

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

The Quarterly Preparedness and Response Newsletter is a resource brought to you by the City of Ukiah's Office of Emergency Management. Its purpose is to inform and engage staff by highlighting recent response efforts, showcasing the dedication of our teams, and providing actionable tips to enhance preparedness for future events.

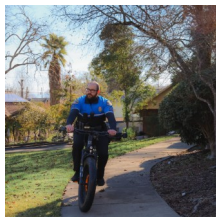
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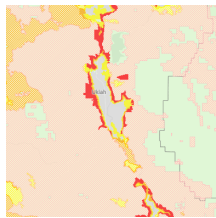
Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Open House



UPD Bike Patrols for a Safer Community



IFT Program: Strengthening Emergency Services Across the City



Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Wildfire Preparedness—



Did you miss a climb to the top of the ladder? Ukiah Valley Fire Authority hosted a successful all-employee field trip event.

In March, City staff had the opportunity to visit the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Central Station where we squirted fire hoses, climbed to the top of the ladder on the ladder truck,

and toured the station to learn about daily life as an emergency response professional in the city.

And we're looking to grow our team of emergency services personnel. Do you know of someone who might be a good fit? [Job Opportunities](#) | [Sorted by Job Title ascending](#) | [City of Ukiah Careers](#)

Rolling Toward Safer Streets. That's PD on those e-bikes!

The Ukiah Police Department is hitting the pavement—on two wheels!

Officers are now patrolling select areas by electric bike to improve community engagement, increase mobility in hard-to-reach areas, and enhance public safety.

Whether they're navigating downtown events or connecting with residents in our parks and neighborhoods, our bike patrol officers are bringing a new level of accessibility to community policing.



Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Community Input Survey We want your input!

The Ukiah Valley Fire Authority (UVFA) is a partnership between the City of Ukiah and the Ukiah Valley Fire Protection District, formed to provide efficient, high-quality fire and emergency services throughout the region. Fire safety and response is crucial to the safety of the community and we're always looking to get better. With support from the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM), we're evaluating how well we're serving our community - and we need your help.

This anonymous brief survey linked here is expected to take 5-10 minutes to complete. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT7YPPN> or QR Code



**Emergency preparedness:
because Mother Nature has zero respect for your weekend plans.**

IFT Program—Partnership between Adventist Health and Ukiah Valley Fire Authority.



It's not just you —the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority ambulances keep multiplying. They're shiny and new and they're part of a major step forward for our community. Ukiah Valley Fire Authority and Adventist Health have partnered on a new Inter-Facility Transfer (IFT) program, using those ambulances to safely transport patients between local hospitals.

This means faster, more reliable transfers for patients who need specialized care, plus it helps relieve pressure on emergency services.

So next time you see one of those rigs parked outside the hospital or fire station, know it's part of a growing effort to strengthen services across our community.

City of Ukiah COOP and CAP: more than just acronyms

The City's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Climate Action Plan (CAP) are two important tools that help ensure we're ready for emergencies, disasters, and long-term challenges.

The COOP outlines how we'll keep essential City services running during emergencies like wildfires, large-scale power outages, or pandemics.

The CAP focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate impacts like extreme heat and drought.

These plans aren't just for public safety and emergency management personnel —they impact how and where we work, provide essential services to the community, and prepare for the future.

Coming soon: Both plans are in the final draft phases and are anticipated to be adopted within the next few months.



Wildfire Season Approaching, Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and How You Can Prepare.

Fire Safety: Always in Season

Recently, the State Fire Marshal released new Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for our region, and some areas have been reclassified as **High** or **Very High** fire hazard zones. These classifications are based on wildfire risk and are part of a statewide effort to help communities stay safer.

So what does this mean for you?

- **Building codes** in these areas will now include tougher fire safety standards, especially for new construction or rebuilding.
- Homes in these areas also need to follow **defensible space rules**, like clearing dry brush and keeping vegetation trimmed around your house.

It's not just about following rules—it's about protecting your home, your family, and your neighborhood. Now is a great time to assess your property, make a plan, and take small steps that can make a big difference.

Learn more about the updated maps, enforcement information (as it becomes available), and fire hazard severity zones @ [Fire Hazard Severity Zones - City of Ukiah, CA](#)

Because being prepared isn't just smart—it's kind of our thing.

Calling all writers and photographers—We want to hear from you. Submit your comments, photos, or stories for submission in next quarter's newsletter.

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