

2025 CREST FIREWISE ACHIEVEMENTS

Education/Outreach Goals

- ❖ Utilizing our partnership with Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC), Crest Community Association (CCA), San Diego County Fire Safe Council, San Miguel Fire & Rescue (SMFR) and CalFire, ensured distribution of up-to-date information on defensible space (DS) and home hardening (HH) guidance at community events.
- ❖ Distributed educational materials at monthly CCA meetings, the 2/2025 Crest Northeast Firewise kick-off meeting, the 3/8/2025 SMFR new fire engine community meeting, the 4/22/2025 community meeting with SMFR, CalFire and Alpine Sheriff, the 5/3/2025 Firewise day, the Crest 4th of July event and during Crest Firewise Expansion meetings held on 6/14/2025, 6/25/2025, 10/4/2025 and 10/13/2025.
- ❖ Included Firewise, Defensible Space and Home Hardening education/information in the CCA monthly newsletters, new Crest residents' welcome packets, and other various social media (Facebook) posts
- ❖ Sent out mailer containing Firewise and fuels mitigation information/education to all Crest residents.
- ❖ Updated FW educational flyer with correct zone footages for San Diego County
- ❖ Attended San Diego County Fire Safe Council meetings to gather information/education to enhance Crest residents' defensible space and home hardening.
- ❖ Held 2 fire extinguisher trainings for Crest residents with SMFR.
- ❖ Conducted community meetings for outreach/education to present information regarding the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant (SPFMG) to assist residents to offset costs to improve defensible space and home hardening.
- ❖ Created CrestFSC.com website to include dedicated space towards Crest Firewise Community education/strategies.
- ❖ Assisted a San Diego Country Estates resident (Richard) as he planned and implemented a Firewise Community in Ramona.

Home Hardening Goals

- ❖ Increased structural hardening/vent grant applications by 30% from 2024 to 2025

Defensible Space/Fuels Reduction Goals

- ❖ Applied/Received Community Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant for chipping/clean-up.
- ❖ Held chipping events on: 3/22/2025 with approx. 30 cubic yards of chipping, 5/16/25, 5/17/2025, 6/20/25, 6/22/2025, 6/27/2025, 9/22/25 and 9/26/2025 with approx. 120 cubic yards of chipping completed
- ❖ Planning for additional curbside chipping events in Oct/Nov 2025.
- ❖ Held 2 clean up events – disposing of approximately 18 tons of combustible debris.
- ❖ Applied for 25-26 CalFire grant for additional curbside chipping through 2/15/29.

- ❖ At the 02/25 Crest/Dehesa/Harbison Canyon/Granite Hills Subregional Planning Group monthly meeting, CalFire and Dept of Park and Recreation (DPR) presented information/way forward to provide fuels reduction work for the Crest community. CalFire will take the lead on this project.
- ❖ Met with DPR/CalFire/CFSC/Team Rubicon to discuss feasibility of their support to provide fuels reduction for the Stoneridge County Preserve (located within the Crest Firewise boundary) and for other Crest residences.
- ❖ Coordinating with Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County to provide roadside brush/vegetation clearing for Crest residents starting in 2026
- ❖ Increased defensible space/zone zero grant applications by 35% from 2024 to 2025
- ❖ Distributed/received volunteer log hours to track hours/expenses

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

- ❖ Distributed information to Crest residents on various apps – altersd.com, Genasys, Watch Duty at various community events.
- ❖ Updated the Crest Evacuation Primary/Alternate/Contingency/Emergency (PACE) literature and distributed to Crest residents.
- ❖ CalFire/CalTrans provided fuels reduction along Crest major evacuation routes.
- ❖ Applied/received grant from the San Diego Fire Foundation/San Diego River Conservancy for 200 reflective house number markers
- ❖ Applied/received a County Supervisor Joel Anderson Neighborhood Reinvestment grant to install missing street signs for non-county maintained/private streets to better enable fire resources to locate homes needing assistance.
- ❖ Held training and provided educational information for Large Animal Rescue at the 1/18/2025 community meeting
- ❖ Researching grant opportunities at the San Diego River Conservancy for alternative evacuation routes