



SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Multi-Agency Evacuation Drill Planned for Palomar Park

BELMONT, CA – Saturday, June 1, 2024, CAL FIRE, San Mateo County Fire Department, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management, and San Mateo County Fire Safe Council will host an evacuation drill in Palomar Park. This is a real time, voluntary evacuation drill that will begin at 9:00A.M. and end at noon.

Prior to June 1st, you are advised to:

1. Download GENASYS PROTECT (formerly Zonehaven) mobile app or access the web version, enter your home address in the search bar and save your zone. Make sure the app is set to deliver notifications. You can find notifications in SETTINGS.
2. Sign-up for SMC Alerts. You can choose to receive notifications via text, tablet, landline voice, and email.

Genasys Protect



SMC Alert



At 9:00A.M., notifications will go out through Genasys Protect and SMC Alert that the drill has begun, and it is time to evacuate. San Mateo County Sheriff's Office vehicles will be driven through the neighborhood broadcasting the **HI LO siren**, also known as the evacuation siren. When you receive the evacuation notification and/or hear that HI LO siren, it's time to go to the evacuation center.

The predetermined evacuation center for this drill is:

St. Matthias Catholic Church 1685 Cordilleras Rd, Redwood City, CA 94062

At the evacuation center, you will be greeted by local firefighters, law enforcement, fire safety experts, and CERT members who will be available to answer your questions and address any concerns you might have. Fire safety handouts will also be available.

Remember: Participation is voluntary but encouraged. We would like you to be well-prepared for the next emergency.

