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Subject: Fire Season and Red Cross Shelter Training

California is deep into fire season. So far, 1,761,821 acres have burned in 6,913 major incidents, which have damaged or destroyed at least 2,084 structures. Hundreds of families have been displaced, fleeing from the smoke and flames. All it takes is a shift in the wind, a spark, or dry lightning and it could be you, your family, your neighbors or loved ones who are forced to flee.

During these disasters, EHSD and the American Red Cross (ARC) partner to provide shelter and care to evacuees in Contra Costa County; and we need your help to do it.

The ARC has implemented a new, virtual, Shelter Training in a COVID-19 environment requirement due to the current public health pandemic. Be sure to complete [this form](#) upon completion of the training in order to receive credit.

This training lasts approximately 42 minutes and can be taken on-demand. [COVID-19 Shelter Training for ARC Partners](#) – training link *

Please note, if you have never taken a Red Cross Shelter Training you will need to start with these two videos BEFORE taking the 2021 Shelter Training during COVID-19.

[Shelter Fundamentals v2](#) - Video One (56 minutes) *

[Temporary Evacuation Point Fundamentals](#)– Video Two (42 minutes)*

****As always, you will need your supervisor's permission before taking these trainings during the workday***