

Are You fire Ready?

The East Mountain Interagency Fire Protection Association will be offering classes on the many faces of fire. Classes start this September and are 2 hours. This is your opportunity to reduce the risk of wildfire in and around your home.

Fire can start from any direction. Are you ready? Where will you be when it hits the East Mountain? If the fire is large expect roads to be shut down with evacuation headed out of the East Mountain area and emergency resources headed into the East Mountain area. What if kids or animals are in the home? Who will rescue them?

Instead of worrying about all the unknowns make a plan. It will still be stressful but with your own plan you will know exactly what to do, who to call, what to take and when to evacuate. Also learn about firefighter strategies and decision making. Learn how weather influences fire managers decisions, RX burns and Managed Fires. All of the classes will help you better understand the complexity of fire in the Wildland Urban Interface .

Defensible Space: Lower risk of your home catching fire in the Wildland Urban Interface	September 22
Preparedness and Evacuation: Create your plan for evacuation	October 20
Animal Evacuation: How to safely evacuate your animals	November 17
Fire Fighter Strategies, Managed Fire, RX Burns: Why Fire Managers make the decisions they do	December 15
Fire Weather/Fire Behavior: Weather influences fire. What do you need to be watching for	January 19
Defensible Space: Lower risk of your home catching fire in the Wildland Urban Interface	February 16
Preparedness and Evacuation: Create your plan for evacuation	March 16

The last two classes (February/March) are repeats before traditional fire season comes in. For new people in the neighborhood or for people who have taken the class this would be a great refresher to get one ready. The classes are free and space is limited so register soon.

RSVP to John Helmich: bhelmich@flash.net with your name, phone number, and number of people. If you need to cancel the class please call John Helmich so he can make room for others.

As most of the teachers in the class are in the Fire and Emergency Response field there is always a chance that the class could be cancelled on a moments notice. If so John will call you. Make sure you give him your phone number.