Stuckagain Heights Wildfire Response

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Objective:

The objective of this plan is to inform Stuckagain Heights Residents what to expect regarding emergency response to a wildfire threatening the subdivision. This situation could occur from fires coming from North Centennial Park, JBER lands, Chugach Park, or loss of containment from a fire starting in the neighborhood.

Preparedness: AFD Station 14, keeps a map with notes on the neighborhood. Please notify Sr. Captain Dein Bruce at dein.bruce@anchorageak.gov with your address if you have residents with special needs or unexpected fire hazards like large propane bottles, fuel storage, chemicals, or explosives...

> Firewise your home. More info at Wildfire Division Firewise Home Assessment Program (muni.org)

> The municipality has a good website on emergency preparedness, link. It is highly recommended to prepare your "go kit" and practice leaving your home. Don't forget to include your pets in those plans.

Response:

AFD will be responding to the fire. Assuming this is a large incident, joint emergency response will be activated with Station 14 leadership likely the incident commander. APD will be responsible for evacuation of residents.

Communications:

- 1. Rave Mobile Safety App: This is call "Smart911app" for your iPhone and Android. To setup, text Anchorage" to 67283. You can also access through this link.
- 2. PulsePoint APP can be used for real time AFD responses. This app provides real time information on AFD activity. Specific notifications can be set up.
- 3. IPAWS is the system that sends alerts to all cell phones. It requires notification from OEM or NOAA and will likely be used for the official evacuation notice to residents.
- 4. KFQD Radio at AM 750 or FM 103.7 (Initial Emergency Alert System)
- 5. Emergency Status Website.

Ready-Set-Go: The fire department will be communicating to us in terms of the Ready-Set-Go program. Residents should be family with this program and realize that Ready actually starts before the fire has started. Residents should consider moving larger vehicles out of the area at the "Set" stage. This would include motor homes, boats, and trailers that may be difficult or cause traffic problems. "Go" is no kidding, get Out of Dodge!

Evacuation:

The ONLY evacuation plan is to get out of the subdivision early if Campbell Airstrip Road is at risk of being closed. The ONLY sanctioned evacuation route is Basher Road through North Centennial Park. Residents and guest should leave early in an orderly fashion. It is not a good idea to seek refuge through back country or JBER lands because authorities won't know you are there or be working to assist you.

In the Anchorage Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Mountain City Church parking lot is the out of area "Rally Point" for evacuated residents. At this location, authorities will assist residents, keep track of evacuated houses, and inform when it is safe to return to the neighborhood.

The police, APD, will oversee evacuation procedures and isolating the area. Once Campbell airstrip is closed; NO residents will be allowed to return until the area is secure. Residents are encouraged to use the "Area Phone Trees" to contact neighbors and help each other as much as possible. APD will send officers around the neighborhood while it is safe to do so. APD will use bullhorns and knock on doors to notify residents to leave.

If you must shelter in place, get up wind and downhill of the wild fire.

