



Wildland Update for San Mateo Council Meeting

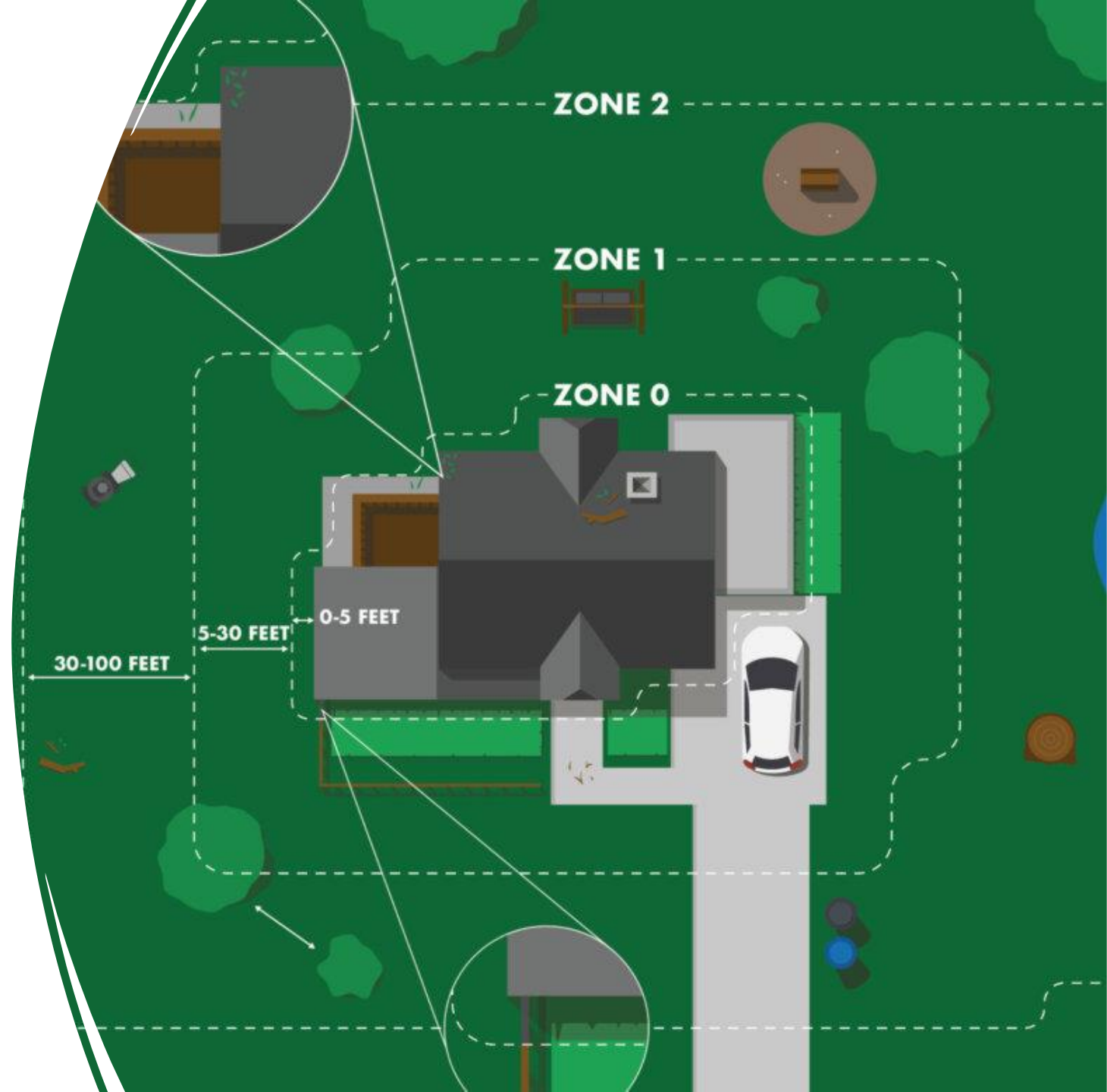
Current Fire Season

- Fire Season is has started
- Resources have been deployed to assist with wildfires throughout California
- Usually, September and October are the most problematic months for Wildfires
- Currently we have resources deployed to the Shelly Fire in the Siskiyou County



What is Defensible Space?

- Buffer zone between structures and surrounding wildland areas
- Key to slowing or stopping fire spread and protecting homes from embers, flames, or heat
- Gives firefighters a safe area to defend property
- This is key to keeping your family and home safe from the damaging effects caused by fires



Creating Defensible Space

What we are doing:

- Wildland home inspections
- Working with other agencies to ensure open space is managed
- Investigating citizen concerns

What residents should do:

- Create and maintain defensible space
- Remove dead or dying vegetation
- Consider home hardening



Current Fire Deployments

- Currently have resources deployed to Shelly Fire (Siskiyou County) and Basin Fire (Fresno County)
- Total of 11 personnel deployed

Resources

Who do you call if you have a wildland/vegetation concern?

SMC Community Risk Reduction - 650-522-7940

Information can be found online:

SMC Fire website – www.smcfire.org - local hazard zone maps

Fire Safe San Mateo - <https://www.firesafesanmarateo.org/> - local information on planting and fire wise vegetation

CalFire - <https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace> - defensible space guidelines

Ready for Wildfire- www.readyforwildfire.org

Genasys Protect - <https://protect.genasys.com/>