



Public Safety Committee

AFD Report – May 3, 2023

Wildfire Preparations

Fuels Mitigation

- Thinning/removal through May/June (P&R, OEM, AFD)
- Coordinating with BLM to align planned work
- Information signage at work sites
- Progress dashboard (OEM, GIS)



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Outreach

- April 25 – Hillside Wildfire Awareness Virtual Workshop (OEM)
- May 6 – Community Firewise Event (RCCC, HALO, AFD)
- May 12 – Outreach Day at Bear Valley Elementary (OEM)

Funding Initiatives

- Community Wildfire Protection Grant – not awarded
- FEMA Fuels Mitigation Grant (\$1.2M) – in process
- USFS WUI Fire Management Office (\$4M) – in process

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Operations

- Renewed Annual Operation Plan with DOF
- JBER Command coordination meetings
- Firewise Home Assessments continuing
 - Grant Program discontinued
- Wildland Fire Tactics, Drills, and Safety refresher training completed
- USS/ISER Evacuation Study ongoing
- Woodlots: ITB in progress

Polyfluorinated Substances

Cancer is a leading cause of death among firefighters. Firefighters contract certain cancers at higher rates than do the general population. PFAS are used in very high concentrations in turnout gear and have been found in the organs of firefighters. No suitable alternatives yet exist.



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AFD is preparing to curtail the use of turnout gear in non-emergency situations such as:

- Public Events
- “Code Yellow” Responses
- Training
- Transportation and Handling
- Ambulance Calls

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Other preventative initiatives

- Long sleeves & trousers
- EMS garments
- “Clean Cab” research