Building More Resilient Communities Through Youth Engagement



Engage. Educate. Protect.

- Strengthens trust and shared responsibility for wildfire safety within the community
- Builds early awareness that carries into adulthood, supporting long-term resilience
- Encourages family-level conversations and preparedness actions around wildfire risk
- Creates consistent, locally reinforced safety messaging that supports prevention goals

A Framework for Community Wildfire Resilience

Using the Ready, Set, Go! framework, youth support wildfire resilience by building awareness (Ready), strengthening preparedness (Set), and taking local action (Go) alongside fire departments and community partners.

This approach helps fire department and community organizations extend wildfire preparedness beyond traditional outreach. By engaging youth as educators and advocates, communities can reinforce consistent safety messaging, strenghten household preparedness, and support long-term wildfire resilience.

Engaging Youth in Wildfire Resilience

Fire departments can empower youth through hands-on education, leadership opportunities, and community-based wildfire preparedness activities.

Ways to Enagage Youth

- Partner with local schools
  - Offer classroom presentations, wildfire safety assemblies, or short RSG education sessions tied to science, safety, or environmental curriculum.
- Collaborate with extracurricular youth organizations
  - Connect with 4-H clubs, scout troops, Future Farmers of America chapters, and after-school programs to integrate wildfire preparedness into existing activities.
- Work with school districts and educators
  - Provide lesson materials, activity sheets, or guest speaker opportunities that teachers can easily incorporate into their schedules.
- Support youth programs at community centers and libraries
  - Host wildfire preparedness workshops, summer camp sessions, or family safety days designed for youth participation.

Ready, Set, Go! Youth Resources

Learn more about wildfire safety and preparedness with resources tailored for youth:

Youth Guide (K-4)

Youth Magazine (5-8)

National Action Guide

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