



# FIRE SAFE COUNCIL EAST ORANGE COUNTY CANYONS

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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
THROUGH EDUCATION**



## Eucalyptus Trees = Fire Danger

### SILVERADO CANYON, CALIFORNIA

Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons, a recognized Firewise Community received funding to help perform 1.9 miles of fuel reduction work along Santiago Canyon Road, SR-18.



Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Agriculture Pacific Southwest Region through the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC).

CFSC received 139 applications, of which 51 projects were awarded, totaling approximately \$4,422,086.



During the Santiago Fire of 2007 eucalyptus trees along SR-18 caught fire which resulted in a canyon wide evacuation and loss of homes in Williams and Modjeska Canyons. In addition, 12 OCFA fire fighters found themselves on a burning hillside that had ignited from burning eucalyptus embers. The heat from the fire caused a hole in their fire hose, which led them to quickly deploy fire shelters to save their lives.



These non native hazardous eucalyptus trees drop volatile bark and leaves that suppress native plants and had been planted years ago to temporarily block the view of a sand and gravel quarry.

A 220 kilovolt transmission line currently crosses the project area. Overall, this grant will help improve fire safety by hardening Santiago Canyon Road which is a primary evacuation route and will secure a robust power grid for Southern California.

This project is scheduled to take place over a 24 month period.

## PROJECT STATUS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

June 2012: Grant application submitted  
January 2013: Award notification received  
January 20, 2013: Community email blast and posting of notification on Nextdoor Neighbor site soliciting resumes for Grant Administrator

### GRANT QUARTER #1 (02/01/13—04/30/13)

- Grant Administrator: Robyn Chapman hired
- CFSC Grant Workshop participation
- Project Timeline Development
- Insurance coverage research & determination
- Photo monitoring
- Success Story Development
- Press Release & website posting

### GRANT QUARTER #2 (05/01/13—07/31/13)

- Compliance letter received from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) dated June 20, 2013 requiring further clarification of project area
- Final compliance approval letter received from BLM dated August 14, 2013 confirming that the proposed project action of the grant had been reviewed following federal environmental laws including Endangered Species Act (Section 7), Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).
- Grant administrator working on compliance review with any relevant state laws and/or local ordinances.
- Grant administrator researching any necessary permits required.

# COMMUNITY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

## April 20, 2013

Fire Prevention

Canyon Special  
Needs

Disaster  
Survival

Basic CPR &  
First Aid



Supervisor Todd Spitzer with members of FSCEOCC  
Pictured left to right: Tom Smisek, Supervisor Todd Spitzer, Steve Kerrigan,  
Mary Schreiber, Pat Antrim, Deanna Craig, Bob Click

Barricade  
Fire Gel Demo

Emergency  
Supplies

Emergency  
Communications

Local  
County Resources

### Prepare for emergencies

Create a family disaster plan for how you will contact one another, where you will go and what you will do. Choose an out-of-area friend or relative who family members can call to check on you. Inquire about emergency plans at work, daycare and school. Pack supplies to self-sustain for at least three days, preferably one week. Electricity, water, gas and phones may not work. Make sure supplies are easy to access and carry, if forced to evacuate. Inspect your kit regularly and keep it freshly stocked.

#### Taking shelter

- Plastic sheeting and duct tape, tent, sleeping bags and blankets
- Candles and waterproof matches
- Recreational supplies to entertain children and adults
- Knife
- Change of clothing
- Inverter or solar charger for cell phone

#### Rescue and cleaning

- A screwdriver, hammer, ax, shovel and broom
- Rope for towing or rescue
- Gloves
- Sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher - dry chemical type, multipurpose
- Garden hose for siphoning and firefighting

Sources: FEMA; CDCP; California Department of Conservation

#### Basic supplies

- 1 gallon of water per day per family member
- Non-perishable food, can opener and alternate cooking source
- Paper plates, plastic utensils and paper towels
- Essential medications (can be stored in the refrigerator), eyeglasses and other health supplies
- Pre-moistened toiles, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Supplies and food for children
- Food, water and a leash for pets
- Whistle to signal for help
- Battery-powered/hand crank radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit and manual
- Dust mask to filter air
- Wrench or pliers
- Cash and change
- Place important documents in a waterproof, fireproof container
- Extra batteries

### Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons

was formed to “provide education, exchange information and foster emergency preparedness, fire prevention and safety in and around the East Orange County foothills and canyon communities”.

#### Public General Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm  
Silverado Fire Station #14  
29042 Silverado Canyon Rd.

The **FSCEOCC** is a 501(c)3 organization open to all local residents and stakeholders. Tax-deductible donations help support community services.  
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