Talking Points

Union County - Community Wildfire Protection Plan

**SUBJECT: Radio Announcement**

REVISION Overview -County is revising their 2005 Community Wildfire Protection Plan

1. Local Fire Plan to address local needs and issues in regard to wildland fire
2. History of Union County CWPP
3. Benefits of the 2005 CWPP (Accomplishments/Funding/Projects)
4. Significance & benefits of updating the CWPP
5. Importance of collaborative involvement

The Union County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has a core group

1. assessing the county’s fire threat and fire risk conditions,
2. Utilizing the most current data available through the West Wide Risk Assessment – (a recently completed assessment of 17 western states utilizing information from federal, state, and local data bases).

The CWPP group is currently:

1. Working collectively with rural fire departments, cooperators, and community members to develop the wildfire protection plan.
2. building upon existing partnerships and interested in creating new partnerships with local community members
3. These partnerships will share responsibility in wildfire prevention, risk reduction, and forest management.
4. working to provide Union County communities members with tools, methods, and the opportunity to partake in wildfire risk reduction.
5. Looking for interest in additional forums for citizens to understanding what can be expected during the three phases of evacuation and wildfire events. (Pre, During, Post)
6. Designed survey questions through – Survey Monkey – to understand
7. Local understanding about defensible space
8. What each community values about their local area
9. Any work currently being done/completed
10. The level of interest in participating – with possible funding assistance

Introduce the National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy and its three key goals

1. Discuss Cohesive Wildfire Strategy – 3 goals

a. Fire-Adapted Communities

b. Wildfire Response

c. Restore and Maintain Landscapes

1. Opportunity for Community member to provide any concerns, identify roles, and assist in wildfire risk reduction and protection.
2. Timeline for final input from Community Members.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING DATES –**

1. **Elgin – Elgin Fire Station – April 30th at 6 pm (1800 hrs)**
2. **Union – Union Fire Station – May 6th at 6 pm (1800 hrs)**

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