

Welcome To Windsor COPE

Research on preparedness shows that people who believe themselves “prepared” for disasters often are not as prepared as they think. Becoming more prepared in case of an emergency is easier than you might think. Whether it’s your home, your neighborhood, your place of business, or your school, you can take a few simple steps to prepare your community.

COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) is a program based on “neighbor helping neighbor.” The COPE program was started by Oakmont residents, with help from the City of Santa Rosa Fire Department and the American Red Cross. Since then, COPE programs have expanded to Sonoma County cities, such as Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Windsor, and Healdsburg and into numerous rural areas within the county. The work COPE groups did prior to and during the 2019 Kincade Fire and the 2020 Walbridge and Glass fires was credited with significantly lowering property damage and saving lives.

The mission of COPE is to help residents, families, and visitors to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies. It is a grassroots effort that engages communities in emergency preparedness education, advocacy and planning. COPE fosters community preparedness in coordination with public safety agencies, non-profits, and non-governmental agencies. Windsor COPE is endorsed by the Town of Windsor, Sonoma County Fire District, and Windsor Police. Our COPE community is part of COPE Northern Sonoma County, which has additional resources, <https://copenorthernsonomacounty.com/>.

The COPE program is facilitated by Neighborhood Leaders who provide guidance to 10 to 20 houses in their immediate neighborhood. The gathering of neighbors, to understand their risks and work together to minimize the disruption to their community can change the way disasters effect their families. Meeting neighbors and sharing expertise, knowledge, and critical needs with those who are in the best position to help in a disaster is the essence of community. By working together, you will be better prepared, especially when first responders may not be able to meet the demands for services due to the scope of the disaster.

We invite you to join Windsor COPE

Sign up at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17bTUo0dzQuYk2ckh7RngmAmi_2ShQk71C5YlyYq3uKs/edit?usp=sharing

To be a Neighborhood Leader sign up at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1P1LnAA_Hfn9Qi2KJZNYDMXLq3mtwdUhHLLsbaGD7Itg/edit?usp=sharing

Why join Windsor COPE?

- Opportunity to meet neighbors and build community.
- Get up-to-date communications.
- Find out resources in your neighborhood.
- Contribute to the resilience of your neighborhood.
- Get ideas, help, and support from your neighbors, the Town of Windsor, Sonoma County Fire District, and Windsor Police.
- Feel empowered and confident.
- Be better prepared for the next wildfire, earthquake, flood and other emergencies.

To help get ready download:

COPE Emergency Preparedness Guidebook for Windsor at -----

Neighborhood and Community Leader Handbook at ----

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