



Fact Sheet

EPIC-FSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by a group of Calabasas citizens in response to the Woolsey Fire in November 2018. The organization is dedicated to helping local residents mitigate risks, survive emergencies, and recover from fires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

EPIC-FSC has a clear strategy to help local residents reduce and manage risk. Its mission is to engage as many residents as possible to take advantage of valuable programs aimed at preparing all 8,400 homes in Calabasas for an emergency. The organization's programs include:

- **Home Hardening:** Calabasas residents are encouraged to take advantage of the organization's free property assessment inspection to learn how to harden their homes against wildfires. This can help mitigate risks for their homes and community, save money, and retain insurance policies. EPIC-FSC has partnered with CalFire and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains to provide these inspections.
- **Communication:** EPIC-FSC's Emergency Communication for Home Occupants (ECHO) program complements the City's Emergency Response Program (CERP) Radio Team, both designed to offer basic disaster response skills before, during, and after an incident. Neighbors in clusters of households, called Cells, can talk to each other and receive reliable emergency information using a special Family Radio Service (FRS). EPIC-FSC will help residents buy and use these radios to communicate during and after an event.
- **Earthquake:** Many homeowners don't know if their property could withstand shaking from a damaging earthquake. EPIC-FSC helps residents retrofit their homes to improve their seismic performance. Modern homes, even though they may experience structural damage, are designed to remain standing. However, about 1.2 million homes built before 1980 are considered more vulnerable because they are not bolted to their foundations and lack bracing on the wood-framed walls.

EPIC-FSC is committed to protecting human life, existing structures, and the wildlife and unique habitat of Calabasas and neighboring communities.

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