



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

WELCOME TO FIREWISE USA® COMMUNITIES



WHAT IS FIREWISE USA®. Firewise USA® Communities raise awareness, organize at the community level, coordinate work parties, and take action to create fire-adapted communities through the implementation of defensible space standards.

Why become a Firewise USA® Community? Scientific research has proven that when adequately prepared, a house has a better chance to withstand a wildfire without the intervention

of fire suppression services. And when firefighters do make a stand to save a home, Firewise USA® Communities provide a safer working environment to help make a nearly impossible job possible.

The goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that can minimize home loss to wildfire. It teaches you to prepare for a fire before it occurs. The program adapts well to small communities, developments, and residential associations of all types, but can work for any neighborhood where motivated homeowners come together to create a safer environment.

The Ventura County Fire Department along with CAL FIRE and local Ventura County Fire Safe Councils can help you with understanding Firewise USA® and how to become a Firewise community. We are available to present to the community in person information about the Firewise program and the benefits of joining the program and can assist with providing free defensible space evaluations.

The Firewise USA® recognition program is administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and is intended to serve as a resource for city, county, state, federal agencies, tribes, organizations, fire departments and communities that work toward a common goal to reduce loss of life, property, and resources to wildland fire.

The Firewise USA® program emphasizes community/neighborhood responsibility in planning the design of a safe community, as well as an effective emergency response and individual responsibility for safer home construction and design, landscaping, and maintenance.





To see if you are located in a Firewise Community, please [click here](#)



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+ BENEFITS OF FIREWISE USA® COMMUNITIES

+ SETTING UP A FIREWISE USA® COMMUNITY

+ FIREWISE USA® APPLICATION PROCESS

+ MAINTAINING THE FIREWISE USA® COMMUNITY

Additional information regarding community wildfire preparedness is available on the [VCFD FHRP](#) webpage.

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Composed of approximately 600 dedicated men and women, the Ventura County Fire Department is an all-hazard, full-service agency. We proudly provide fire protection, medical aid, rescue, hazardous materials response, and a variety of other services to the public.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COMPLIANCE REPORTING (SB 432)

-  **Designated Officer** - 805-389-4279

COMMUNITY QUICKLINKS

- VCEmergency.com
- [VC Alert](#)
- [Community Education](#)
- [Volunteer Information](#)
- [Find the nearest station](#)
- [Ready, Set, Go Program](#)
- [Become a Firefighter](#)
- [211 Ventura County](#)

