



Dear Neighbors:

It is not a matter of if . . . it is a matter of when!

We learned a lot this year after experiencing the Dixie Fire and we were fortunate to have several avenues to keep informed on when to evacuate, location of fires and more. *But this might not always be the case.*

The Mercury News reported that 56% of the 4,272 emergency alert calls of the Paradise fire (Camp Fire) failed. Cell phones were useless, silenced by damage and loss of power to cell towers and electrical lines.

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Lisa M. Krieger, The Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — As an inferno roared toward the town of Paradise in November, police Lieutenant Anthony Borgman desperately tried to reach Cal Fire for information . . . but his cell phone was useless, silenced by damage and loss of power to cell towers and electrical lines. The phones of many of the town’s residents also went mute, preventing them from giving or getting information that could have saved lives.

A dedicated emergency broadcast system using radio waves can provide an additional safety net. The *RadioSAFE Wide Area Emergency Radio Broadcast System (EBS)*, would be an over the air waves message that community members can access during a major incident to get the most current information on evacuation in order to preserve safety of themselves and property.

The cost of this system is \$26,410.00. We are seeking funding from *ALL AREA FIREWISE COMMITTEES* communities since it will service the greater basin. As we said, we were fortunate – this time – being prepared for the next one, can save property and lives.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to be part of fire safety for our communities.

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Lake Almanor Basin Emergency Radio

- A local AM radio station broadcasting:
 - Real-time emergency information
 - Evacuation details, boil water notices, flooding issues, etc.
 - Public service messages
 - Road closures, school closures, medical alerts, storm warnings, etc.
- Operated by the Peninsula Fire District
 - Inputs from any local authority
- Serving the entire basin

