Meetings typically last about an hour. They can be held at a park, the Community Center, or in someone’s home or yard. Make sure your neighbors have a Ready, Set, Go Handbook (referred to below as “RSG Handbook”) and know that you will be referencing it throughout the meeting. Have a blank copy of the Firewise Neighborhood Group Contacts Roster and pass it around during the meeting. Make sure you write the buddies each neighbor chose on the Contact List. You will also need a supply of the handouts listed at the end of page 2.

**Is your home READY?**

1. **Sign up for a free Defensible Space Advisory Visit (DSAV)**

A volunteer trained by the Nevada County Fire Safe Council will give you a free DSAV. They walk through your property with you and give advice about your defensible space issues and possible improvements. **These visits are strictly advisory and not reported to anybody**. Sign up for a DSAV at www.AreYouFireSafe.com.

1. **Create a more fire-resistant home (harden your home)**

You can reduce your home’s vulnerability with fire-resistant materials and by routinely removing debris. Keep in mind that Defensible Space Advisors cover these topics in detail during your free visit so make sure to sign-up. Refer to pages 3 & 4 in your RSG Handbook.

1. **Get a Fire-wise buddy or buddies**

This may be the single most important function of a Neighborhood Group! Buddies act as a back-up to CodeRED and can assist neighbors that may need additional help getting out during an evacuation. If you get an evacuation order, notify your Buddy. Before you leave the meeting tonight, find one or more of your neighbors and agree to be Buddies. LET YOUR COORDINATOR KNOW WHO YOU SELECTED.

**4. Use the free Green Waste Disposal program**

Visit ReadyNevadaCounty.org/greenwaste for year-round green waste disposal options. Lake Wildwood also has free green waste drops, two in the spring and two in late fall. Getting rid of excess fire fuel is important in keeping your home, neighborhood, and community safe. Reference pages 11 &12 in the handbook.

**5. Inventory (photograph or video) all personal property inside and outside of your home**

Many insurance providers ask (or even require) homeowners to include inventories of personal property in and outside of the home when placing claims. Check with your insurer to find out what they require.

*Note: If your neighborhood is (or part of) an NFPA-certified Firewise Community, that is a designation that many insurance companies want for continued coverage and in some cases discounts. Check with your carrier.*

**Are your household, friends and neighbors SET?**

**1. Sign-up for CodeRED alerts**

CodeRED is an opt-in notification system used by the County of Nevada to notify residents in an emergency. Alerts may be received by text, email, landline, cell phone, and TTY. Go to readynevadacounty.org/codeRED to register or dial 211 to connect with trained specialists who can help you register. It’s recommended that you add the CodeRED phone number to your contacts. Refer page 29 in your RSG Handbook.

**2. Red Flag Warnings and what you should do during one**

The National Weather Service issues red flag warnings when conditions combine to produce the possibility of extreme fire behavior. Look for a giant red flag and Smokey the Bear at LWW gates or check online at weather.gov/subscribe. PSPS events may go hand-in-hand with a Red Flag Warning. There are important steps to take during a Red Flag Warning. Refer to pages 15 & 16 of the RSG Handbook.

**3. Make sure PG&E has your current contact information to receive advanced warning of a PSPS.**

https://www.pge.com/en\_US/residential/outages/public-safety-power-shuttoff/psps-updates-and-alerts.page

**4. Assemble “Go Bags” for you and your household**

Go Bags usually include 3 days of supplies and important safety equipment like flashlights and N95 masks (for smoke), to name a few. For a complete list of items refer to page 20 in your RSG Handbook.

**Do you know how to GO?**

**1. Call or text your firewise buddy.**

**2. Know the Hi-Lo siren sound means evacuate immediately!**

[https://youtu.be/QWNxYtcuWDA](about:blank). Play this video for attendees to hear a hi-lo siren. If you can’t play it, explain it’s the same sound an English or German police car makes.

**3. Know your evacuation routes**

Discuss all possible evacuation routes out of your neighborhood. Advise everyone to practice driving them all both in the daytime and nighttime. Survival in heavy smoke conditions can depend on knowing these routes.

**4. Know your Evacuation ZONE**

Authorities use ZONE names in CodeRED alerts, media releases and social media to notify residents which areas are under evacuation warnings or orders. Refer to pages 23 & 24 in your RSG Handbook for directions. Go to community.Zonehaven.com, enter your address and write your ZONE on the magnet provided.

**5. Where to post your evacuation tag**

Hand out the Evacuation Tags. Evacuation Tags should be posted on doorknobs or green reflective street number signs AFTER residents leave their homes during an evacuation order. This helps emergency personnel save time, time they can use evacuating residents that haven’t left or can’t leave without assistance. If you’re concerned about looting, know that during an actual evacuation, the emergency personnel attach these tags to all vacated homes.

**6. Stay informed with trusted sources**

Refer to pages 31 & 32 in your Handbook.

**HANDOUTS**: 1) Nevada County Ready, Set, Go Handbook; 2) Evacuation tags, 3) Know your ZONE magnets (get #2 and 3 from County OES office); 4) Code RED Alerts info. [*TO COORDINATORS – YOU CAN ADD HANDOUTS TO THIS LIST, BUT DO NOT OVERLOAD PEOPLE WITH PAPER. RESIDENTS CAN FIND MOST INFORMATION ONLINE AT THE COUNTY OR COALITION WEBSITE*]