



## **Fire Safe Council of San Diego County**

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This past week, San Diego County burned once again. The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County (FSCSDC), in partnership with the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, works with federal, state, tribal, and local agency partners to help keep San Diego fire safe. As a non-regulatory/quasi-governmental agency, we can accomplish fire prevention work quickly and efficiently.

Funding for fire prevention in Southern California is becoming even more important than ever. We have been providing fire assistance since the 1990's. This is what we have accomplished in this past year:

The Chipping Program statistics for 2013 USFS grant to date (1 year)

- Supported and assisted approximately 32 local fire safe councils.
- Updated 8 CWPPs (Community Wildfire Protection Plans)
- Facilitated 9 Training Workshops on Defensible Space and Fire Training
- Provided 3 Educational/Outreach Workshops
- Chipped brush and reduced fuel on over 2,600 acres
- Protected 880 homes
- Protected 2,640 residents directly
- Protected property and infrastructure valued at over \$7.4 million

The County Program statistics for the 2.5 month Defensible Space Clearing Program

- Held two community chipping days
- Facilitated 4 educational workshops
- Created 100 foot Defensible Space around 201 homes
- Cleared an estimated 2,062,290 cubic feet of fuel material
- Protected 804 residents
- Cleared and Chipped fuel on 1,735 acres
- Received 67 letters of commendation from homeowners with high praise for the program
- Contracted 6,676 man-hours to complete defensible space work within 2.5 month deadline

Please help us keep San Diego fire safe. Your assistance in helping us to fund fire prevention helps us to prevent loss of life and property.



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## Why Does Your Community Need a Fire Safe Council?

Unfortunately, fire is a fact of life in Southern California.

What contributes to the frequency of firestorms?

- ◆ Extremely low levels of plant moisture caused by on-going years of drought
- ◆ Santa Ana winds
- ◆ Population increases
- ◆ Increasing development in rural areas of San Diego County



Learning to "live with wildfire" means building and maintaining defensible homes, communities, and becoming knowledgeable about the prevention of wildfires.

Fire Safe Councils can:

- ◆ Empower residents to protect their own lives and properties from wildfire
- ◆ Work with fire jurisdictions and other partners
- ◆ Create a powerful group initiative



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You may also visit the California Fire Safe Council website at: [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org)

Programs of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County are administered by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County. Fire Safe Council programs are provided through grants, fees, and donations.



For more information about our programs, please contact  
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## Programs for

## Fire Prevention and

## Fire Safety Education



**Serving San Diego County Since 1997**



## History

The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County (FSCSDC) was formed in 1997 and established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in 1999. The *Fire Safe San Diego Regional Support Center* was created to serve and assist over 80 community fire safe councils and fire agency partners.

### Programs and Services provided as funded by the *Fire Safe San Diego Regional Support Center*:

- ◆ Affiliation with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County
- ◆ Defensible Space training
- ◆ Fire agency support services
- ◆ Community chipping days
- ◆ Community Fire Safe Council support
- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Planning
- ◆ Education for real estate professionals
- ◆ List of pre-qualified vegetation management contractors
- ◆ No-cost Chipping Service
- ◆ Quarterly newsletters
- ◆ Training and workshops

### No-Cost Chipping Service for (Vegetation) Fuel Reduction

The No-cost Chipping Service Program is offered as funded to private property owners in rural communities of San Diego County designated as high-risk fire areas by CAL FIRE.

Funded by grants and donations, the program assists qualified residents with the removal of vegetative fuels to create defensible space around homes. Check our website for updates at [www.firesafesdcounty.org](http://www.firesafesdcounty.org).



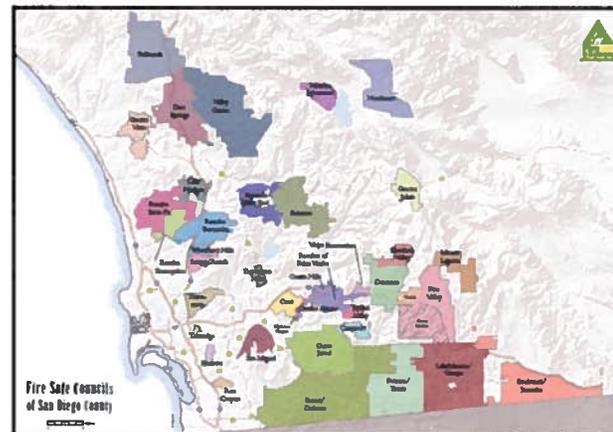
**Chipping crew working in East County**

## Defensible Space Works!

Maintain effective Defensible Space by removing, modifying, or thinning highly ignitable shrubs, trees or plants and other flammable materials from areas within 100 horizontal feet of structures and access roads. A Defensible Space of one hundred feet around homes is required by State and County fire codes to protect your home while providing safe access for firefighters.

For a copy of the County ordinance go to:

[www.co.san-diego.ca.us/dplu/ce5](http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/dplu/ce5)  
**REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARDS.html**



**Map of Community Fire Safe Councils**

## Partnerships For A Fire Safe San Diego!

- ◆ Community leaders living in high-risk fire areas throughout San Diego County are forming their own Fire Safe Councils. YOU can help create a Fire Safe San Diego — contact the offices of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County today!
- ◆ Fire Safe Council staff provides support services and assistance to community members, helping them to identify their area's fire-related concerns and issues.
- ◆ Community Fire Safe Council projects may include:
  - ◆ Community action newsletters
  - ◆ Community maps
  - ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plans
  - ◆ Emergency evacuation plans
  - ◆ Emergency notifications
  - ◆ Fuel reduction and fire break projects
  - ◆ Media outreach
  - ◆ Signage for emergency access
  - ◆ Vegetation management plans
  - ◆ Wildfire education

### Learning to Live With Wildfire!

The Fire Safe San Diego Regional Support Center helps develop and support more than 80 community fire safe councils throughout San Diego County.

Over 200 Fire Safe Councils throughout California have made their communities safer, better places to live.

To form a fire safe council in your community, contact the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County at 619-562-0096 or [inquiries@firesafesdcounty.org](mailto:inquiries@firesafesdcounty.org)