



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
*Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect
 their homes, communities and environment from wildfires*

2010 Membership Application

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-mail _____ (For meeting announcements, etc.)

Affiliation – If affiliated with a fire department, government agency, company or organization (e.g., Homeowners or Neighborhood Organization), please complete the following:

Organization _____

Title _____

Organization Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Participation in the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

Please check one or more ways in which you would be willing to participate in and assist SCFSC and circle the options indicated. Add any other activities that might assist SCFSC.

- Participate in Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects (clearing brush and other wildfire fuels)
- Help organize Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects
- Prepare grant applications for Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects
- Assist SCFSC or its member organizations by distributing literature and other materials and answering questions at community events
- Help Smokey Bear educate children about wildfire prevention in schools and libraries
- Make short presentations on the SCFSC and Defensible Space and distribute literature and other materials at local community meetings (e.g., Lions Club, Rotary)
- Help to organize community events and meetings
- Write articles for the SCFSC newsletter or prepare other materials for the SCFSC Web site (www.SCCFireSafe.org)
- Help to manage and administer the SCFSC Web site (www.SCCFireSafe.org)
- Participate in developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Serve as an Officer or Director of the SCFSC (Position of Interest: _____)
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**Please e-mail the completed application to Jenn Viane Riese
 at JennVR@SCCFireSafe.org or fax to (408) 624-9316**



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council?

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization composed of individuals, public and private agencies and companies that share a common, vested interest in preventing and reducing losses from wildfires.

2. What is the Mission of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council?

The mission of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is "Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires."

This mission is fulfilled through the combined resources of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and its member organizations, companies and individuals.

3. Who participates in the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council?

Organizations and companies participating in SCFSC include:

- CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)
- Casa Loma Volunteer Fire Association
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- San Jose Fire Department
- San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
- San Jose Water Company
- Santa Clara County Fire Department
- Santa Clara County Fire Marshal/ Hazardous Vegetation Program
- Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
- Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department
- USDI Bureau of Land Management
- Uvas Volunteer Fire Department
- Neighborhood associations and individuals

4. Why does Santa Clara County need a FireSafe Council?

The communities in Santa Clara County are surrounded by many large, populated, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas, primarily in the foothills on either side of the Santa Clara Valley.

There are many fire prone areas in Santa Clara County which are at risk of wildfires because they have large accumulations of natural fuels. Many areas in the county are very similar to the Oakland Hills area in Alameda County where a wildland fire in 1991 caused major losses of life and structures. Terrain, vegetation and accessibility conditions in Santa Clara County create the potential for similar events to occur here.

Living in California means learning to live with wildfires. The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council empowers individuals and communities to make our homes and neighborhoods "Fire Safe."

5. How can I become involved?

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council meets at 2:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Homeowners, residents and representatives of all interested organizations are welcome! Meetings are usually held at fire stations or other participants' facilities.

Please see our Web site at www.SCCFireSafe.org for additional information and the date and location of our next meeting.