



# **SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE**

*in cooperation with CAL FIRE*

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit Transitions to Peak Staffing**

*County of San Luis Obispo* – Effective June 24, 2024, CAL FIRE/ San Luis Obispo County Fire Department will begin to increase staffing to peak levels in San Luis Obispo County. As an all-hazards emergency service department, CAL FIRE maintains staffing year around, but adds additional staffing to provide surge capacity during the critical fire season months.

“The lack of precipitation and high temperatures have produced dangerously dry conditions in the vegetation. I urge residents to take extra precautions to prevent wildfires, such as clearing brush and debris around their homes by continually maintaining 100’ of defensible space and being vigilant about potential hazards. We must work together to protect our communities and the natural environment during this dangerous time.” Unit Chief John Owens

Between January 1 and June 21, CAL FIRE has responded to 2,289 wildfires that have charred over 93,739 acres statewide.

CAL FIRE continues to ask homeowners to ensure they are prepared for wildfires by creating and maintaining 100 feet of Defensible Space and Hardening Your Home against wildfire.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

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