



## Good to Go!

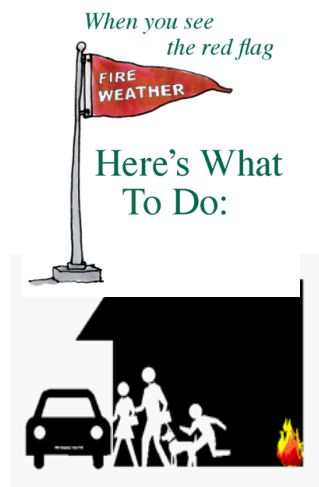
**How to get ready, stay informed, evacuate and return from wildfire.**

Partners: Alameda County Fire Department  
Community of Sunol  
City of Oakland  
City of Richmond

CAL FIRE, Santa Clara Unit  
Diablo Fire Safe Council  
Moraga Orinda Fire District  
94803 community

The *Good to Go!* program is designed for residents to create a personal evacuation action plan. A series of six *Good to Go!* modules, detail how to get ready, stay informed, evacuate and return from wildfire.

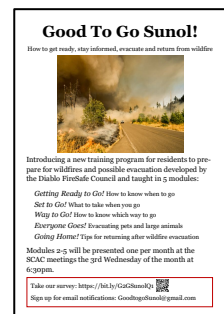
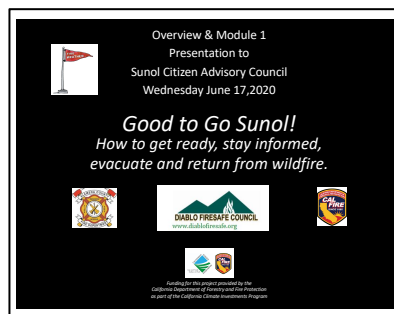
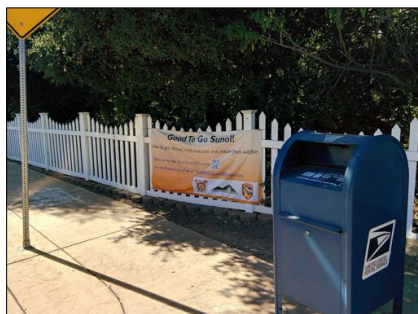
*Good to Go!* is a modular learning and action approach to prepare community members for evacuation from wildfire. The program builds upon existing CAL FIRE and local Alameda and Contra Costa fire departments' accepted programs and outreach methods. It borrows from effective programs across the United States, Australia and Canada. The program is designed to leverage community activity for incremental innovation: learn by doing and solving challenges.



- Module 1. Getting Ready to Go! *How to know when to go.*
- Module 2. Set to go! *What to take when you go.*
- Module 3. Way to go! *How to know which way to go.*
- Module 4. Everyone goes! *Evacuating pets and large animals.*
- Module 5: Going home! *Tips for returning after a wildfire evacuation.*
- Module 6: Just in Time! *Last minute tips to help you evacuate from wildfire.*

During 2020-21, Diablo FireSafe Council worked with a leadership team of residents, supported by the Alameda County Fire Department, the Santa Clara Unit of CAL FIRE and Alameda County Supervisor Valle to develop the pilot program and customize it for Sunol.

*Good to Go Sunol!* program materials include workbooks, YouTube videos, checklists and information about returning home, dealing with continued smoke, insurance, and other wildfire topics. Sunol community outreach methods included: four community presentations with the Sunol Citizen Advisory Council, on-line surveys, direct post card mailings to all addresses in the community, banners and posters, declaration of September as National Preparedness Month, 16 mail-chimp email campaigns, listserve notifications and development of a website for residents to download information. Website: <https://www.goodtogowildfire.com/>



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After their evacuation from the SCU Lightning Complex Fire in August 2020, the Sunol leadership group recommended we develop the sixth module *Just in Time!* to serve as a refresher, and to provide last minute tips to evacuate from wildfire. The *Just in Time* module focuses on actions to take at specific times leading up to and during evacuation from wildfire. A newly forming group located in the 94803 zip-code (including Richmond, El Sobrante, and Pinole communities in Contra Costa County) provided the opportunity refine concepts.

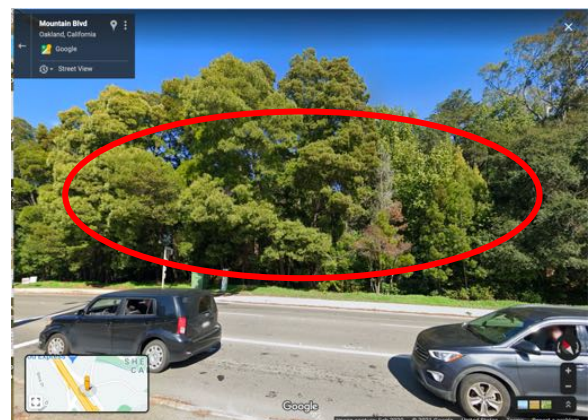


Program development also looked at how to complement a strong existing preparedness structure in the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood of Orinda. This Firewise community of 450 homes has a strong neighborhood association, with 25 block captains. Their existing communication network included text groups, email and mail chimp campaigns. The existing Lamorinda CERT Wildfire and Evacuation Guide, and established evacuation zones, served to ready the community for evacuation drills. Fire code updates will provide the ability to enforce roadside clearance and juniper removal during 2021. The focus of “*Good to Go Sleepy Hollow*” was on juniper removal and tree trimming along key evacuation routes. Project work was expanded along key evacuation routes in the neighboring communities in the Moraga Orinda Fire District including Canyon, Moraga and other parts of Orinda.

Hazardous fuel reduction projects also targeted key evacuation routes in the Montclair and Skyline areas of Oakland. Funds were used to remove select trees on Mountain Boulevard that had been affected by the sudden die-back being experienced throughout the East Bay. Grant funds also allowed for the removal of some of the aged, dead or dying, pines on Skyline Drive with high risk of falling and blocking access from the fire station.



Along Skyline Blvd, Oakland



Along Mountain Blvd, Oakland



In Sleepy Hollow, Orinda

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