

# FIRE Prepare Mitigate Respond

A VOLUNTEER PERSPECTIVE



# Resilient Los Altos



Resilient Los Altos helps build strong Los Altos neighborhoods and provides them with the knowledge, training and communications to prepare, respond and recover from disasters.



Block Action Teams (BATs) have trained and exercised to know their neighbors, to support each other by sharing resources and to be able to report the status of their neighborhoods to the City.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members have trained and practiced to provide disaster medical services, light search and rescue techniques, damage assessment and hazard evaluation.



Amateur Radio Operators (hams) have trained and exercised to communicate when other communication systems fail. Hams are the voice of the community informing the City where the problems are and aren't.

# City of Los Altos

- The City of Los Altos has assembled a team of professionals including police, public works, City staff and County Fire.
- They take care of us every day as we experience automobile accidents, injuries, unexpected fires, downed trees, stopped up sewers and other local emergencies.
- When our local resources are stretched too thin, the City can get mutual aid from surrounding jurisdictions.

However, events can and have occurred that can overwhelm our City's resources to respond.

It doesn't happen often but it can at any time.

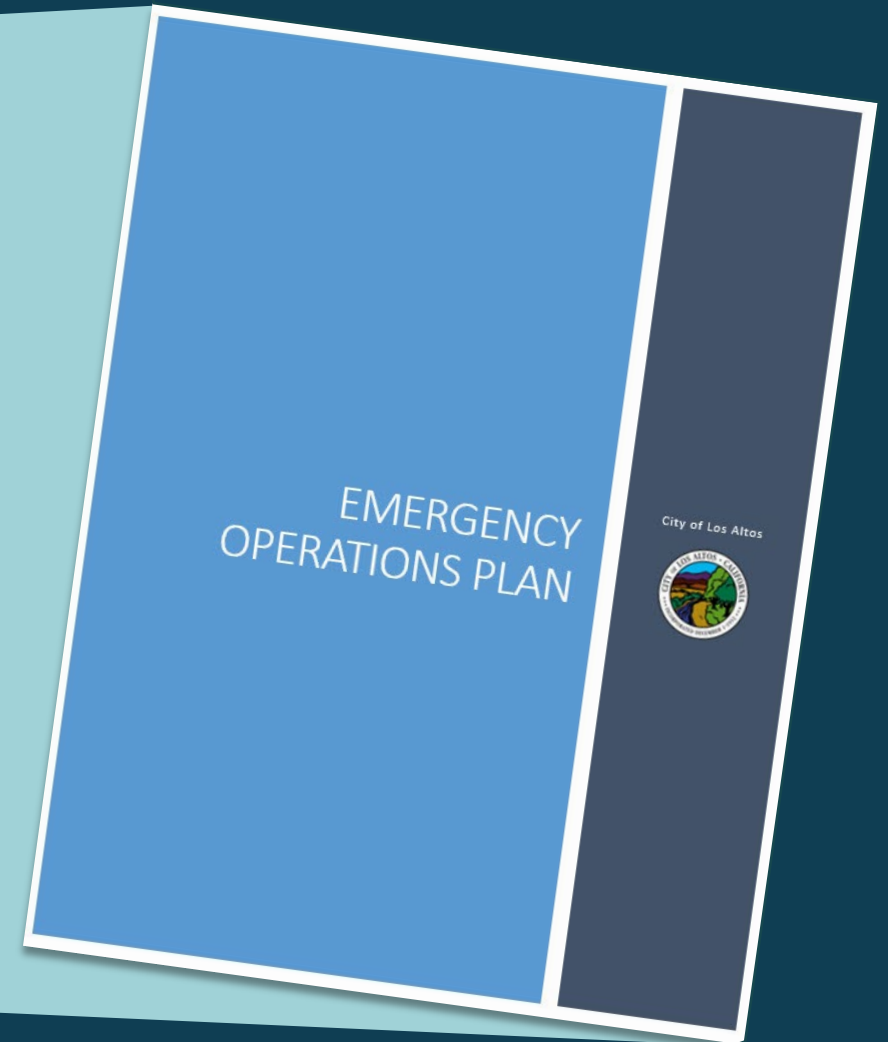
# Emergency Operations Plan

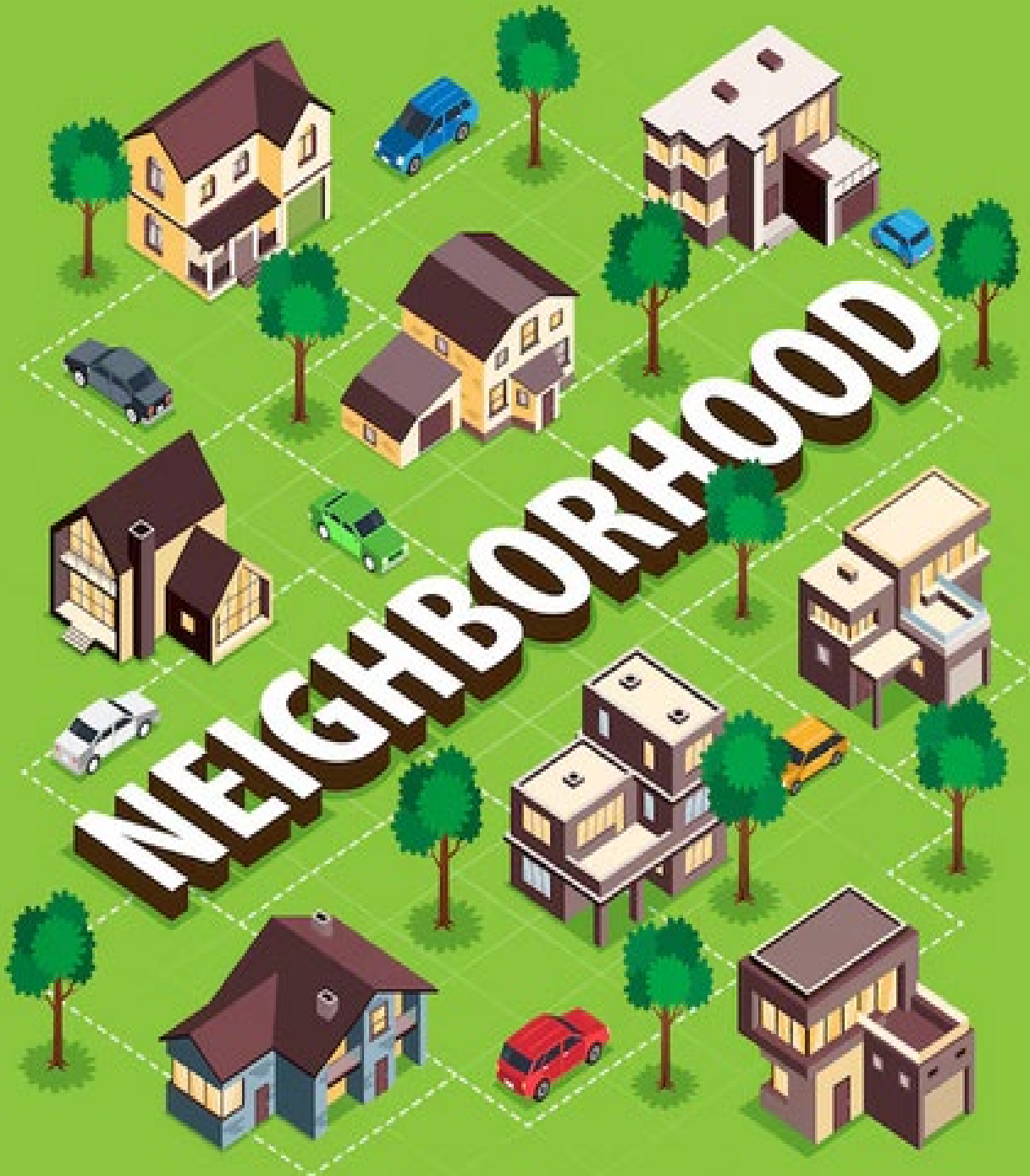
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- Residents may need to be self-sufficient for one week or more
- Additional planning, resources, and support will be needed to support people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs

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# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

- When fire or other emergency strikes, who will you be standing next to?
- Knowing your neighbors creates a healthy and strong community.
- Watch out for each other, particularly your more fragile neighbors.
- Joining RLA could help you meet your neighbors.

# Prepare



Family  
communication  
plan



Insurance



Go-bag



Learn how to use a  
fire extinguisher/  
fire blanket



Meet your neighbors,  
know who might  
need help



Get alerts



Know how to  
evacuate



Prepare for  
your pets

# Do something...even if it's just ONE thing

Do something  
NOW!

Remember:  
Preparation is  
important but  
not urgent –  
unless you  
procrastinate.



- Plan to be skeptical of social media in an emergency.
- Sign up for emergency alerts.
- Sign up for the RLA newsletter.
- Prepare a family emergency communication plan.
- Does someone in your neighborhood need a HELP/OK sign?
- Meet your neighbors and talk about dealing with disruption.
- Learn some skills to deal with disruptions.
- Take a class from RLA (Zoom and in-person).
- Take a class from SCCFD.
- Become a CERT.
- Learn how to use a radio – GMRS or ham.
- Form a Block Action Team in your neighborhood.
- Join Resilient Los Altos. Ask someone in a vest tonight.

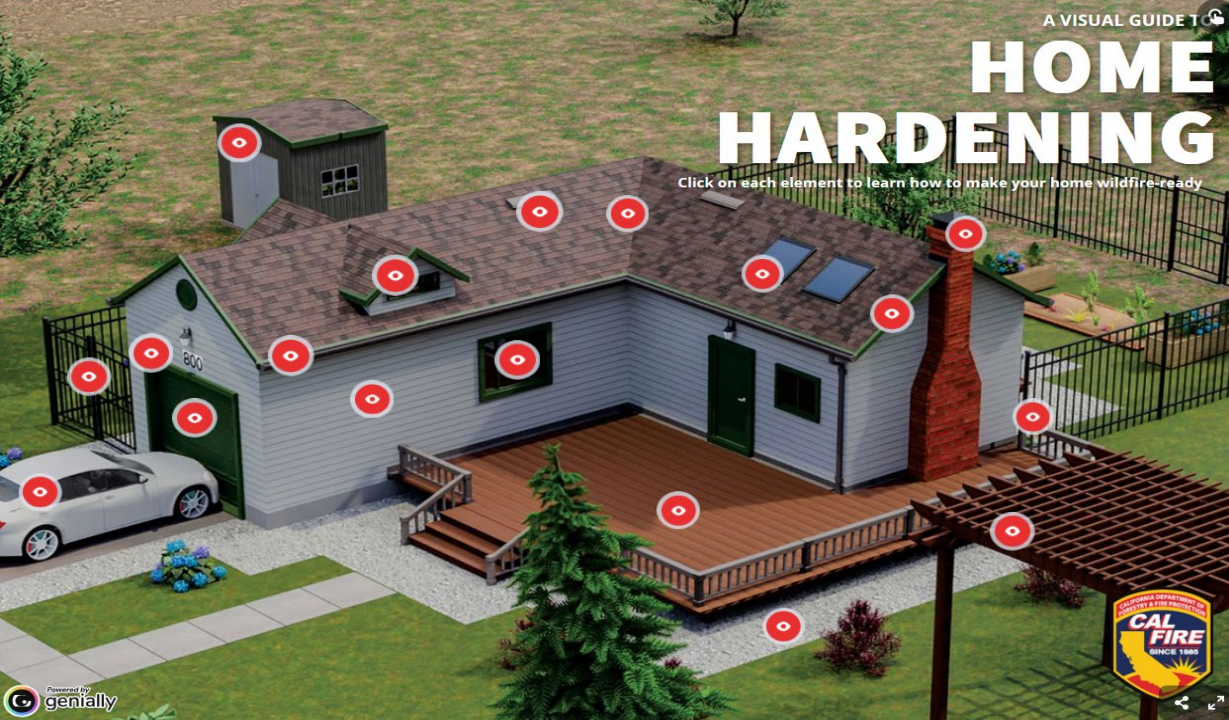
# Mitigate

- Take actions to reduce the impact of the event
- Zone Zero
- Weed abatement and dead tree removal
- Encourage neighbors
- Store valuable documents in the cloud or remotely
- Take a video household inventory





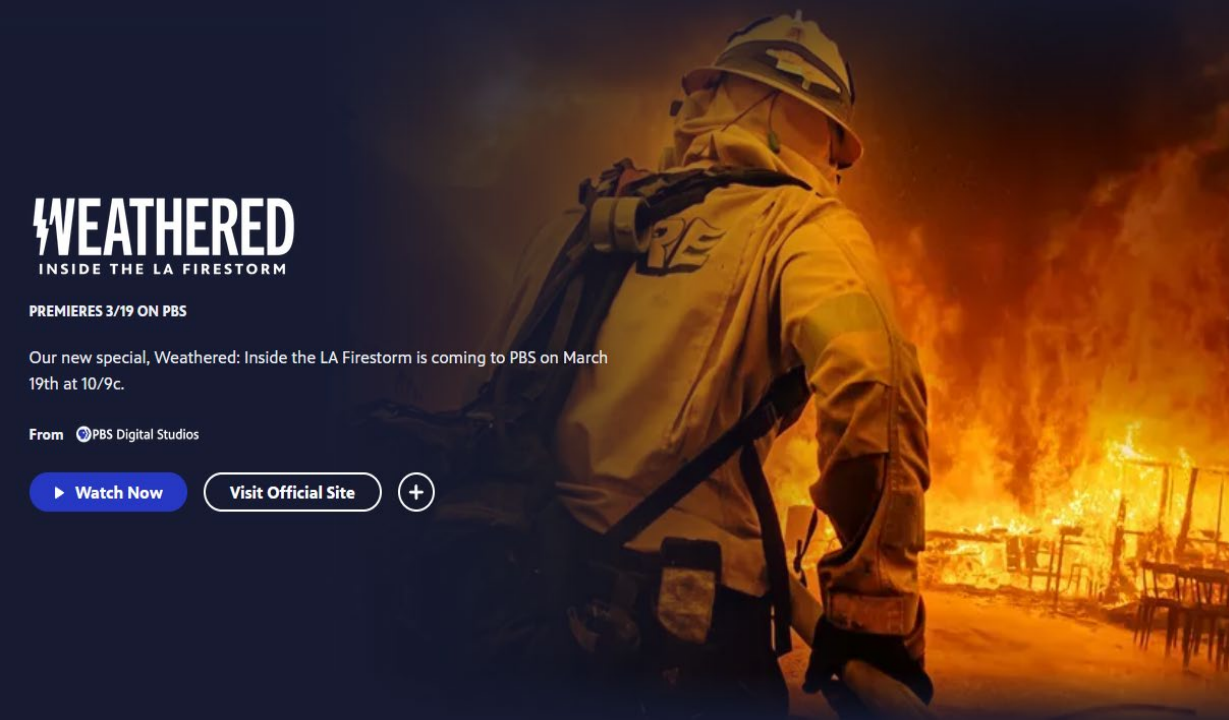




# HOME HARDENING

Click on each element to learn how to make your home wildfire-ready

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening>



## WEATHERED INSIDE THE LA FIRESTORM

PREMIERES 3/19 ON PBS

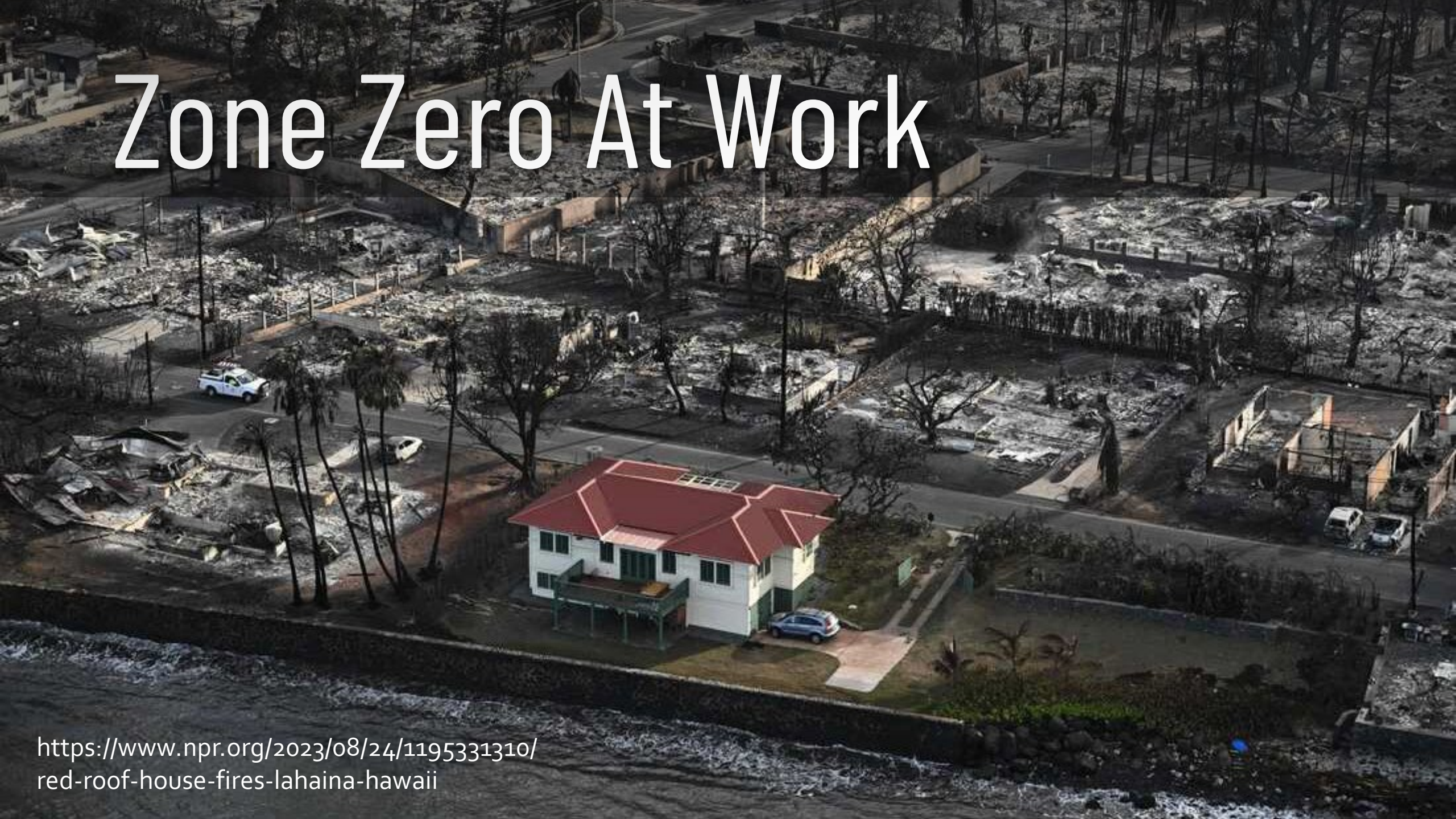
Our new special, Weathered: Inside the LA Firestorm is coming to PBS on March 19th at 10/9c.

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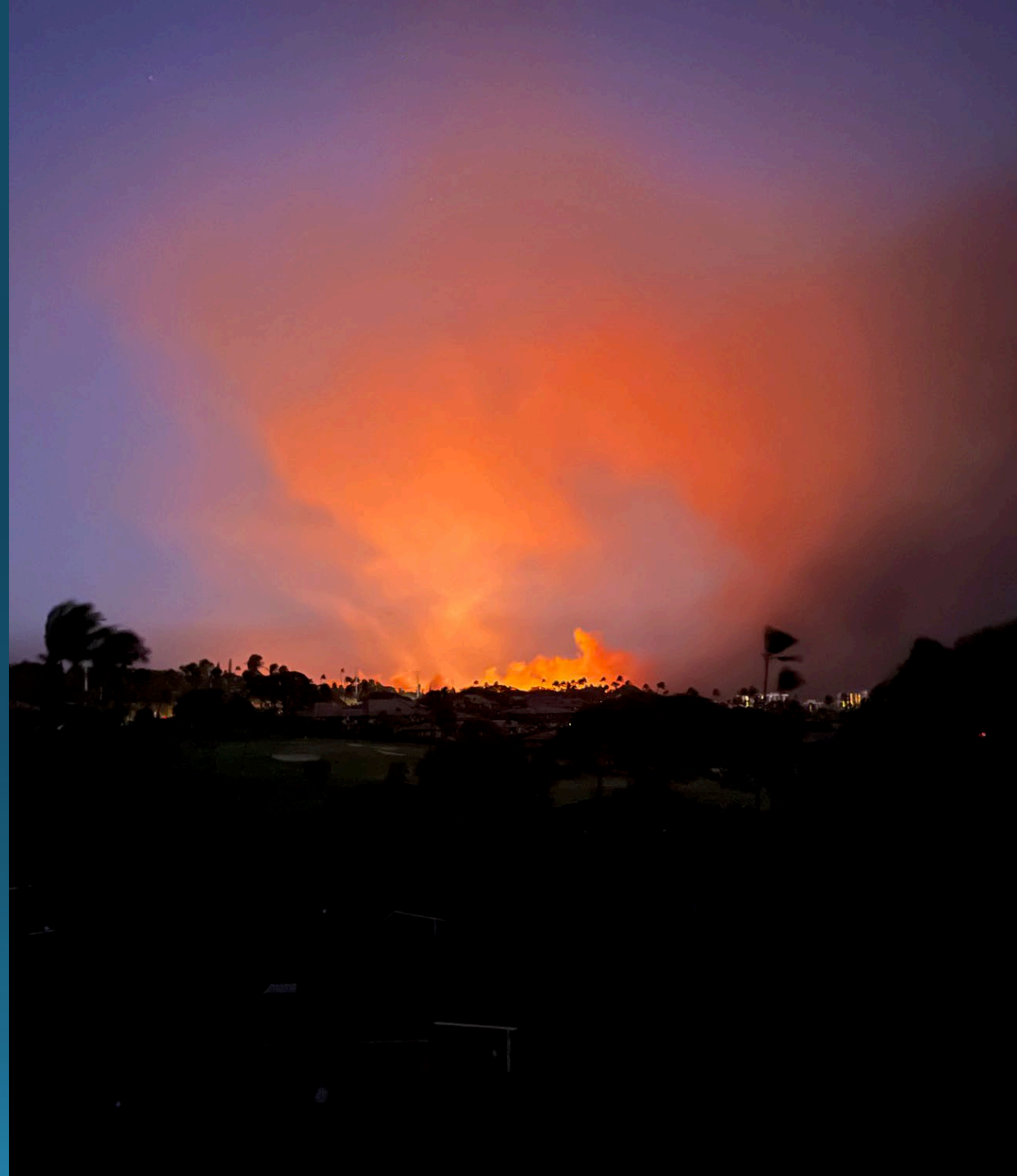
# Zone Zero At Work



<https://www.npr.org/2023/08/24/1195331310/red-roof-house-fires-lahaina-hawaii>

# Respond

- Do not panic
  - Deny, dither, decide
- Find your family and neighbors in need
- If you have higher risk, leave on warning not order
- If you are not trained as a firefighter, leave – no dead heroes



# Thank You For Being Ready



Check out our hand out for ways to prepare yourself and your neighborhood or visit us by scanning the QR code with your camera app or by going to [resilientlosaltos.org](http://resilientlosaltos.org).

