

Fire Safety

David Boyd, VP of LCPOA and a decades long Fire Captain/Paramedic is the chair of the LCPOA Fire Safety committee. He and his team have been busy working to improve fire safety on our plateau. Below lists a few of the things he has been working on.

1. David has worked with local government officials and Rancho water to bring in heli-hydrants to the plateau. He believes these will make a big difference in the response time for plateau fire suppression. Currently, two Heli-Pods are slated to arrive in Tenaja and DeLuz. He is still pushing for a more permanent Heli-Hydrant for our immediate community.
2. Shelter-in-Place locations have been top priorities for David. He has already secured one site and has tentatively located several others. These will be in strategic areas on the plateau which allows flexibility for the users depending on fire location and winds.
3. Phone tree – David has been working with local experts including Debbie Palmer and Erin Fairfax to create a call system in the event of an emergency to alert our community.
4. Escape routes – although this is something that David is hoping can be achieved, he is less hopeful about this option without expending a large amount of money to accomplish that goal. He is happy to discuss potential options with anyone interested.
5. David's team will be posting off-sight locations that accept large animals in the event they are evacuated. That information will be on this tab as soon as it is available.
6. David and his committee recently hosted a meeting that included the below list of officials and experts to gain support for fire safety protocols on the plateau. More information on outcomes of this meeting will be forthcoming, but topics included Maps, Exit Strategies and Routes, Shelter-in-Place and other topics to help the community with fire preparedness and personal safety.

Meeting Attendees:

- Orange County Fire Captain David Boyd (Retired), Chair
- Cal Fire Deputy Chief Chris Matthews
- Cal Fire Battalion Chief Lubben
- Cal Fire Battalion Chief Erin Fairfax (Zoom)
- California State Senator Kelly Seyarto
- La County Fire Captain Dick Weiss (Retired)
- La County Crew Chief Chuck Groves (Retired)
- Orange County Fire Captain John Gammon (Retired)