



SANTA CLARA UNIT

NEWS RELEASE



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Prescribed Burn

Calero - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Santa Clara Unit, in cooperation with Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, will be conducting a live prescribed fire located within Calero County Park, 23205 McKean Rd, San Jose, CA (Santa Clara County).

The three-day live fire project will commence **Tuesday, May 21,2024 and conclude Friday, May 24, 2024**. Live burns will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Fire suppression personnel and equipment will be present for the entirety of each day. The public is advised that these resources will be moving in and around the park during the previously mentioned date and times and that smoke may be visible in the area. If conditions are conducive, approximately 10 acres of grass and oak understory will be burned.

This course is designed to provide a consistent knowledge and skill base for the Wildland Fire Investigator (INVF). At the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Perform the common roles and responsibilities of a Wildland Fire Investigator (INVF) involved in an initial investigation environment.
- Practice wildland fire investigation methods, evidence collection, and documentation processes in a realistic environment.
- Identify the laws, regulations, and related court procedures associated with administrative, civil, and criminal litigation processes.
- Describe the fundamentals of investigation.
- Know the elements of professional code of ethics.

Live prescribed fire has many benefits for public and fire personnel safety as well as enhancement of natural resources. This prescribed fire project was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project.

All CAL FIRE prescribed burns are evaluated the day of, utilizing a Go/ No-Go checklist that is based upon weather and fuel conditions, incident activity, and approval from BAAQMD. If burning conditions become unfavorable for a safe, efficient burn, operations will be immediately suspended.

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