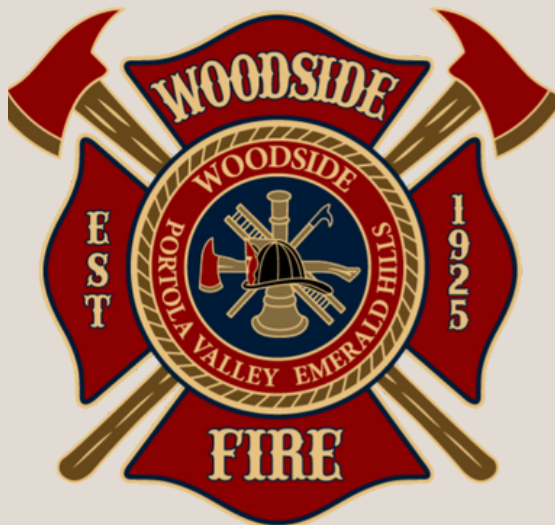


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HOLIDAYS!

WELCOME TO OUR

Public Education Newsletter

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December Update!



Welcome to the December edition of the Woodside Fire Protection District Public Education Newsletter! As we wind down the year, we're reflecting on all the ways our residents and volunteers have strengthened preparedness. Plus, don't miss a letter from our Fire Marshal looking back on the year. Stay informed, stay safe, and thank you for helping us build a resilient community!



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest projects, free resources, and more. Keep Reading!

December Prevention Highlights and Events

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Happy Holidays from Woodside Fire!

We want to wish our entire community a warm, joyful, and safe holiday season. As you gather with friends and family, remember to keep safety in mind—whether you're decorating, cooking, or cozying up by the fire. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe all year long. Stay festive, stay safe, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Check out the next few pages to learn about winter storm readiness!



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JOIN WOODSIDE FIRE FOR

CHRISTMAS AT THE FIREHOUSE



DECEMBER 10TH
6:00-7:30PM

FIRE STATION 7
3111 WOODSIDE RD
WOODSIDE



- Visit with Santa
- Take a Photo
- Bring a Toy for our Toy Drive

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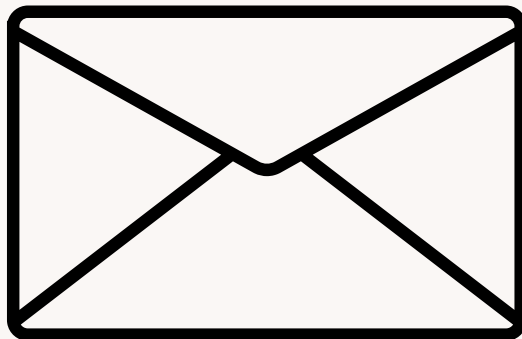
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Letter from Fire Marshal Kim Giuliacci

Take a moment to read a special message from our Fire Marshal, where she looks back on the past year and reflects on all the progress we've made together as a community.

From new safety initiatives to how we have expanded outreach efforts, it's been a year full of growth—and we're excited to keep that momentum going into the next one!

Click [HERE](#) to read more!



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Winterstorm Readiness Checklist

Prepare for Possible PG&E Outages

Fully charge phones, power banks, and essential devices before a storm. Know how to manually open your garage door, and keep flashlights, lanterns, and spare batteries in easily accessible locations (avoid candles for fire safety). If you depend on medical equipment, confirm your backup power plan early.

Update your PG&E outage alerts and check neighborhood status at pge.com/outages.

Secure Sandbags Before the Rain

San Mateo County offers free, self-serve sandbags for residents at these locations:

- **Portola Valley Town Center (near the tennis courts)**
- **Woodside Town Hall (located in front of Town Hall)**
- **County Public Works yards**

Bring a shovel and gloves and be prepared to self-fill if pre-filled bags are limited.

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Generator Safety Essentials

Always operate generators outdoors, well away from windows, doors, and vents – never inside garages, sheds, or covered patios.

Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and never backfeed power into your home's wiring.

Store fuel safely, upright, and outside living areas. Install and test carbon monoxide alarms before storm season begins.

Clear Drains & Reduce Flooding Risk

Check and clear gutters, downspouts, and drain inlets before each storm. Remove leaves and debris from driveway drains, culverts, and roadside ditches. Trim back vegetation that blocks water flow.

If you notice a blocked public drain, report it to your local public works department.

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Stay Informed With Local Emergency Alerts

Set up these essential alert systems before storm season and keep notifications turned on during significant weather events:

- SMC Alert – Primary emergency notification system for San Mateo County.
- Sign up: smcalert.info
- Genasys Protect – Provides evacuation zone maps and real-time protective actions.
- Know your zone & download the app: protect.genasys.com
- [Watch Duty](#) – Community-trusted app for wildfire, weather, and major incident updates.

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Thank you!

As we wrap up 2025, we want to take a moment to say something simple but sincere: thank you.

This community shows up – every single time.

Whether it's preparing for winter storms, joining a CERT class, learning about wildfire readiness, staying informed about local alerts, or keeping driveways accessible for emergency vehicles, your efforts truly make our community safer and more resilient.

A huge shout-out goes to our volunteer programs: WPV-CERT, WPV-Ready, Ready Communicators, Firewise groups, school partners, and all the residents who consistently support preparedness efforts. Your time, dedication, and the ever-present “sure, I can help with that” attitude are unmatched. We see the early mornings, the last-minute assists, the trainings, the communications, and the steady reliability – and we appreciate every bit of it.

To everyone who partnered with us this year, thank you for believing in the work we do and for making safety a true community effort. We're grateful to serve you, and we're looking forward to everything we'll continue building together in the new year.

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WPV-Ready Ready Net Communicator Training



Become an emergency radio operator in your community

Effective communications are often cited by professionals as the greatest logistical problem during emergencies. While cell phones, text messaging and Internet access are convenient communication tools, they are subject to outages during disasters. Two-way radios provide a back-up communications method that can be used to pass critical information when other systems are down.

Within the Woodside Fire Protection District, WPV-Ready Communicators are citizen volunteers trained to use their own two-way radios to communicate with the WPV-CERT Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Fire District using radios and other communications methods.

They act as communication gateways between residents in their neighborhood and the WPV-CERT and WFPD during times of emergency to exchange critical information.

The WPV-Ready Communicator Training Class Will Cover:

- Your role as a WPV-Ready Communicator
- Radio systems in use within the Woodside Fire Protection District
- How to use a 2-way handheld radio
- Proper radio techniques and phraseology
- Standard message forms and message passing techniques
- How to maintain your own situational awareness during emergencies

Tuesday January 20th 2026

6:30-9:30PM

Fire Station 19
4091 Jefferson Ave



RSVP Here - <https://bit.ly/ReadyNet-Jan26>

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