

# Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue crews to conduct training in Talbert Park to prep for wild land fire season

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue will conduct training exercises June 22 – June 24, 2021 in and around Talbert Park from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Training is in preparation for the upcoming wild land fire season

CMFR wants to ensure the community is aware of the upcoming training and requests residents and park visitors to be mindful of equipment and preparations occurring by fire personnel.

These annual mandatory training exercises take place in Costa Mesa and countywide to help prepare the firefighters for vegetation fires within and outside city limits.

“As California rebounds from the catastrophic wildfires of 2020 and the worldwide pandemic, the California fire service remains strongly at the tip of the spear on both fronts,” Costa Mesa Fire Chief Dan Stefano shared. “Our firefighters are preparing hard and will continue to meet this moment in time without pause or hesitation, and working relentlessly to that end.”

There will be approximately 10 to 12 fire personnel present for the training and two to three pieces of apparatus (fire engine, truck, ambulance, or command vehicle) daily. Firefighters will train on trails in South Talbert Park, where there is dense vegetation and moderate terrain features. The training is conducted to promote safety, mitigation, terrain recognition, and, area familiarization while focusing on the fundamentals of wild land firefighting.

The department is conducting the training with full awareness and sensitivity of all environmental impacts and ensures this training will exclude any live burn training modules. The training is facilitated with the assistance of the Orange County Parks and County Park Rangers. In addition, the training will also adhere to County and City requirements and recommendations in regards to COVID19 safety precautions.

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