

SECTION V: PRE- FIRE MANAGEMENT TACTICS

DIVISION / BATTALION / PROGRAM PLANS

Moreno Valley Division

Battalion 9

Reche Canyon Area: Continue diligent LE 100 Program, Place Fire Prevention signs at entrance to canyon.

San Timoteo Canyon Area: Continue diligent LE 100 Program, Place Fire Prevention signs at entrance(s) to canyon. Enforce address posting. Inspect Rail Road Right of Way clearance.

Pigeon Pass / Box Springs Area: Continue diligent LE 100 Program, Place Fire Prevention signs at entrance(s) to area.

Gilman Spring Area: Target the area for enforcement of existing laws for off road vehicle use, shooting and strip and burn stolen vehicles. These are primary causes of ignitions in this area.

March SKR Reserve: Continue working with Center for Natural Lands Management to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities. This restored habitat is important to the Burrowing Owl and the Stephens Kangaroo Rat. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires.

San Timoteo Canyon Preserve: Continue working with BLM, RCA, Riverside County Parks, State Parks, and Riverside Land Conservancy to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities and manage chaparral communities. This restored habitat is important to the threatened and endangered plants and animals. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires.

North West Division

Battalion 4

Information and Education: Work with the public affairs bureau to improve public outreach and school programs to reduce the number of Playing with Fire and Equipment ignitions.

Battalion 14

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Battalion 17

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Estelle Mountain Reserve: Continue working with BLM, RCHCA, and Metropolitan Water District to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities. This restored habitat is important to the Burrowing Owl and the Stephens Kangaroo Rat. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires.

Oak Glen Division

Battalion 3

Pass Area:

Create Evacuation Safety Corridor for Highway 243 from Banning to Vista Grande.

Old Banning Idyllwild Road Area:

Target the area for enforcement of existing laws for off road vehicle use & illegal target shooting. Conduct PRC 4291 utility inspections from South Banning to Poppet Flats by developing a plan with Cooperating agencies.

Poppet Flats and Twin Pines Areas:

Continue diligent LE 100 Program, Place Fire Prevention signs at entrance(s) to area. Work with Fire Safe Councils on LE-100 program (Residential Structure Clearance) compliance. Continue community chipping program to reduce hazardous fuels in the WUI areas.

San Timoteo Canyon Area:

Continue diligent LE 100 Program, Place Fire Prevention signs at entrance(s) to canyon. Enforce address posting. Inspect Rail Road Right of Way clearance.

San Timoteo Canyon Preserve:

Continue working with BLM, RCA, Riverside County Parks, State Parks, and Riverside Land Conservancy to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities and manage chaparral communities. This restored habitat is important to the threatened and endangered plants and animals. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires. *Pending approval of burn plan.

Oak Glen and North Mountain Areas:

Inspect and maintain truck trails, water cisterns and fuel breaks. Develop and implement fire safety plan for Bogart Park, continued inspection and annual Maintenance.

Morongo Indian Reservation:

With Morongo Fire Department, develop and implement reservation wide Fire Safety and Prevention Plan. Morongo Fire Department is committed to developing a Wildland urban interface (WUI) plan/Fire Safe (defensible space) on the reservation.

Division wide:

- Inventory existing approved truck trails. Develop and implement after storm inspection program for reimbursement and repair of related storm damage to existing truck trails. (FEMA and State, and federal declarations) Determine Land ownership and update agreements
- Re-implement Battalion wide K-6 Smokey Bear education program

Bautista Division

Battalion 5

Avery Canyon Area: Due to limited ingress and egress to the Avery Canyon Area there is a need to establish a secondary escape route from New Port Road east to Polly Butte.

Sage, Aguanga, Val Vista Area: Create Evacuation Safety Corridors on R-3 (Sage Road) from Saint John's Grade to Hwy 79 South at Radec Junction and on Red Mountain Road by roadside fuel modification(s). Work with Fire Safe Councils on LE-100 program (Residential Structure Clearance) compliance. Set up community chipping projects.

Glen Oaks, Deportola Area: Work with Fire Safe Councils on LE-100 program (Residential Structure Clearance) compliance.

Wilson Valley Reserve: Continue working with Center for Natural Lands Management to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities and manage chaparral communities. This restored habitat is important to the threatened and endangered plants and animals. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires.

Soboba Indian Reservation:

Work with the tribal leadership, develop and implement reservation wide Fire Safety and Prevention Plan

Division wide:

- Inventory existing approved truck trails. Develop and implement after storm inspection program for reimbursement and repair of related storm damage to existing truck trails. (FEMA and State, and federal declarations)
- Re-implement Battalion wide K-6 Smokey Bear education program

Battalion 11

Anza, Aguanga Area: Complete or Create Evacuation Safety Corridors on all highways and major roads. Work with Fire Safe Councils on LE-100 program (Residential Structure Clearance) compliance. . Set up community chipping projects. Inspect and maintain truck trails and truck trail fuel breaks.

Battalion wide: Maintain and support completed, active and planned M.A.S.T. projects

Cahuilla, Ramona and Santa Rosa Indian Reservations:

Work with the tribal leadership, develop and implement reservation wide Fire Safety and Prevention Plan

Division wide:

- Inventory existing approved truck trails. Develop and implement after storm inspection program for reimbursement and repair of related storm damage to existing truck trails. (FEMA and State, and federal declarations)
- Re-implement Battalion wide K-6 Smokey Bear education program

South West division

Battalion 1

Battalion 1 enjoys a Mediterranean climate, has a significant fire history of small fires, with two significant fires occurring within the last twenty years (Juniper Flats Fire and the Cerrito Fire). Annual grass, buckwheat and coastal sage comprise the majority of the fuel types found in Battalion 1.

Perris / Goetz Area

- Continued diligent LE-100 effort in the SRA areas of Fire Station 1's first due.
- Work with BLM to reduce fuels along the San Jacinto Riverbed in Fire Station 1's first due through fuel reduction or a VMP program. This area was significantly cleaned up in 2010 of trash, tires, dilapidated vehicles and abandoned boats.
- Work with UCR to maintain a fuel reductions program around the exterior of the Motte-Rimrock Preserve, to prevent natural or man caused fires from spreading onto the Preserve, in Fire Station 1's first due.

Nuevo / Juniper Flats Area

- The continued diligent LE-100 program for the Juniper Flats area and fire closure areas in Fire Station 3's first due.
- Semi-permanent signage to denote fire closure areas in Fire Station 3's first due. Signs to be maintained posted and stored by fire station personnel.
- Work with Southern California Edison to establish lockable gates on the power line easement roads in Fire Station 3's first due. State locks to be placed in line with Edison locks to ensure fire department access. This will limit the number of vehicle fires spreading into the vegetation and unattended bonfires spreading into the vegetation in this area.
- Work with State Parks, DFG and DWR to ensure fuel reduction along the Ramona Expressway is undertaken and maintained.

Good Meadow Area

- The continued diligent LE-100 program for the Good Meadow area in Fire Station 9's first due.
- Work with Good Meadow Elementary School / Public Affairs Bureau to establish school programs to reduce the number of PWF caused fires in Fire Station 9's first due. Also, to send home literature in Spanish language to educate the parents of the LE-5 process, to reduce the amount of illegal burns in Fire Station 9's first due.
- Work with BLM to increase enforcement of the BLM shooting area in Fire Station 9's first due (Steele Peak), post appropriate signage either warning the public of shooting caused fires or closing the area during fire season.

Homeland / Juniper Flats Area

- The continued diligent LE-100 program in the Juniper Flats and SRA areas of Fire Station 54's first due.
- Place fire prevention sign at the Hwy 74 entrance to the Juniper Flats area, as well as two additional signs within the Juniper Flats area of Fire Station 54's first due.
- Work with County Fire OES and the Public Affairs Bureau to set up a town hall meeting in Juniper Flats area for fire safety educational purposes and identify the possible need for the establishment of a Fire Safety Council in the Juniper Flats area

Battalion 2

Close coordination with the Southwest Firesafe Council has contributed to the success of the completed programs.

Fire Prevention

- Continue to do outreach school programs with grant money and public requested presentations and tours.
- Work and support Public Affairs Bureau in placement and maintenance of Battalion fire prevention sign inventory.
- Continue LE-100 enforcement in high risk areas and coordinate with CNF on enforcement in USFS DPA areas.
- Conduct periodic multi-agency enforcement actions on various homeless camps in the Battalion that pose historically high fire risk.
- Complete the CWPP for the Southwest Firesafe Council area to include the mountain communities of Battalion 2.

Fuels Projects

- Projects as listed in the 2009 remain as a goal with several currently in progress.
- Of significant interest is a long standing conceptual fuel break along the front country listed in the 2009 fire plan as the Elsinore Front Fuel Break. This fuel break would extend from roughly Wildomar to McVicker Canyon along the private/USFS boundary. This is a project that will require many personnel hours to pursue and has been supported by State Assembly and B.O.S staff in the past.

Currently in progress:

- South Main Divide fuel break renewal
- El Cariso Village Fuel Break renewal
- Continue Truck Trail maintenance in cooperation with CNF/USFS and pursue truck trail maintenance with Riverside County Parks Multi Species Preserve on their property.

Complete:

- Rancho Carrillo Dead Tree removal/chipping
- Rancho Capistrano Hazardous fuels removal/chipping.

Battalion 13

Canyon Lake

- Continue LE-100 program. Concentrate on north side of Canyon Lake as well as Meadowbrook area.
- Place fire prevention sign near off road access area north of fire station.
- Continue to work with BLM on fuel management and fire break projects on north side of station in sections 26 and 34 of Canyon Lake.

Menifee Lakes Station 76

- Continue fire-prevention-education programs in grades K thru 3.
- Place fire prevention signs at Menifee Road x of Simpson at off road access.
- Place fire prevention signs on Scott Road between Briggs Road and Leon Road.
- Continue LE-100 program. Concentrate on SE roll area in sections 16, 17 and 18. TS 6S, R2W.

Menifee Station 68

There are 3 major areas of concern:

1) The area south of Scott Rd. and Bundy Canyon Rd. This area is a north facing aspect with limited access and limited water supply. East winds will push fire toward Wildomar, Murrieta and Lake Elsinore.

2) The Cottonwood Canyon area. This area, which is in the City of Wildomar, has limited access and egress and no water supply for fire suppression. Single and double wide mobile homes are seriously threatened by the overgrown open space parcels between improved lots.

3) The area west of Murrieta Rd. This area also has poor access, egress and water supply. East winds in this area will push fire through Cottonwood Canyon, into the City of Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. With north or south winds, fire be can pushed further into the City of Menifee, or over Bundy Canyon Rd. and into Murrieta City.

Priorities:

- Priority staff WT 68 24/7 during declared fire season.
- Ensure County and City responsibilities for road improvement are being met.
- New hydrants to be included with all improvements and construction.
- Maintain vegetation clearance along Cottonwood Canyon Rd. as a Safety Corridor to the north.
- Possible Fuel breaks, or maintenance of existing dirt roads south of Bundy Canyon Rd. between the City of Menifee and Murrieta.
- Continue code enforcement for unimproved lots.
- Place fire prevention sign on both Scott Rd. and Murrieta Rd.
- Dedicate Paloma Valley High School as an evacuation center.
- Clear brush and flammable vegetation from roadside shoulders.

Quail Valley Area

- Continue Fire Prevention Education program with grades K-3.
- Place Fire Prevention signs at both main access points to Quail Valley.
- Continue and accelerate the weed abatement program for unimproved lots.
- Continue public education and LE100 enforcement of improved lots.
- Work with Riverside County Parks to implement fuel breaks and hazard reduction zones near residential areas at SE corner of Kabian Park.
- Continue enforcement of applicable laws and regulations regarding recreation and land use in the BLM area of Section 26, T5S, R4W, and west of Quail Valley.

Sun City Plan

- Continue LE-100 inspections.
- Continue fire-prevention programs with grades K-3.
- Post signs at McCall x Valley, Chambers x Valley, McCall x Antelope, McCall x Aspel and Rousch Rd. x Valley.

Temecula Division Battalion 15

Deluz Canyon: Continue a thorough and **conscientious** LE 100 Program combined with an aggressive community education program using various media outlets and community meetings.

Tenaja area: Continue a thorough and conscientious LE 100 Program combined with an aggressive community education program using various media outlets and community meetings. Work with the Fire Safe Council on various projects to protect and prepare the Tenaja community and surrounding areas.

Temecula Wine Country: Continue a thorough and conscientious LE 100 Program combined with an aggressive community education program using various media outlets and community meetings.

Pala / Temecula Rd. & Rainbow Canyon areas: Continue a thorough and conscientious LE 100 Program combined with an aggressive community education program using various media outlets and community meetings.

Johnson Ranch, Santa Rosa Plateau and Lake Skinner Reserves: Continue working with California Department of Fish & Game, Center for Natural Lands Management RCHCA, Nature Conservancy, South West Riverside County Multi Species Reserve and Metropolitan Water District to remove invasive exotic grasses and weeds to restore native grass and forb communities. This restored habitat is important to the Burrowing Owl and the Stephens Kangaroo Rat. These native plant communities have significantly lower fuel loading than the invasive exotic grasses and weeds. This would produce much lower intensity fires.

Pechanga Indian Reservation: City of Temecula Fire Department and the Pechanga Fire Department work collectively to develop a comprehensive fire prevention plan that upon implementation would be of mutual benefit to both the City Of Temecula and Pechanga tribal land.

Santa Margarita Drainage and surrounding City of Temecula areas: The Santa Margarita drainage now lies within Temecula City limits. Work with University of San Diego (majority property owner) and The City of Temecula to develop and put into practice comprehensive fire prevention and fire management plan.

City of Temecula

Continue the city wide fire prevention and safety education program using television, radio, printed mediums along with school, community service clubs, HOA and local events to inform and educate the public.

Training Bureau

The CAL FIRE/Riverside County Training Bureau is responsible in training 1,200 CAL FIRE personnel and 400 Riverside County reserve firefighters. To accommodate all the hours it takes to train this large work force, the training is divided into three main components.

- Formal Training - performed at Clark Training Center, Roy Wilson Training Center or the Cal Fire Academy in Lone California. This training can be classroom, field or a combination of both. Examples of formal training are CAL FIRE Basic Firefighter Academy, C-234 Intermediate Firing, Incident Management II, S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior and Command 1B
- In Service Training (IST) – hands on training with engine and truck companies at one of the training centers. Entire crews perform drills; participate in classroom instruction or both.
- Self-Paced Training - by using the Riverside County computer network, firefighters complete self-paced education programs through the Target Solutions. Target Solutions allows the training bureau to reach a wide audience on specific subjects.

The Training Bureau continues to educate firefighters from the first year Firefighter I to the most seasoned veteran. The bureau uses instructors that have varying degrees of experience and expertise. The Training Bureau personnel are viewed as leaders throughout the state because of the level of training they have implemented for the Returnee Firefighter Training Program and the Basic Firefighting Academy. The dedicated classrooms for fire training are used for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of instruction.

Wildland fire training is extensive throughout the county. Wildland fires are the largest and deadliest incidents our personnel respond to. The unit dedicates 25% of its training hours to wildland firefighting training. All aspects of wildland firefighting are taught throughout the year.