

# NEWS RELEASE

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## CAL FIRE TO CONDUCT LIVE FIRE TRAINING AT CAMP ROBERTS

**CAMP ROBERTS, CA** — CAL FIRE, in cooperation with Camp Roberts National Guard Base and air pollution control agencies in San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties, will be conducting a series of training burns at Camp Roberts on **May 13–15** and **May 20–22, 2026**.

These burns are part of a specialized training program for CAL FIRE personnel from across the State of California, focused on “fighting fire with fire” tactics, including the use of firing operations during wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire.

This training represents an important partnership between CAL FIRE and Camp Roberts National Guard Base, providing firefighters with valuable hands-on experience in a controlled environment while strengthening interagency coordination and preparedness for future wildfire incidents.

Residents in the San Miguel area, northwestern Paso Robles, and surrounding areas, including San Marcos Road and Nacimiento Lake Drive, should expect to see smoke during training operations. Smoke conditions may vary depending on weather and wind patterns.

Children, older adults, and individuals with respiratory or heart conditions should use caution if smoke is visible or detectable in their area.

All burn operations are dependent on favorable weather and air quality conditions. Air quality agencies in San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties will work closely with CAL FIRE to monitor conditions and help minimize impacts to surrounding communities.

For questions regarding the training burn operations, contact the CAL FIRE Public Information Officer at **805-242-6250**.

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