

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District,
University of California Cooperative Extension of Sonoma County,
Santa Rosa Fire Department,
and Fire Safe Sonoma,
presents:

Wildfire and Your Home

Defensible Space and Construction Considerations for Fire Safe Homes



A **free** workshop for homeowners, building contractors and suppliers, Fire Safe Council members, Volunteer Fire Departments, planners, realtors, policy makers, and others

Through presentations and live demonstration burns, **Fire Safe Homes** addresses:

- ❑ Fire history and potential fire behavior in surrounding topography
- ❑ Defensible Space
- ❑ What are the most vulnerable parts of your home? And why?
- ❑ Specific fire performance of different building materials (e.g. roofing, siding, decking, vent designs, windows, etc.). Are some products more resistant and what are the priorities for their use?
- ❑ Simple precautionary actions individuals can take in and around their home to be better prepared for wildfire.
- ❑ Information on building codes and County Ordinances

Background:

Wildfires are common in California. After a wildfire you may notice that some homes survived but others did not. What makes the surviving home so special? Is there something we can learn from surviving homes? Please hold the date and plan to join us for a workshop on fire safe homes. This workshop will provide you with options for creating defensible space and selecting construction materials and methods that contribute to improved chances for survival of your home during a wildfire. There will be presentations on Wildfire Basics - types of fire exposure to your home; Making your home fire safe- roofs, vents, decks, landscaping; and Building material fire demonstration- fire performance of combustible, non-combustible siding, and fire retardant foam.

Presenters:

- Dr. Steve Quarles, UC Wood Durability Advisor
- Gary Nakamura, UC Forestry Specialist
- Representatives from Fire Safe Sonoma and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Where: Santa Rosa Fire Department Training Tower
West College Avenue /Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa

When: Saturday May 13, 2006

Time: 9:00am- 1:00pm (Bring lunch)

RSVP Required (Space Limited)

Contact Rick Kaye by April 10, 2006 at (707) 569-1448 or rkaye@sotoyomercd.org

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