



## Lake Almanor Peninsula Multi-Agency Wildland Fire Exercise

Plumas County Office of Emergency Services, Peninsula Fire Protection District, CAL FIRE, and the USDA Forest Service along with many others, will be conducting a wildland fire training exercise in the Lake Almanor Peninsula, CA on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Although there is no actual fire, residents should expect emergency vehicles and operations throughout the community, particularly between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The public is asked to use caution while traveling by vehicle, foot or bicycle through the area.

The objectives of this training exercise are to test & improve the participating agencies notification, response, coordination and communication systems used during an incident in addition to expanding participant's knowledge and use of the Incident Command System. Other objectives include increasing community awareness about being Firewise, how to create defensible space and having your own emergency preparedness plan in place.

**Background:** The five hour training exercise will be based on a fire starting in the Lake Almanor Peninsula. Fire suppression resources will be supplied by local fire departments, USDA Forest Service and CAL FIRE.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and Plumas County Search and Rescue will be **simulating** an evacuation as part of the larger exercise. The American Red Cross, Public Health and all Plumas County hospitals will simulate emergency shelter operations. Other cooperators include the California Office of Emergency Services, Lassen County Office of Emergency Services and private landowners among others.

**Community Information:** Within the Peninsula Fire Protection District, Lake Almanor Country Club and Lake Almanor Pines are nationally recognized Firewise Communities. These communities have Firewise activities, outreach and preparedness education year round on making your home and community prepared for wildfires and may be going door to door during the exercise handing out Firewise and preparedness information.

### Pre-planning information resources include:

CAL FIRE's Ready of Wildfire (<http://www.readyforwildfire.org>)

Plumas County Fire Safe Council (<http://www.plumasfiresafe.org>) and

Firewise Community Program (<http://www.firewise.org>).

Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (<http://countyofplumas.com/index.aspx?nid=88>),

**Questions may be directed to the Peninsula Fire Protection District 530-259-2306**