What Cities Should Be Doing NOW: And How has COVID-19 Changed Emergency Response?
Wednesday, July 8

Before the fire season begins, learn about the measures your city can take to establish and approve plans to prepare for a wildfire emergency in the COVID-19 environment. The session will cover:

- Creating a new and early messaging plan to change residents’ behaviors
- Establishing local supply chains to get PPEs and safety gear
- Designing shelter plans to account for social distancing
- Checking to see what fire prevention resources and programs are still available after COVID-19
- Identifying emergency plan and response challenges due to the pandemic

Presenters:
Reva Feldman, City Manager, City of Malibu
Sean McGlynn, City Manager, City of Santa Rosa

Communications During a Wildfire
Wednesday, July 15

During emergencies, communication and messaging is extremely important. This session will review a myriad of communication issues that face public agencies during a crisis, especially when the power is shut off. Learn the what, when, who, and how of delivering emergency messages during a wildfire.

Presenters:
Betsy Burkhart, Communications and Outreach Manager, City of Walnut Creek
Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager, City of Malibu
Decision Making and Relationship Building Before, During, and After a Wildfire

Wednesday, July 22

Before a disaster strikes, cities benefit by building relationships with neighboring cities, counties, state, and federal government representatives to help aid in emergency response and recovery. In this presentation, learn the importance of creating relationships, asking the correct questions, understanding how jurisdictions work, and the personal and professional courage it takes to make decisions in the event of a wildfire.

Presenters:
Scott Westrope, Deputy Fire Chief, Santa Rosa Fire Department
Rebecca Widdison, Management Analyst, City of Santa Clarita

Running Emergency Operation Centers

Wednesday, July 29

During a wildfire, emergency operations centers (EOCs) are an essential part of commanding and responding to emergencies. Presenters will discuss normal EOC operations and how that will change due to the pandemic. Attendees will also learn best practices for running EOCs including communication tips, how to cross train staff new and existing, securing mutual aid, all while addressing new challenges that may arise from the pandemic.

Presenters:
Augie Ghio, former Fire Chief, San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, current Director of Emergency Management, San Diego Gas & Electric
Rebecca Widdison, Management Analyst, City of Santa Clarita

Resources for Financial Assistance and Recovery after a Wildfire

Wednesday, August 5

Cities can struggle with understanding with how to financially respond and recover from a wildfire. Join the conversation about reimbursement programs, gathering the required documentation to receive FEMA reimbursements through Cal OES, how to avoid pitfalls in the reimbursement process, and tips on managing risks after the disaster. An opportunity for questions will be offered at the end of the presentation.

Presenters:
John Catching, Acting Branch Chief, Recovery Infrastructure, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
Stephanie Ogren, Assistant Chief Counsel, Cal OES
Lori Nezhura, Legislative Coordination Manager, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
Robert Pesapane, Recovery Division Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Michael Gayrard, Infrastructure Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Running Shelters During a Wildfire: What Changes after COVID-19
Wednesday, August 12

Preventing the spread of the coronavirus will affect how emergency shelters are managed for both citizens and animals. Discover how to work with Red Cross officials and establish requirements for running and identifying additional shelters in the event of a wildfire. Hear from a city and the Red Cross about the process for shelters and tips on what to keep in mind, including while in a pandemic. In addition, learn how to work with non-profits for animal evacuation and sheltering.

Presenters:
Susan Duenas, Public Safety Manager, City of Malibu
Alyssa Christenson, Disaster Program Manager, T3, American Red Cross | Los Angeles Region
Naomi E. Tobias, CEO, Central CA Animal Disaster Team

Working with CalFire to Protect your Community:
Coordination Before and During a Wildfire
Wednesday, August 12

Stay tuned for more information!

The Slow Road to Recovery
Wednesday, August 19

Stay tuned for more information!

Registration for this eight part series will cost $150 for the series or $25 per webinar.

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