



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

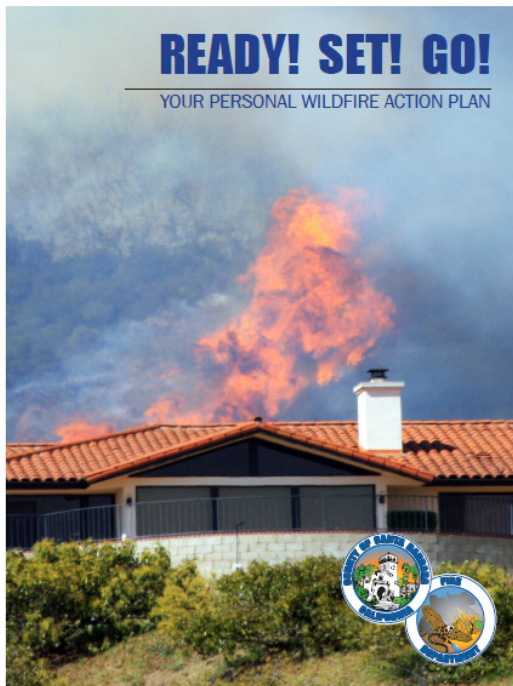
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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Wildfire Community Preparedness Workshops -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. April 8, 2010 – Ready! Set! Go! was launched in May 2009 as a new approach to educating Southern California residents about the year-round threat of wildfire. This public education program seeks to gain active public involvement in reducing life and property loss caused by wildfires.



Ready! Prepare yourself, your family and your property.

Set! Monitor fire weather / activity and prepare to evacuate.

Go! Leave early when directed to by public safety officials.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department is conducting 5 Wildfire Community Preparedness Workshops for the purpose of public education and outreach at the following locations of the county:

- Sisquoc—April 17 Blochman School 9-11am
- Lompoc—April 17 Allen Hancock College 1-3pm
- Santa Barbara— April 24 La Colina Jr. High School 9-11am
- Goleta—April 24 Wake Center 1-3pm
- Solvang—May 1 Solvang City Hall 9-11am

The information contained in these workshops will remind residents living in high-risk wildland fire zones that they need to take personal responsibility for their safety and protection. The emphasis is that defensible space creates a zone in which firefighters can operate **safely** in order to help protect a home during a wildfire.

Join your local Fire Station, the Fire Chief, your District Supervisor, Vegetation Management Expert, the Sheriff's Department, Animal Control and the American Red Cross for this important discussion on how you and your family can be prepared for the next wildfire. Fire Education Activities will be available for kids during the workshop. All workshops are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

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