



AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wildfire Division Update

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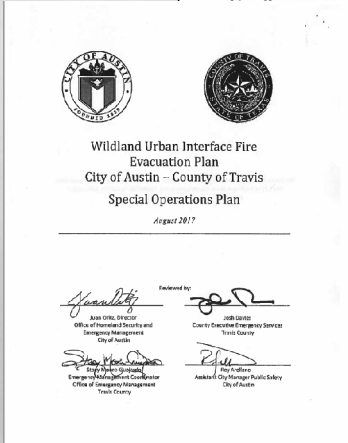
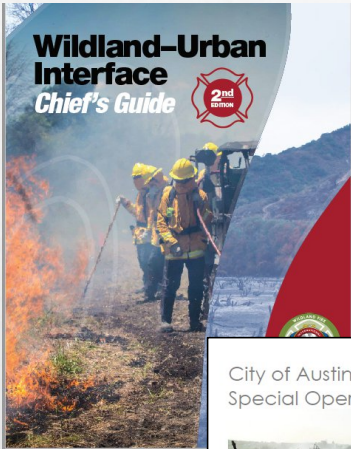
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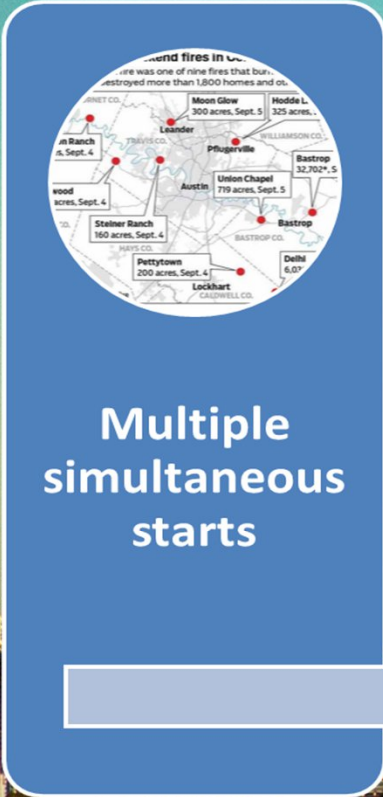
National Cohesive Strategy



FROM RISK TO RESPONSE




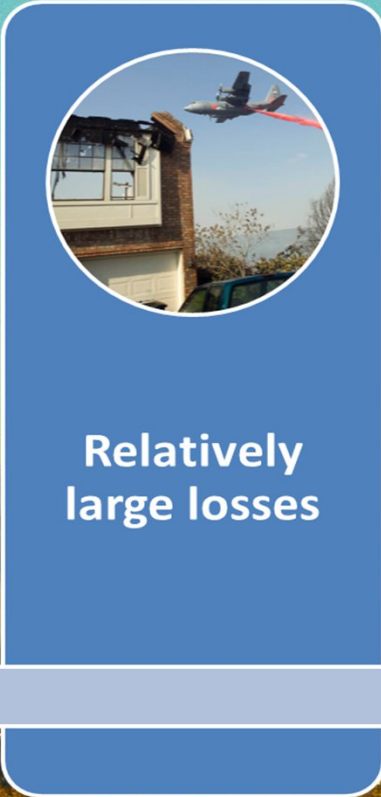
Austin's Wildfire Threat



Multiple simultaneous starts



**Relatively
small
wildfires**



Relatively large losses



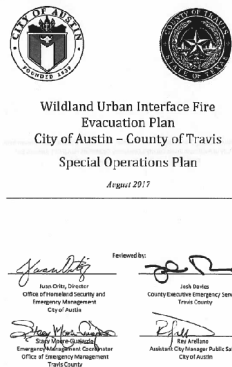
A map of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, showing the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers into the San Francisco Bay. The map is color-coded to represent different water quality or resource levels. A legend in the bottom left corner indicates the following categories: Blue (Lowest), Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, and Dark Red (Highest). The map also shows major roads and waterways. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances in miles and kilometers. The map is titled 'SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA' and includes a north arrow.



City of Austin
Emergency Operations Plan



Annex E: Evacuation
Updated March 2021



Evacuations, Expectations

- Current Evacuation plan, each agency's role, including city leadership
- Traffic on a Tuesday...
- Expectations for AFD's role
- What we learned from the evacuation simulation

GO!

- Citizens may be notified by fire personnel and/or law enforcement if an evacuation is necessary.
- Depending on the situation, some areas may be evacuated while others Shelter-In-Place.
- You may be directed to a Temporary Assembly Point at a safe location such as 1. Vandergriff High School (9500 McNeil Dr) or 2. Target Parking Lot (111220, RM 2222).
- Routes and destinations will be determined by law enforcement during the evacuation.
- Safely make your way out of the area. If unable to evacuate, go to the closest Community Refuge Area.
- Yield to incoming response vehicles and do not drive over hoses/lanes.
- Listen for instructions and follow directions from emergency personnel.

If You Become Trapped

In your home:

- Stay inside until the fire passes
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked
- Keep together and remain calm

On foot:

- Get away from vegetation
- Lie face down, out of roadway
- Cover mouth with dry cloth

In your car:

- Park away from vegetation
- Cover yourself with blanket
- Stay in the car until the fire passes

After the Fire

Emergency Managers will decide when it is safe to return. Information will be available at road blocks, assembly points and through the media.

KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE

- ORANGE ZONE
- YELLOW ZONE
- PURPLE ZONE
- GREEN ZONE
- BLUE ZONE
- RED ZONE

Primary Evacuation Route

Secondary Evacuation Route

Temporary Assembly Point

Community Refuge Area

RIVER PLACE

Primary Evacuation Route → RIVER PLACE BLVD

Secondary Evacuation Route → CITY PARK ROAD

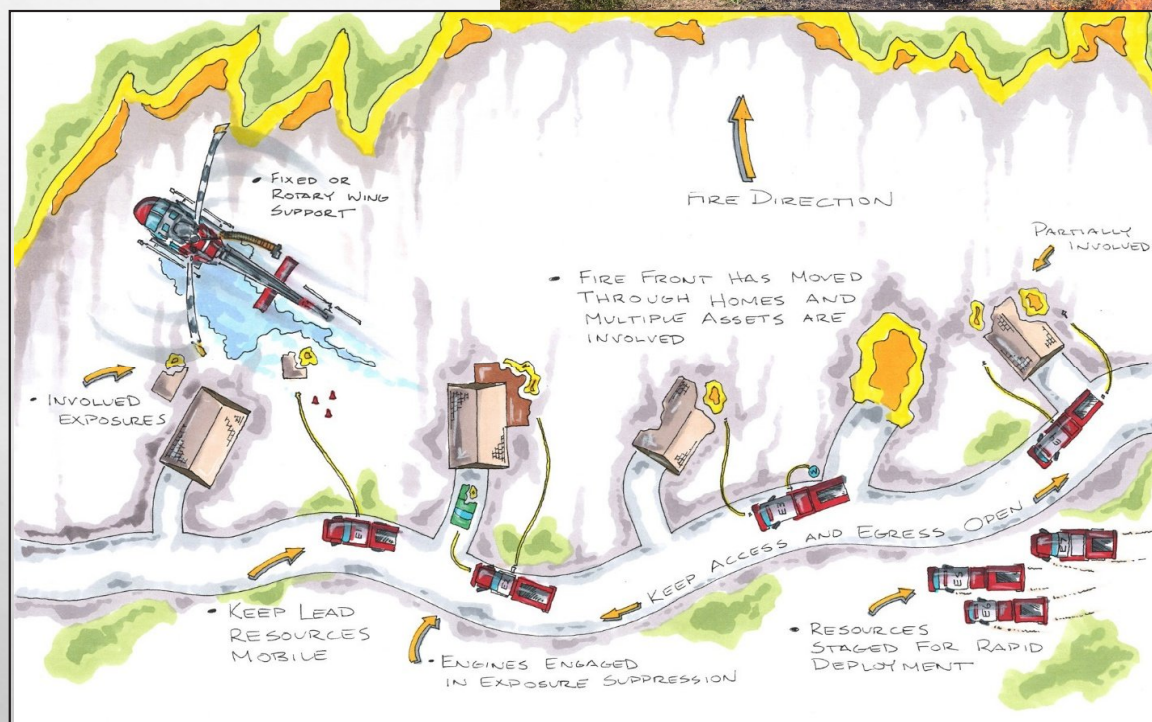
Temporary Assembly Point → Vandergriff High School

Community Refuge Area → The River Place Country Club

Seek refuge there ONLY if you cannot safely evacuate the neighborhood.

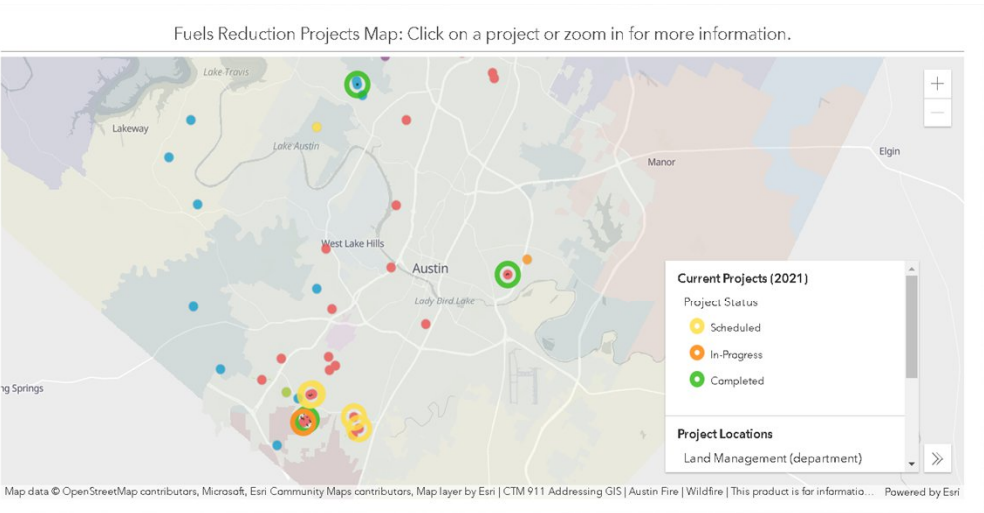
Effective Response

- AFD 130/190
- Wildfire Battalion
- Deployments – regional and national response
- RTI Training –WUI strategic & tactical capabilities
- Partnerships- shared planning, training and experience



What does a Fire Adapted Community Look Like?



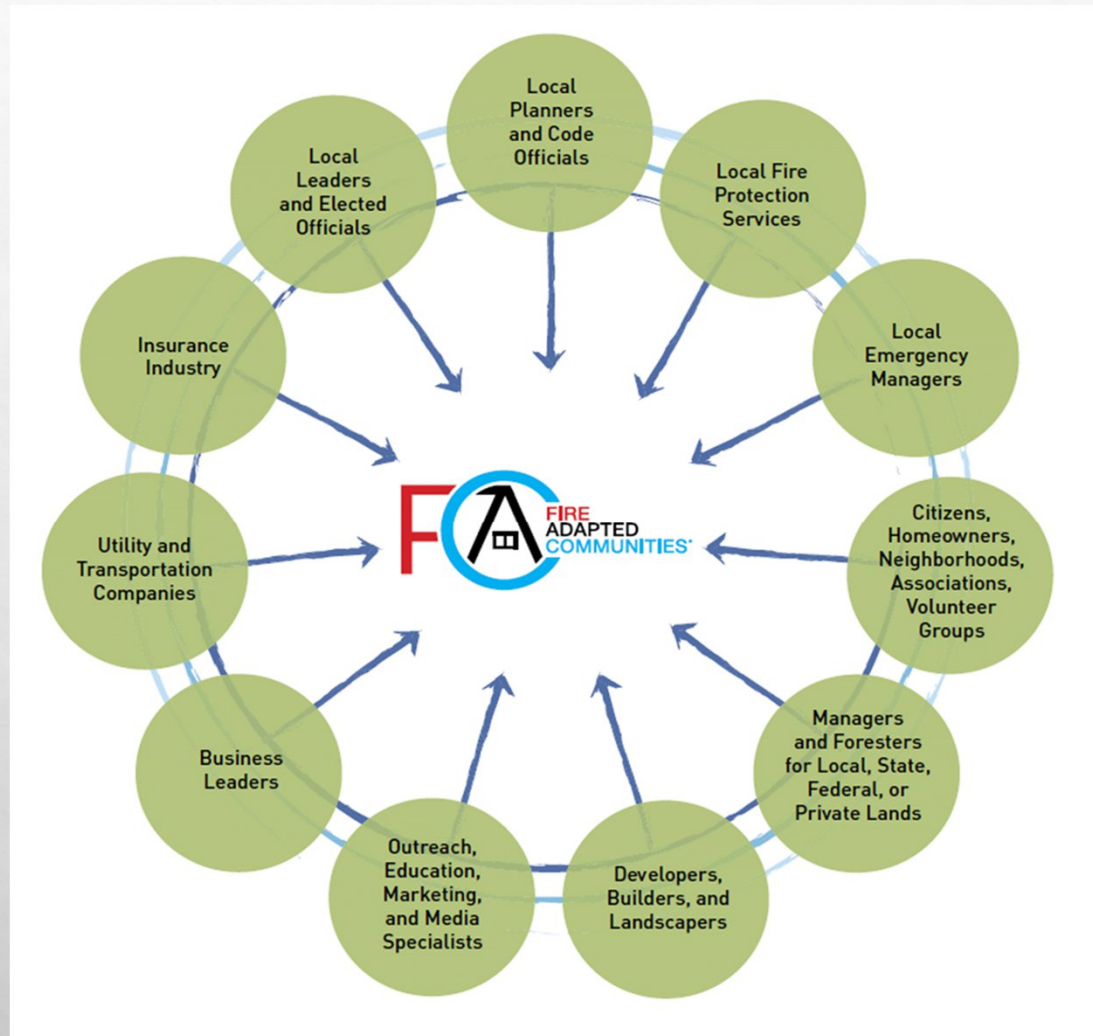


71% of Wildland Urban Interface Boundary is Privately Owned

YOUR ONE STOP
FOR WILDFIRE
AWARENESS

- AUSTIN AREA WILDFIRE HUB
- [HTTPS://WILDFIRE-AUSTIN.HUB.ARCGIS.COM](https://wildfire-austin.hub.arcgis.com)

It Takes a Community to Prepare for Wildfire



Next Steps

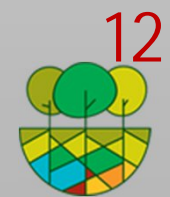
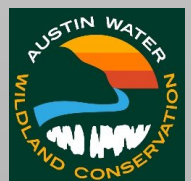
- Responding to the Interface training for all AFD
- Wildland preplans at the company and community level
- Continued expansion of regional partnerships and resource coordination
- Leveraging operational resources to expand assessment capabilities



Next Steps, Cont'd

- Community level evacuation planning – exploring platforms to assist with this.
- Continue to expand footprint of community level CWPPS (Community Wildfire Protection Plans)
- Exploring how to continue the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) relationship
- Exploring expanding fuels mitigation capacity
- Streamlined Rx fire permit process in order to burn more on City properties.





Wildfire is Everyone's Fight

Know Your Role
We All Have One