

Objectives and 2025 Goals

Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Community Action Team

Objectives

The WUI Action Team is composed of Community Council (CC) resilience representatives and agency professionals. The purpose of the group is to assist CC's in supporting their residents through emergency response readiness. The group seeks to expand participation among CC's, communicate information, advocate for projects and help prioritize the limited resources available for Anchorage emergency response.

2025 WUI Action Team Goals

- I. WUI Community Action Team Specific Items
 - A. Continue inviting CC's to join the WUI Action team with Resilience Committee Representatives that participate in monthly meetings.
 - B. Use and share communication tools that support emergency preparedness.
 - C. Document Monthly Meetings and share with decision makers
 - D. Share practices on preparedness like drills with local fire stations.
 - E. Facilitate an annual multi-agency awareness event (like the Hilltop Event)
 - F. Assist in prioritizing and advocating for funding that support WUI projects

- II. Existing Wildfire Efforts with Anchorage Fire Department AFD
 - A. Support the removal of fuel (brush) with Wood Lot availability and reviewing the Open burn policy for Sept 1 to March 31.
 - B. Support Ready-Set-Go Drills with Local Fire Stations and Community Councils
 - C. Support Firewise and Home Self Inspections
 - D. Prioritized projects to improve egress, reduce fire progression, and allow equipment access to fight fires in the MOA.
 - E. Advocate for State and Local field drill on Wildfire Response

- III. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)-Multi Agency Effort
The CWPP is a required area-wide risk assessment. It is the basis for grants and funding to reduce wildfire exposure. It is evergreen and has defined review cycles.
 - A. Effectively use contractors to write and maintain the plan with all the related agencies and interested parties.
 - B. Completion by Q1 2026 with Communication back to Agencies and Community.
 - C. The WUI Community Action Team will provide support to the CWPP.

- IV. Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
 - A. Continue Monthly testing of IPAWs with IPAWs lab.
 - B. Initiate state funded evacuation study for completion by 2027.

- C. Continue to support Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects with partners at Anchorage Geographic Decision Information System, Fire Department, and School District.
- D. Support Anchorage Fire Department in wildfire mitigation planning and project implementation.