

# Community Meeting

## Fire Preparedness – Were You Ready?



### Fire Response

- Originated on Tubbs Road in Calistoga (1 of 8 major fires)
- Sustained 45mph wind-driven fire, gusting over 75mph
- County 9-1-1 center answered 300 calls/hour
- Every fire department in Sonoma County responded
- Defended/Evacuated many neighborhoods (e.g., Graton @ Vineyard Commons)
- Graton Fire sent 3 engines initially, scaled back as mutual aid arrived

### Law Response

- Evacuations during fire (30 deputies on-duty initially)
- Emergency alerts (11 alerts in first 8 hours)
- Notified every deputy to respond to the main office
- Communicated 24/7 with public and media during emergency
- Coordinated 250 officers & 600 National Guard troops

### Community Response, Amazing!

- Shelters, official – ARC: Sebastopol Vets Bldg., Analy H.S., Finley (not Graton Fire)
- Shelters, unofficial – Local hotels, vacation rentals, AirBNB, churches, homes
- Food, clothing, money, food, time, resources, food

### Disaster Notifications

- Sonoma County Alert – [www.SoCoAlert.com](http://www.SoCoAlert.com) or 565-1369
- Nixle – cell phone, text 888-777 with zip code (95444)
- Facebook.com – Sonoma Sheriff
- CAL FIRE – Ready for Wildfire App (sign up for alerts & prep advice)
- Map Your Neighborhood (notify and help each other)
- TV & Radio – KRON 4 & KSRO at 1350AM or 103.5FM
- 211 (United Way)
- Advisory vs. mandatory evacuation (avoid traffic, go now!)

### Evacuation Preparation

- Take irreplaceable items (make a list now) – Wallet, cell phone & charger (tell family safe), legal papers, photos, computers, medications, family jewelry, favorite toys
- Pets – Crate, food, medications
- If time (advisory vs. mandatory) – Clothes, shoes, sentimental items
- Close windows and remove light curtains (close heavy ones)
- Turn off gas and water at meter

### House Defense

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Flammable items away from house – gutters, firewood, BBQ, furniture, fences
- Inventory your possessions

### Other sources of Information & inventory your house

- [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)
- [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org)
- [www.GratonFire.com/Disaster](http://www.GratonFire.com/Disaster)
- [www.Fire.CA.gov](http://www.Fire.CA.gov)
- [www.FireSafeSonoma.org](http://www.FireSafeSonoma.org)