# "Get Ready"

- Provide defensible space around structures for a distance of at least 100 feet.
- Clear flammable materials from rain gutters and roof.
- Trim tree branches at least 10 feet from chimney.
- Clear at least 10 feet around propane tanks.
- For more information on legal requirements see www.calfireslo.org
- Replace flammable vegetation with less flammable plants.
- Use fire-resistant materials for roofing and siding.
- · Move wood piles away from house.
- Make sure your water tank is full and the hydrant is accessible and marked with a blue reflector.
- Have garden hose and ladder available that will reach the roof.
- Locate escape routes and Temporary Refuge Areas. (See map inside)
- Have an escape plan. Know where to meet your family.
- Choose an out-of-area friend or relative as a check-in contact. Write his/her phone number on the phone list inside.

### "Get Set"

- Evacuate as soon as you are set.
- · Alert family and neighbors.
- · Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., long pants, long sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses, hat and a dry bandana over your face. Cotton clothing is best).
- Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit on hand that includes all necessary items, such as battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.
- Tune in to any local radio or TV station for updates and information.
- Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water and keep an eye on your family and pets until you are ready to leave.

# CHECKLIST:

- What to do if a wildfire is approaching ☐ Park vehicles facing outward.
- ☐ Put valuables, important documents and essentials, such as medications, in your
- ☐ Keep keys where you can find them.
- Secure pets and prepare them for transport. Horse owners may call the Horse Emergency Evacuation Team (HEET) for assistance. See
- Close shutters, windows, heavy drapes and
- ☐ Remove thin drapes and other flammables
- ☐ Turn on outside lights and leave some inside
- ☐ Turn off gas at meter or propane tank.
- Safely make your way out of the area. If unable to evacuate completely, go to the closest Temporary Refuge Area (see map).
- Drive with headlights on.

### "Go"

- Citizens may be notified by fire personnel and/ or law enforcement personnel if evacuation is necessary.
- Safely make your way out of the area. If unable to evacuate completely, go to the closest Temporary Refuge Area. (See map inside)
- The Red Cross will establish evacuation centers.
- If evacuated, contact the Red Cross to provide information about your status so that family or friends can be informed.
- · After an area has been evacuated, the area will remain closed until the threat has passed.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you feel unsafe, don't wait. Follow the checklist items and get out.



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# Atascadero

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

Ready...Set...GO!

You live in wildfire country... Are you prepared to evacuate?



# If You Become Trapped

#### *In your home:*

- · Stay inside until the fire passes.
- · Close all windows.
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked.
- Keep family together and remain calm.
- Remember, if it gets hot inside your house, it will be much hotter outside.

#### In your car:

- · Park away from vegetation.
- · Roll up windows.
- · Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.
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- Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket.
- Stay in the car until the fire passes.
- If the vehicle catches on fire, exit only after the wildfire has passed.

#### On foot:

- · Find an area away from vegetation.
- · Lie face down.
- · Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.

#### **After the Fire Passes**

- Check the roof and exterior of your home, extinquish all sparks and embers.
- · Check your attic for hidden embers.
- Check your yard for burning wood piles, trees, fence posts or other materials.

# **Returning to Your Home**

- Emergency Managers will decide when it is safe to return.
- Information will be available through the media, at road blocks, shelters, and the CAL FIRE information line.

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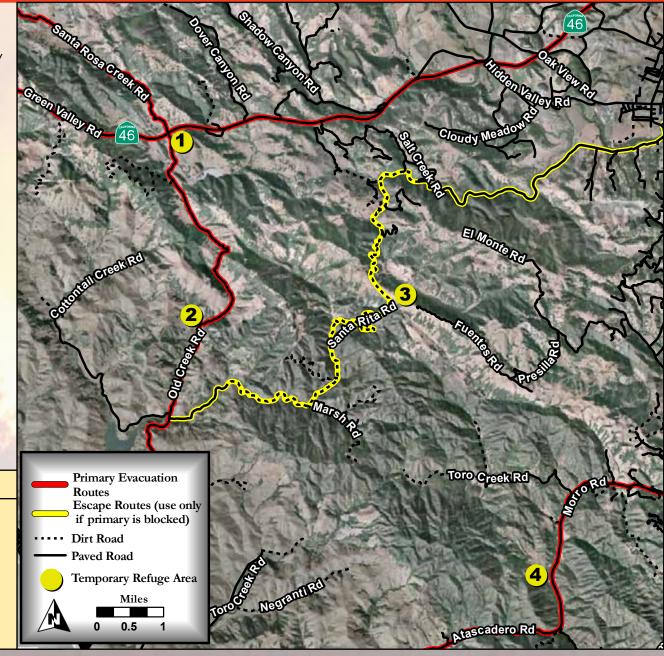
#### **KEEP THIS EVACUTION PLAN FOR REFERENCE**

# Atascadero Area Evacuation Emergency Travel Routes & Temporary Refuge Areas

## **Temporary Refuge Areas**

A gathering for residents if evacuation routes are obstructed by smoke, incoming emergency equipment, or directly threatened by fire. Examples: lee side of structure, inside of structure, large lawn or parking area, cab of apparatus.

- 1 Highway 46 West & Santa Rosa Creek Road
- 2) 2495 Old Creek Road
- 3) Santa Rita Road & Fuentes Road
- 4) Morro Toro Fire Station 14 -15615 Highway 41 West



#### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **Life Threatening Emergencies: 911**