



Multi-Agency

Wildland-Urban Interface Incident Drill, June 22nd.

Utilizing funds from a Homeland Security Grant, Butte County Office of Emergency Management in collaboration with the Town of Paradise and CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire is sponsoring a multi-agency Wildland Fire Incident Drill on June 22nd. The scenario based drill is premised on a rapidly growing fire with threats to residential structures and community infrastructure.

The purpose of the drill is to enable the participating agencies to practice the many facets encountered during an actual wildland fire, including initial dispatch, coordinated response of fire, law enforcement, public works and the many other cooperating agencies, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation, and evacuation requirements including sheltering and public notifications.

Components of the drill will include a one-way evacuation drill on the Skyway in downtown Paradise from Elliott Rd. to Pearson Road from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. which will direct the traffic flow in that area using two lanes travelling south, including the center turn lane. This will restrict traffic in this area to no left-hand turns.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., emergency response agencies will be dispatched to a simulated wildland fire in lower Paradise. This portion of the drill will encompass the coordination of emergency agencies initial and long range fire suppression efforts, including structure protection and the evacuation process for residents and animals. Multiple types of emergency equipment, including aircraft will participate in this portion of the drill.

Butte County and the Town of Paradise will activate their Emergency Operations Centers and will be co-located at the Town of Paradise Town Hall EOC.

The Cal Fire/Butte County Fire Information Center will be activated and will be available to answer resident's questions concerning the drill activity from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. by calling 530-538-7826.

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Look for a "This is a Drill" icon on public information from participating agencies.