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**THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT TEAM UP WITH
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE AND LAMORINDA AGENCIES TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH A NEW
WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION GUIDE**

***Lafayette's Emergency Preparedness Commission and Lamorinda CERT Take the Lead in Preparing
Residents as the Fire Season Approaches***

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., May 20, 2019 – In one of the largest public awareness initiatives of its kind, the City of Lafayette, Lafayette Police Department, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (ConFire), the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and other local law enforcement agencies in Lamorinda have produced a wildfire guide for residents that has been mailed to every household in Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Canyon – cities and towns totaling more than 62,000 residents in critical wildland fire hazard areas of the East Bay.

The Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness & Evacuation is a joint effort of the City of Lafayette's Emergency Preparedness Commission, the Lafayette Police Department, and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, with support from the Orinda Police Department, Moraga Police Department, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, and Lamorinda's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Residents Guide will also be available on each agency's website and can be viewed now on Lamorinda CERT's webpage here: <http://bit.ly/LamorindaEvacuationResources>.

Beginning this week, households will be receiving the Residents Guide, which contains essentials for citizens regarding wildfire preparedness and evacuation. The Residents Guide brings into homes important information that is generally covered in emergency preparedness presentations from CERT and fire and police departments.

The information in *the Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness & Evacuation* is designed to help Lamorinda residents prepare their families, homes, and neighborhoods for the approaching wildland fire season. The concept behind the Residents Guide is to ensure that the community as a whole is prepared and can better respond when conditions exist for a possible catastrophic fire in the Lamorinda area.

Lamorinda's fire and law enforcement agencies are committed to keeping the community safe. Residents can help by preparing now for the fire season ahead. It is important to emphasize the need for every citizen to register with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff's Emergency Services Community Warning System (CWS) to ensure all residents receives notifications during disasters. All community members are urged to register with CWS if they have not done so. To register for phone alerts, text messages, and emails, residents should visit <http://cococws.com/>.

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