

# FIRE PREVENTION

Spring 2025 Edition



## FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

The Fire Prevention Division is staffed with one Division Chief, one Deputy Fire Marshal, one full-time Inspector II, three part-time Inspector I's, and three part-time Defensible Space Interns. The Fire Prevention Division is pleased to provide this quarterly update.

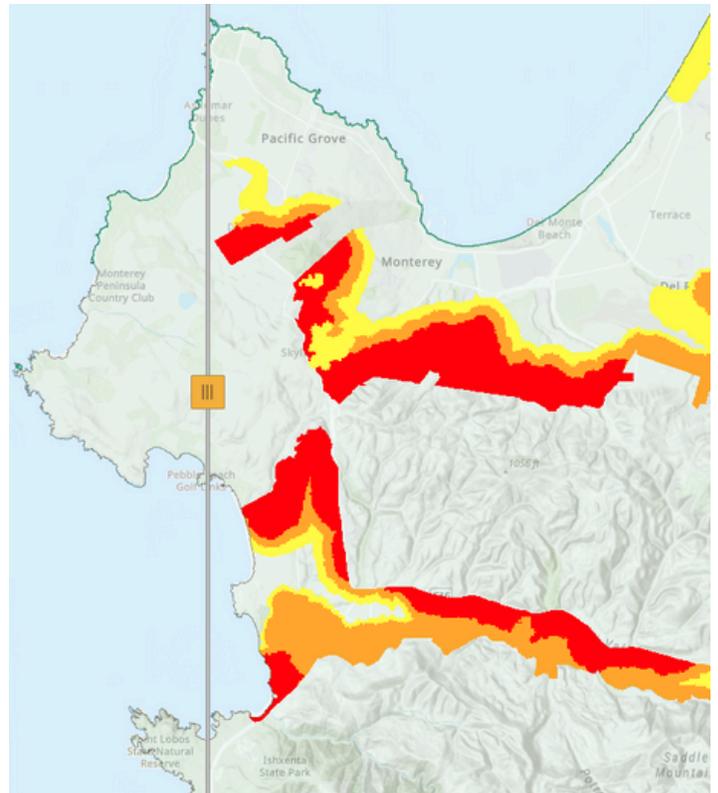
## FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

Prevention Staff prepared inspection zone maps for Monterey, Carmel By-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Sand City, and the Monterey Regional Airport based on the new Fire Hazard Severity Zones to set the zone priority.

Staff met with each city's Building, Planning, Forester, and City Administrator to prepare for the 30-day public posting and 120-day ordinance adoption. Staff worked with each City's PIO to link to the fire departments website and can be viewed at:

[https://monterey.gov/city\\_hall/fire/preparedness/fire\\_hazard\\_severity\\_zones.php](https://monterey.gov/city_hall/fire/preparedness/fire_hazard_severity_zones.php)

Staff created Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) maps, Fire Hazard Severity Zone comparison maps, and fuels clearance maps. Staff also attended the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's planning commission meeting to discuss roofing types in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.



Click the map to compare old & new Fire Hazard Severity Zones

## VACANT LOT INSPECTION PROGRAM

Fire Prevention Staff continues to work with vacant lot owners on bringing their vacant lots up to accepted clearance standards. Vacant lot mailers are currently being sent out by Staff.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Staff have been reviewing the status and suggesting improvements for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to better align with FEMA best practices, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System (ICS), and the National Response Framework (NRF).

Work includes enhancing interagency coordination, and development of Phase 1 training for staff assigned to the EOC, creating action checklists for EOC operations, and incorporating Cal OES-modified ICS Forms to improve procedural efficiency. Phase 2 will include training drills with EOC staff.

## FIREWISE PROGRAM

Fire Prevention Staff are currently assisting several neighborhoods with their Firewise applications. Staff held two well attended presentation meetings at Fire Administration, one with Monarch Pines and one with Deer Flats to discuss Firewise progress and answer questions.

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT remains active and held simulated Mass Casualty Incident in which 70 CERT members participated. The next class for new CERT members will take place October 11, 18, and 25, 2025. Please contact [certmonterey@gmail.com](mailto:certmonterey@gmail.com) for anyone interested in attending the class. Staff continue to assist with backgrounds, live scan appointments, and training for all new CERT members to be eligible to be on the CERT call out team. CERT recognized Assistant Fire Chief Pat Moore in the April 2025 Newsletter. New CERT Members Trained YTD: 17

**Featured in this edition:**

- CERT Participates in Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Drill
- CERT New Contact Info.
- Next available CERT training October 11th, 18th, 25th, 2025.
- Training refresher: S.T.A.R.T. Triage Review
- Spotlight: Monterey Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Pat Moore
- More photos from the CERT MCI Drill taken by CERT Captain Thor Rasmussen.
- CERT Zone Captains Email List

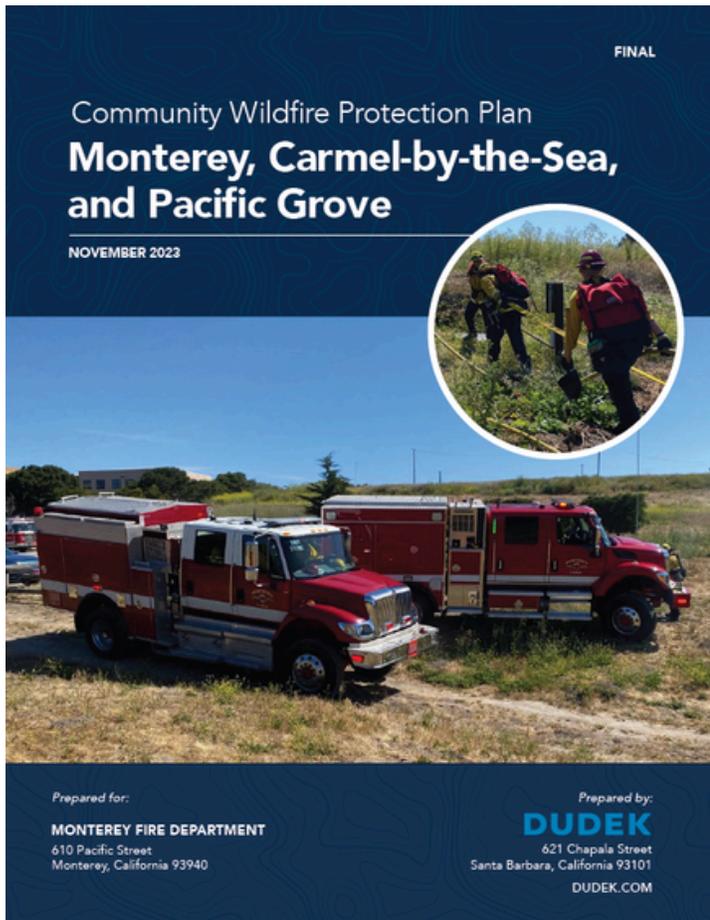
**70 CERT MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT (MCI) DRILL.**

Photo above: CERT Casualty simulated with moulage.

Community Emergency Response Team:  
Monterey CERT is managed by the Monterey Fire Department, funded by the City of Monterey, and supported by the cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove.

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## FIRE FUEL MITIGATION PROGRAM

Fire Prevention Staff provided training to Monterey City Foresters on the use of Avenza mapping. This has enabled the Forester to collect fuels clearance perimeters and provide GIS to Monterey Fire Prevention for the purpose of marking fuel clearance project maps.

Monterey Fire Prevention Staff and City Foresters met onsite with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to discuss fuel clearance projects around the Monte Vista Elementary and Middle School.

## COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan (CWPP) identifies areas for fire fuel mitigation efforts. City Foresters and Prevention Staff are working together to address these areas and improve fire safety.

For more information on our CWPP please visit:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d4cdd92189024e819ba9c5cb6380352d>

## FIRE PREVENTION TRAINING

Fire Prevention Staff attended a 4-hour online workshop by the Board of Forestry on proposed changes for Defensible Space “Zone Zero”.

Prevention staff also attended a class regarding UL Qualifying Fire Stopping Insulation to be able to identify code compliance with sprinkler installations.

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## FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

The Monterey Fire Department works in partnership with Monterey Unified School District, and Pacific Grove Unified School District in providing fire and life safety education. MFD conducted and participated in 35 Public Education and public events YTD.

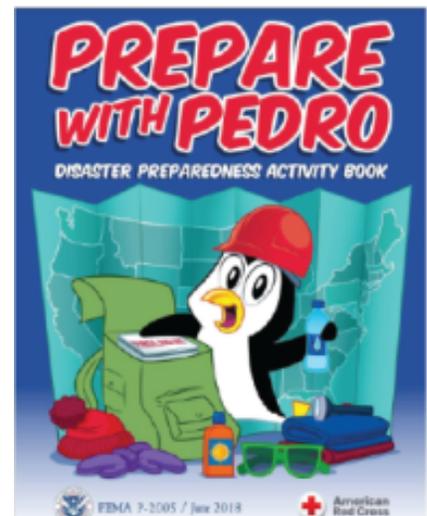
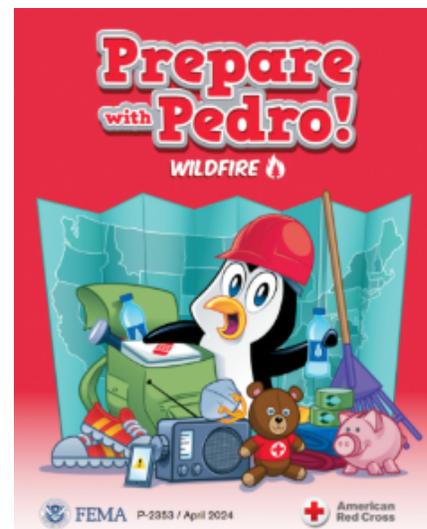
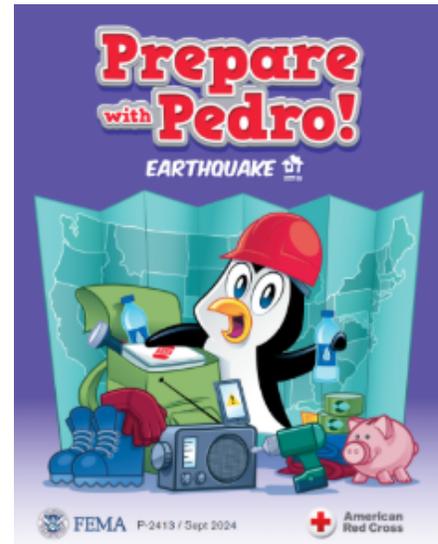
Total outreach of kids for these events year to date is 386. Prevention Staff continue to partner with our local schools coordinating important educational events.

New Pub Ed supplies have arrived at Fire Admin including new hats, key chains, and educational materials in various languages.

MFD's outreach to over **386** kids from TK to High School



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## DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

The Defensible Space and Home Hardening Inspection program will not kick into full steam until May of 2025. Staff is currently working on hiring 6 Defensible Space Inspectors. Staff provided information about the Defensible Space program and answered questions about becoming a DSI at the local Monterey Peninsula College Fire Academy. Year to date total inspections: 7

## CPR TRAINING PROGRAM

Fire Prevention Staff continue to assist with CPR Training including scheduling and monitoring new instructors. Monterey Fire added 2 new instructors for a total of 9 Instructors. Students taught year to date by Monterey Fire Personnel: 34



## DEVELOPER SERVICES

Fire Prevention Staff continues to collaborate with the Building Departments of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, and Sand City to make sure all newly built and remodeled projects in our community are built to meet the requirements of the International Fire Code. Staff have completed 134 Fire Alarm, Sprinkler, and Solar Plans Checks. Additionally 42 Sprinkler, & Alarm rough and final inspections have been completed.

**134 Fire Alarm, Sprinkler, & Solar Plans Checks, 42 Sprinkler & Alarm Rough and Final Inspections**

Staff will be working with each city to adopt the new California Fire Code by 2025 along with updating fee schedules.

## EVACUATION WARNING vs. EVACUATION ORDER

It is important to understand the difference between an Evacuation Warning and an Evacuation Order. Fire Prevention Staff routinely answers questions regarding evacuations.

### Evacuation Warning

**BE PREPARED TO LEAVE** - An Evacuation Warning is issued to alert community members in a defined area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident.

Gather your family, pets, and emergency supplies kit.  
If you know you won't be able to evacuate quickly, consider leaving when an evacuation warning is issued.

Remember: There may be no time to issue an Evacuation Warning due to the nature of an incident.  
Pay attention to the messaging of local officials.

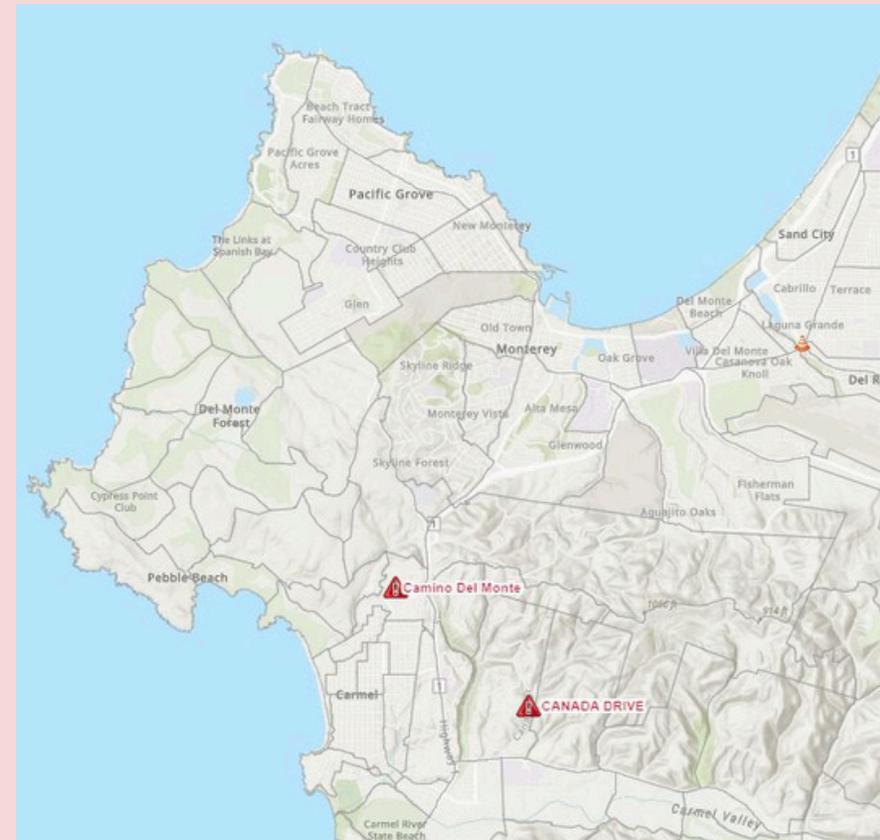
### Evacuation Order

**LEAVE NOW** - An Evacuation Order is issued to move community members out of a defined area due to an immediate threat to life and property from an emergency incident.

Load your family, pets, and emergency supplies kit.

Consider taking essential documents and records.

Leave

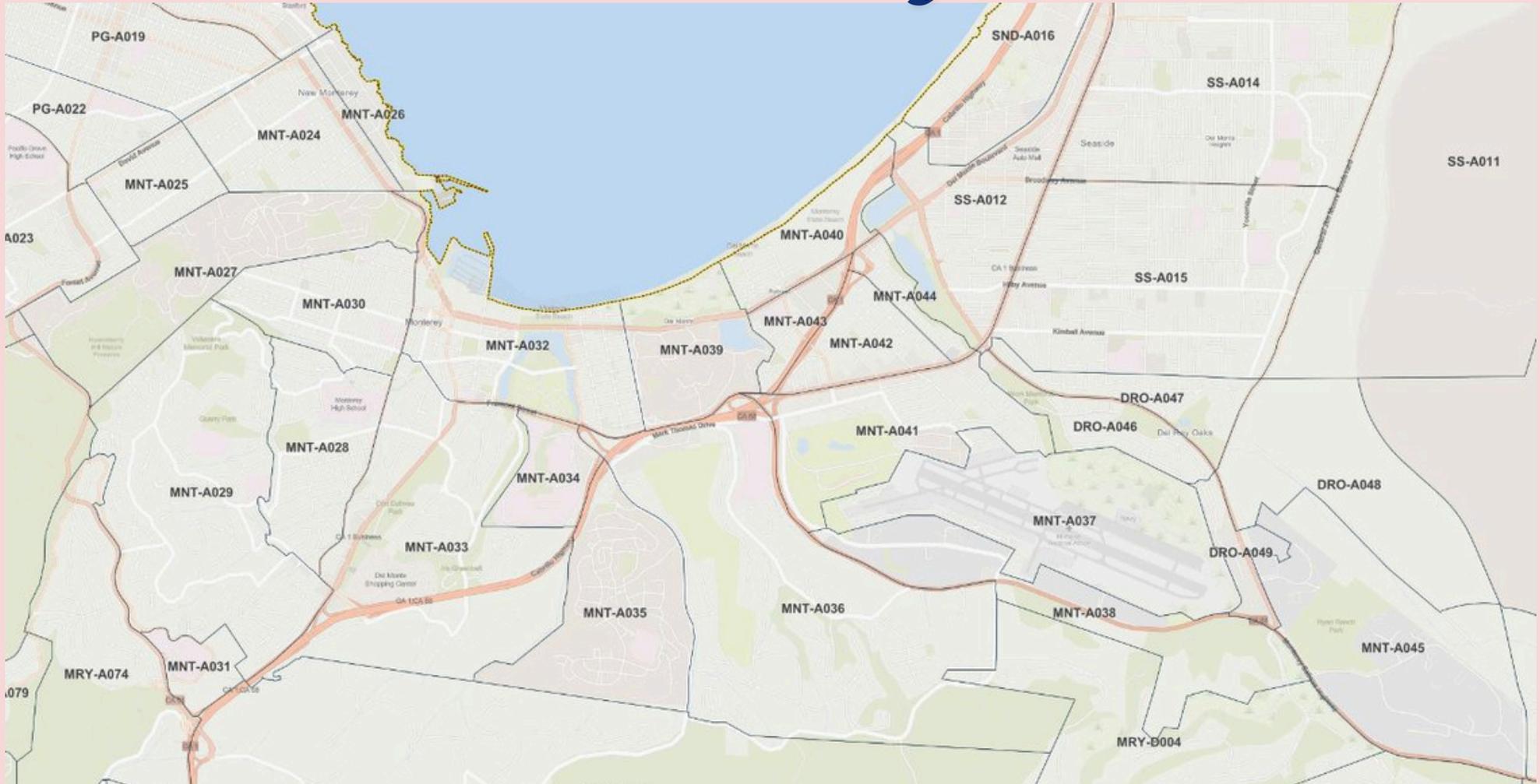


Please click on the map above to view Current Incidents

## EVACUATION ZONES

Do you know your evacuation zone? Knowing your evacuation zone is an important part of being prepared. Please click on a map below for a linked to the Genasys Project to find your zone.

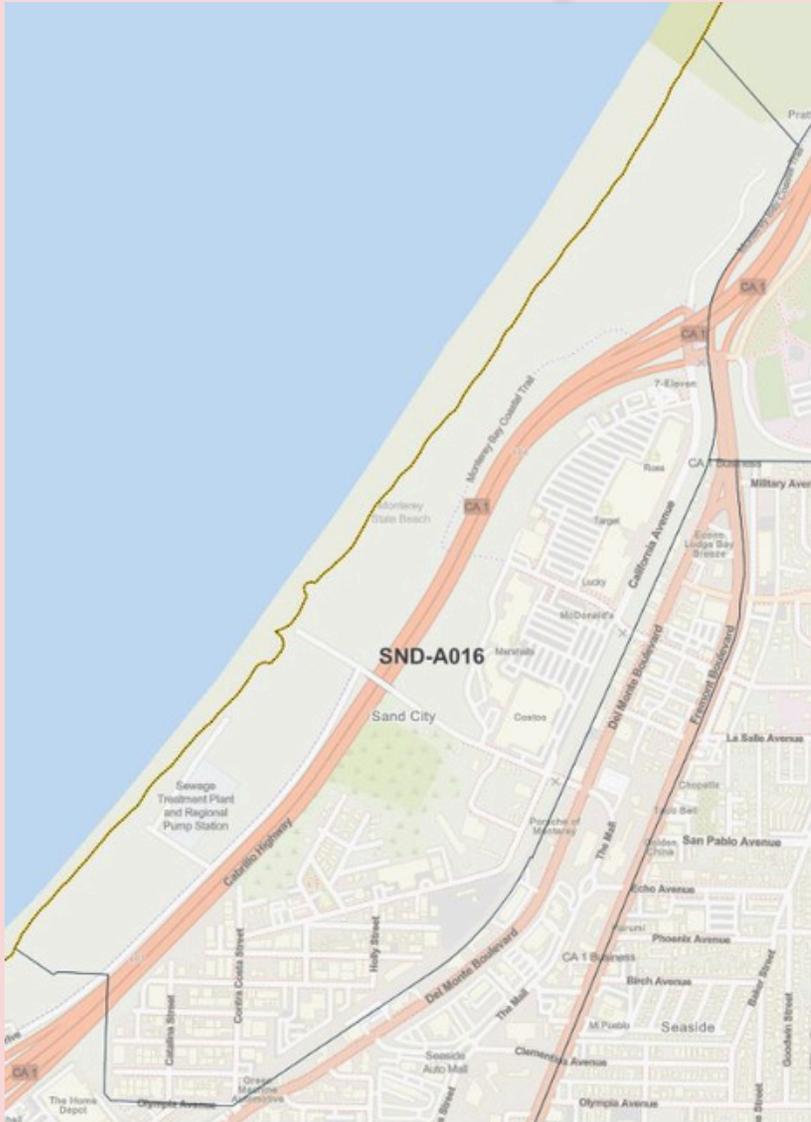
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## EVACUATION ZONES

# Sand City



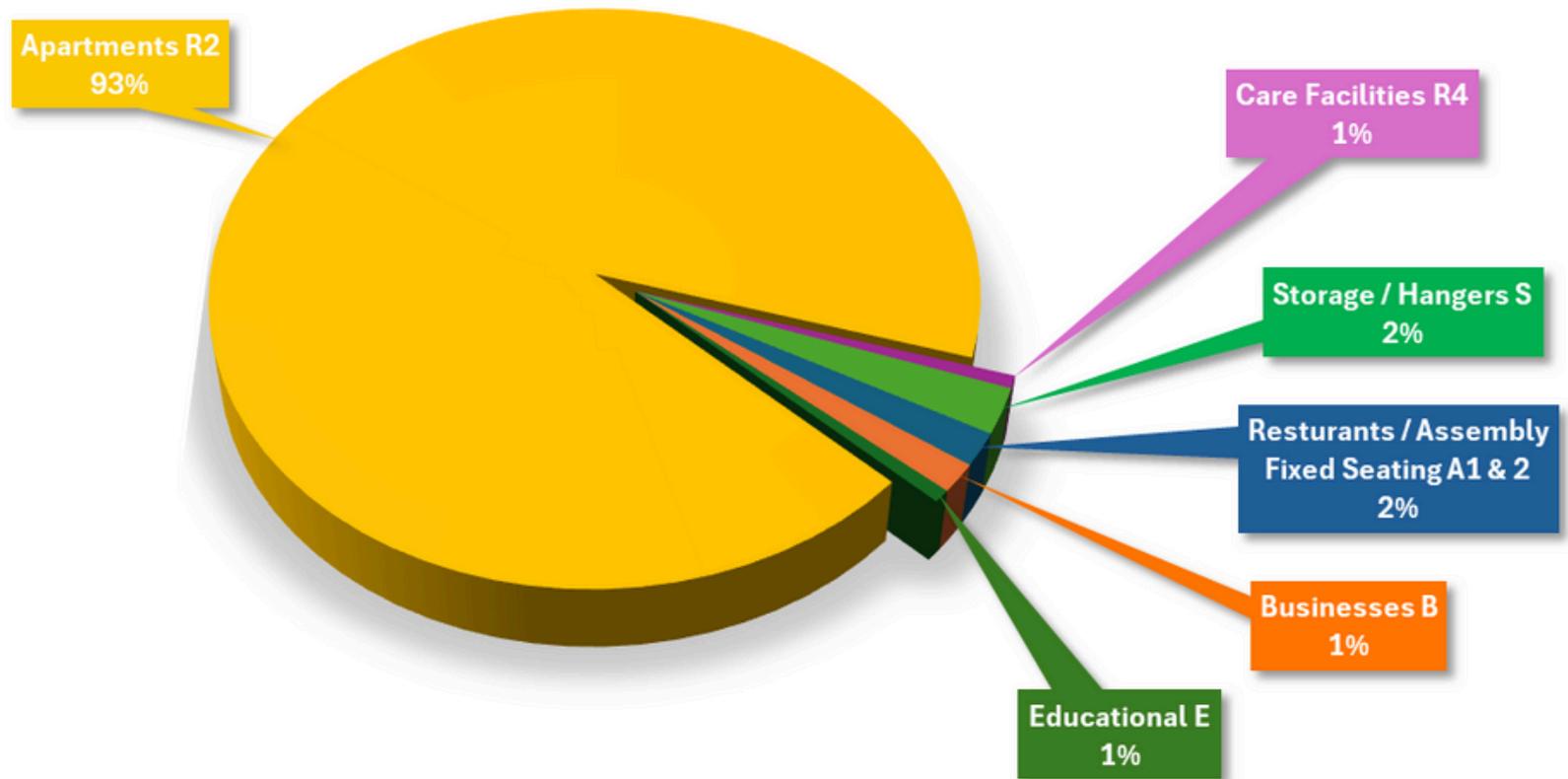
## Monterey Peninsula Regional Airport



## FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire Prevention Staff conduct Fire and Life Safety Inspections throughout Monterey, Carmel by-the Sea, Pacific Grove, and Sand City. Total inspections completed year to date are **436**.

### Fire Inspections by Occupancy Type Total 436 YTD



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## PROJECT PIPELINE

Project / Status	Address	Description / Plans
The Park Lane	New - 100 Glenwood Circle, MNT	4 Story - 40 Apartment Independent Living
<u>Courtyard &amp; Residence Inn by Marriot</u>	New - Tioga Avenue, Sand City	4 Story Hotel - 215 Rooms
<u>The Kimpton Hotel Project</u>	New - 157 Grand Avenue, PG	4 Story Hotel - 101 Rooms
<u>Monterey Peninsula Regional Airport Terminal Building</u>	New - 200 Fred Kane Drive, MRV Airport	2 Story Terminal Building with Jetways
Under Construction	New - 457 Wave Street, MNT	3 Story Residential Condominium Units Total 4 Units
Architectural Review Final	2000 Garden Road, MNT	Conversion Multi Family Apartments - 34 Units
Pending Coastal Commission	New - 480 Cannery Row MNT	87,362 Sq Feet Commercial Space 30,000 Sq Feet Restaurant Space 8,408 Sq Feet Coastal / Community Use 51 Apartment Units
Architectural Review Final	New - 2600 Garden Road, MNT	5 - 3 Story Multi Family Buildings - 57 Apartments
Planning Permit	2560 Garden Road, MNT	Remodel - 25 Apartments
Building Permit Review	New - 2200 North Fremont, MNT	3 Story Mixed-use 40 Apartments, 6,000 sq feet commercial space
Architectural Review Final	2300 Garden Road, MNT	Conversion Multi Family Apartments - 64 Units
Environmental Impact Report	New - 499 Alvarado Street, MNT	4 Story Mixed-Use 34 Apartments 2,376 Sq Feet Retail Space

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## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS CAUSE & ORIGIN / Damage Estimates

In conjunction with the Police Department, Fire Prevention Staff has investigated seven fire incidents within the first 3 months of 2025. One subject was arrested for felony arson, and felony vandalism. Staff determined preliminary causes and origin on the following incidents.

Property values of structures saved is estimated at over **83 million dollars**.

Structure Fires	Preliminary Cause	Estimated Damages
200 Glenwood Circle	Improper Disposal	<1k
600 Cannery Row	Electrical failure, malfunction other	10k
1S.E. of Torres and 10th	Electrical in nature	540k
676 Devisadero St	Failure to clean vent	<5k
1111 Lighthouse Avenue	Suspected Felony Arson / Felony Vandalism	<1k
133 Lighthouse Avenue	Electrical in nature	290k

Vehicle Fires	Preliminary Cause	Estimated Damages
In Front Of 499 Figueroa Street Trailer	Electrical in nature	40k

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