Spanish	★ Email
★ Duplicates welcome	★ Custom & Pre-plan maps	★ TTY/Fax

Evacuation Terminology

Evacuation Order

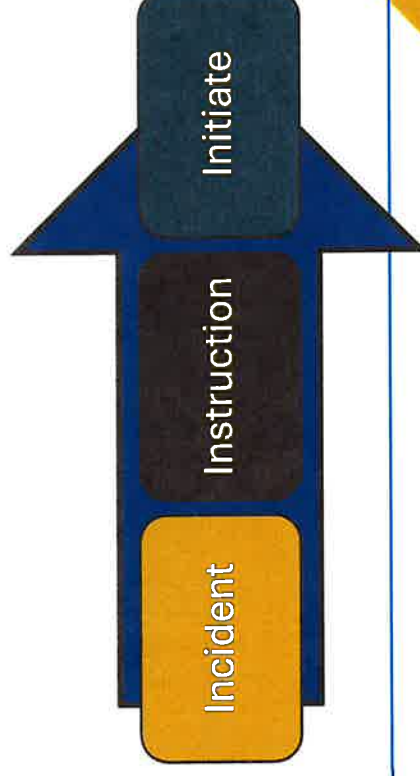
- ★ There is an IMMEDIATE THREAT to life.
- ★ An Order means to LEAVE NOW.
- ★ The area is closed to public access.

Evacuation Warning

- ★ There is a POTENTIAL THREAT to lives and/or property.
- ★ Individuals who require additional time to evacuate should LEAVE NOW.

Shelter in Place

- ★ GO INDOORS and remain there. Shut and lock all doors and windows.
- ★ Prepare to STAY PUT until further notice from public safety.



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Time Factors

Situational Awareness: Time to size up

Location of Hazard: Evaluate potential impacts

Coordination: Law/Fire/Cities/Jurisdictions

Technology: Time to launch website/alerts

Evacuations: Limited exits, traffic, road closures

Bottom Line – Don't wait.! If it looks and feels dangerous...LEAVE!



Information Resources

★ [VCEmergency.com](https://vcemergency.com)

★ Verified Incident Information

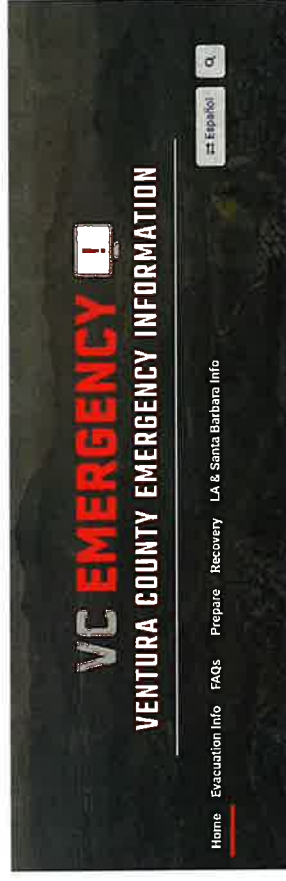
★ Incident Dashboard/Map

★ Official Social Media Channels

★ Facebook: Ventura County Sheriff's Office

★ Instagram: vcsheriff

★ X: @venturasheriff



Active Incidents

RAIN EVENT

Last Updated March 13, 2025 @ 10:31 AM



Ventura County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services and The National Weather Service are monitoring a forecast of

SIGN UP FOR VC ALERT



Competing Sources

Watch Duty App

- Radio traffic as interpreted by off duty/volunteers
- Imported fire perimeter from FIRIS
- Tied into VCEmergency Dashboard Map
- Their source: VCEmergency.com

Scanners

- Radio traffic as interpreted by individuals
- No access to tactical channels

Official source for information is



New Technology

FIRIS







Ready Ventura County



Stay Informed

- ★ Local Hazard Profiles
- ★ Protective Measures
- ★ Hazard ArcGIS Story Map
 - ★ Map your location
 - ★ Confirm your risk



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Prepare for Disasters



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Make a Plan

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Make a Plan

- ✦ Build a Network
 - ✦ Access & Functional Needs
 - ✦ Who can help evacuate?
 - ✦ Who needs your help?
 - ✦ 911 should be a last resort
- ✦ Communications Plan
 - ✦ How will you find each other?
 - ✦ Plan for kids, older adults, pets

- Plan for 3 days food/water
- Customize your kit
- Consider daily needs
- Dependent loved ones
- Pets
- Medications
- Keep it budget-friendly
- Dollar store items



A photograph of a wooden table covered with various items, including a purple backpack, a first aid kit, a smartphone, a camera, and various toiletries and snacks, suggesting a travel or emergency kit setup.

Build a Kit
ReadyVenturaCounty.org



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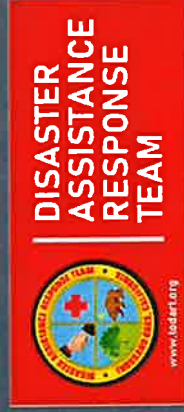


Get Involved
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Get Involved

- ✦ Build community with collective capabilities
- ✦ Be a helper/find a helper
- ✦ Store extra supplies for others
- ✦ Include others in your emergency plan
- ✦ Be an Influencer
- ✦ Use your sphere of influence to encourage others to prepare
- ✦ Make a difference
- ✦ Community Emergency Response Teams
- ✦ Non-profit and Faith-based organizations

Volunteer Opportunities





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Questions?

Resources

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Instagram: vcsheriff

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VC ALERT
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

VC ALERT is an emergency notification system for Ventura County residents that may be used to alert you if there is an emergency in your community. Register your home or business address, location, cell phone, email, and other contact information. Alerts will be sent in both English and Spanish.

HOW IT WORKS

EMERGENCY → **VC ALERT SENT** → **TAKE ACTION**

TO REGISTER

INTERNET Go to www.vcsheriff.org. Create a profile and manage your preferences.

EMAIL vc.alert@ventura.org

MOBILE APP Download the Emergency App from your iOS or Android device. Click on "Get VC Alert" on the app. Type "VC Alert" in the search bar. Click on "Ventura County CA VC Alert Emergency" for your location.

MAIL Mail to Ventura County Sheriff's Office, 1000 Santa Monica Ave., #2000, Ventura, CA 93001

PHONE Call 805.643.8181

Ready Ventura County

Be a Hero to Your Loved Ones



**VENTURA COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

June/July 2025

WILDFIRE HAZARD, PREPAREDNESS, AND MITIGATION

Presentation to Municipal Advisory Committees

By: VCFD Chief Officers

WILDFIRE HAZARD, PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION

Wildfire hazard

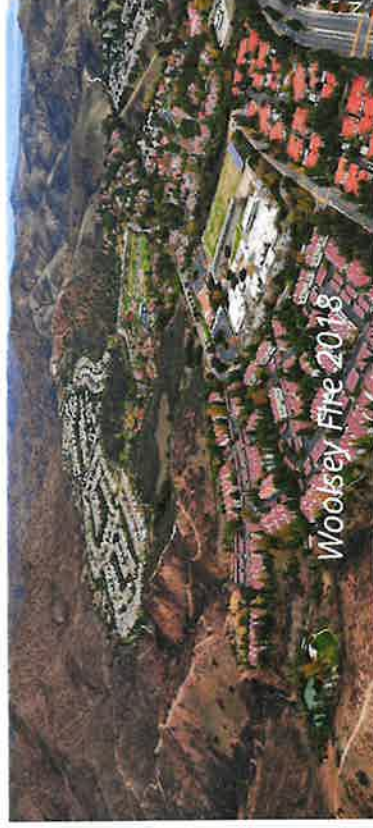
- Fire History
- Fire Behavior
- Cal Fire Maps

Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation

- County
- Community
- Parcel and household



FIRE HISTORY



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FIRE BEHAVIOR

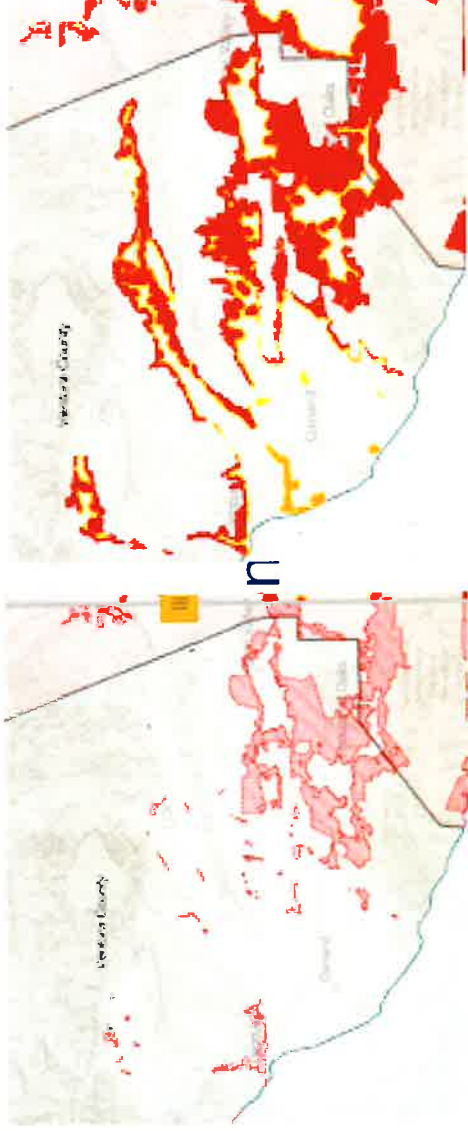


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CAL FIRE MAPS

- Local Responsibility Area map development
- State law requirement to adopt, maps effective 7/1/25
- Cal Fire interactive viewer

<https://vcfd.org/cal-fire-fire-hazard-severity-zone-map-update/>



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WILDFIRE MITIGATIONS

- Countywide
- Community
- Parcel and household level



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COUNTYWIDE MITIGATIONS

- Emergency response
- Fire Hazard Reduction Program – 100' defensible space
- Vegetation Management Program
- Partnerships and Community Education



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- 33 Stations / 5 Battalions (623 personnel)
- VCFD has increased air suppression by the purchase of 2 Firehawk helicopters
 - 1000 gallons water dropping capacity
 - Larger room for crews to insert into fire areas
- 2 hand crews increased to 4 hand crews



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- 19,000 annual inspections to verify defensible space
- Within 100', cut grasses down to 3 inches, remove dead and dying plants, weeds, and grasses, remove deadwood and litter from trees.



ZONE 0 – EMBER RESISTANT

- 0-5' from structures, critical area for preventing ignition
- Well maintained low growing plants, limit combustibles
- No mulch, relocate firewood piles out of area to zone 2
- Roofs and gutters: Maintain free of leaves and needles



ZONE 1: 5-30'

- Extends 5-30' from structures, designed to reduce the likelihood of a fire burning directly to the structure.
- Plants should be limited and separated into groups to limit the pathways for fire to burn up to the structure.
- Trim existing trees 10' from chimneys or stove pipes
- Limb trees 6' from the ground or 1/3 tree height (whichever is less).
- Maintain free of leaves, mow grasses to max height of 3"



ZONE 2: 30-100'

- 30-100 feet from structures and is designed to reduce flame heights and ember generation, and to reduce radiant heat and drop approaching crown fires in trees to the ground
- Greater spacing of vegetation should occur in this area
- Limb trees 6' from the ground or 1/3 tree height, Fruit trees when approved can provide 12" clearance above ground
- Firewood piles are allowable within this area
- Additional details provided on all 3 zones at www.vcfd.org



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Prescribed burns
- Vegetation Removal and Modification
- VCFD maintains 340 miles of Fire, Utility, and Ranch Roads for Fire Access
- 319 acres of fuel reduction projects and provided 5 community chipping events with partners in 2024



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PARTNERSHIPS & EDUCATION

- VCFD partners with
 - 5 Fire Safe Councils to educate & support community
 - Resource Conservation Districts, Parks and Open Space Agencies, ranchers, and other community groups for wildfire preparedness & educational outreach to our communities
- VCFD involved in the review of Countywide and Local Community Wildfire Protection Plans





FIREWISE USA®

RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

- Community level mitigation
- Firewise USA® Communities raise awareness, organize at the community level, and take action to create fire-adapted communities
- See vcfd.org/firewise/ for more information, **or**
- Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council monthly meetings on home hardening and becoming Firewise designated. See venturafiresafe.org



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MORE RESOURCES/QUESTIONS

- VCFD.org, Prevention, Community Wildfire Preparedness
- VCAAlert.org to sign up for emergency alerts
- Contact: Community Wildfire Preparedness Division
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