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Strategies for Weathering the Next Natural Disaster



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The 2017 Santa Rosa wildfires, primarily the Tubbs Fire, were among the most destructive in California history, destroying thousands of homes and causing significant loss of life and property.



Photo: Mercury News

City of Escondido – How We Prepare

Plan	Last Update
City of Escondido Emergency Operations Plan	November 2024
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	October 2025
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	2023
Escondido Extreme Heat Resilience Action Plan	May 2025
2026 – 2028 Multi-Year Integrative Preparedness Plan (MYIPP)	November 2025
Emergency Communications and Information SOP	May 2026
Escondido Debris Removal Plan	In Progress

City of Escondido – Why We Train

- The MYIPP guides Escondido's training and exercises by aligning them with the City's highest risks, priority capability needs (based on FEMA's Core Capability Development Worksheet), and annual improvement plan.
- Each year, the City reviews after-action findings, determines whether capabilities have improved, and identifies the next areas to train, exercise, and strengthen.



City of Escondido – Training Types

- City-wide Incident Command System (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS), Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS).
 - One time training for all employees to ensure they are competently trained in these systems.
- Annual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Trainings
 - General EOC Overview Training
 - EOC Section Training
- Annual EOC Exercise
 - Multiple modalities can be used depending on the goal of the exercise.
- Annual Evacuation Drill
- Annual Shelter Worker Training & Exercise



City of Escondido – Mutual Aid

- Escondido participates in multiple mutual aid agreements/programs:
 - Fire, law enforcement, and public works mutual aid partnerships.
 - Emergency management and EOC staffing support through EMMA.
 - Statewide and interstate resource sharing through California Mutual Aid and EMAC.
- For instance, in San Diego County and the North Zone we have the Regional Fire Mutual Aid & Automatic Aid:
 - Automatic Aid
 - Mutual Aid

Debra Garnes, Mayor, City of Rio Dell



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