

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

OCEANSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WILDFIRE TRAINING

The Oceanside Fire Department has completed its preparation for the upcoming fire season by training its 100+ firefighters to be better prepared for a potential wildfire. The training included command and control for fire ground commanders and live fire training for firefighters. Off-road driver training was provided for those personnel responsible for driving fire apparatus.

This training has prepared Oceanside's firefighters to be better equipped to extinguish a wildfire should one start within the City or should we be called to help anywhere in the State of California.



The Oceanside Fire Department reminds all property owners to clear dead vegetation from around their homes. Try to maintain a minimum 30 to 100 foot defensible space clearance around all structures.

CLEAR THE AREA AROUND YOUR HOME
of ANYTHING that will BURN.

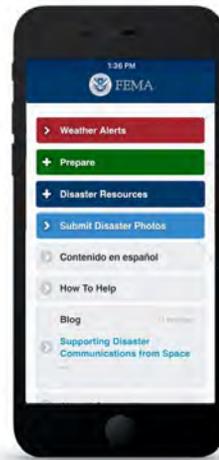
This includes wood piles, dry leaves, newspapers, & other brush.



For more information, visit <http://www.readysandiego.org/wildland-fire/> and download the Wildfire Preparedness Guide.

GET THE APP!

In case of emergencies, be ready with the free **FEMA** mobile app.



- Receive weather alerts for up to 5 locations
- Safety tips
- Locate shelters
- Find FEMA
- contact info in person or by phone
- Upload photos to help first responders.

FEMA App at the Apple App Store:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fema/id474807486?mt=8>

FEMA App at Google Play for Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.fema.mobile.android&hl=en>



AUGUST IS BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY MONTH

With summer ending and the start of school just around the corner, drivers need to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk and bike to school. Whether you are taking your kids to school or just driving through a school zone, you can do your part to keep kids safe.

August is designated as **Back-to-School Safety Month**, and we want to remind motorists to be extra careful at all times.

Follow the tips below to make sure you keep your children safe while walking and biking to school:

Back to School Safety Tips

Simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving

Reminders for your kids:

- Cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars

- Always walk in front of cars/buses where drivers can see them

Prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under.



First day of school for Oceanside School District is August 15, 2016

First day of school for Vista School District is August 17, 2016



FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

Have you heard?

September is National Preparedness Month.

In observance of this occasion, we encourage you to take specific actions to prepare your family for emergencies.

America's PrepareAthon! and the Ready Campaign highlight several ways you can prepare for the unexpected.

Some of these actions include:

- **Creating a family emergency communication plan.** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it's important to plan ahead about how you will connect with each other
- **Building a disaster supply kit.** A disaster supply kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. You may need to survive on your own after a disaster. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days
- **Practicing your emergency response plan.** Making emergency plans is great, but practicing your plan by conducting drills will help your family's response time when seconds count.

Disasters can be stressful for kids. Try to make emergency planning fun for children in your family! Visit ready.gov/kids for exciting games, quizzes, and other resources to help young children and teens understand the importance of being prepared.

Disasters also impact older adults. Visit ready.gov/seniors to learn more about preparing older Americans for the unexpected.

Please remember to:

Update your Emergency Kit every 6 months.

Practice your fire escape plan every 6 months.

Test your smoke alarm every month. Replace your smoke alarm batteries every year.

For more information on being Disaster Prepared visit:



San Diego County **SD EMERGENCY: The Must-Have Preparedness App**

With SD Emergency, the tools you need to plan, prepare and respond in an emergency are right at your fingertips.

Available on the **App Store** **ANDROID APP ON Google play**

