

SOUTH SKYLINE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION



South Skyline Association
SSA

South Skyline Fire Safe
Council

South Skyline Emergency
Preparedness Organization

Independent 501c3 Organizations



SSEPO

- Established 2000
- Primary focus: Emergency Preparedness
- Early accomplishments:
 - Developed two stations equipped with medical supplies and emergency communication capability
 - MROSD Skyline Field Office (Alpine / Hwy. 35)
 - Community of Las Cumbres
 - Built a neighborhood emergency preparedness model



SSEPO

- Established 501c3 Organization in 2016
- Non-Membership Organization
- Board of Directors:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Medical Director
 - Communications Director
 - Neighborhood Coordinators



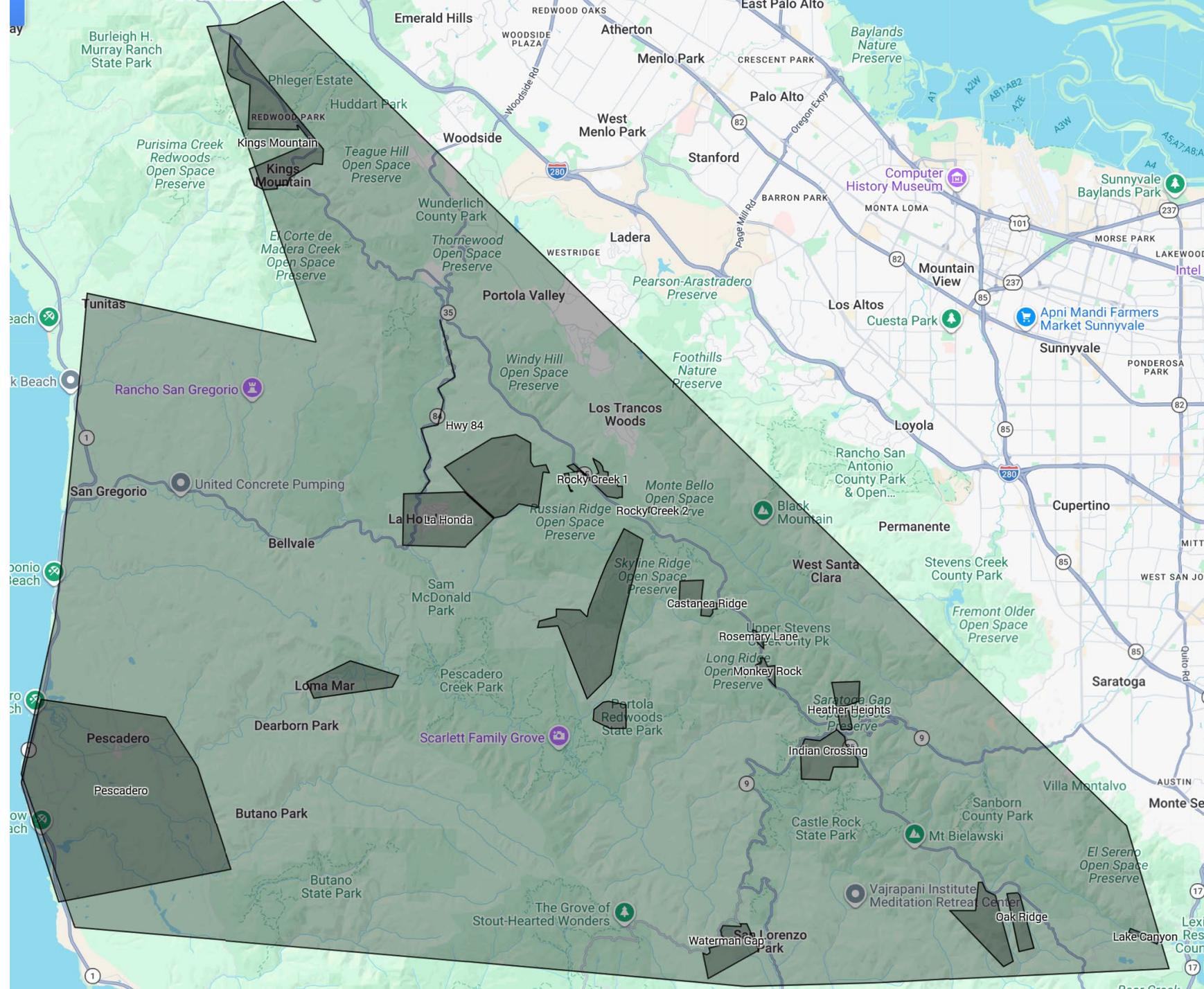
SSEPO Goals and Objectives

- Provide emergency preparedness education and training throughout South Skyline Area
 - Promote Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability at the **NEIGHBORHOOD** level
- Facilitate cooperation between tri-county emergency response organizations and community efforts
 - Provide critical medical and communications Infrastructure to augment official responses in a disaster situation
 - Facilitate CERT team organization and training
 - GIS Mapping of the neighborhoods





The Neighborhoods





Neighborhood Organization

- Training / Guidelines for creating The **Neighborhood Model**:
 - ✓ An identified coordinator
 - ✓ Phone tree
 - ✓ Radio communications
 - ✓ Emergency Plan – Unique to each community
 - ✓ Practice!!!
- Neighborhoods established: Las Cumbres, Portola Heights, Castanea Ridge, Monkey Rock, Rosemary Lane, Rocky Creek, Waterman Gap, Alpine and Middleton Tract, Lake Canyon, La Honda, Pescadero



Comprehensive Website:

www.ssepo.org

- Extensive information on how to be prepared for different kinds of disasters
- Emergency planning: Go Kits, prepare to stay or leave
- Education on how to organize a neighborhood
- Information on area volunteer groups: CERT, CEC, LAEG, ARES, Medical operations
- Emergency communications – who to call, radio communication, COVID-19, CZU Fire



Tested in Real Life

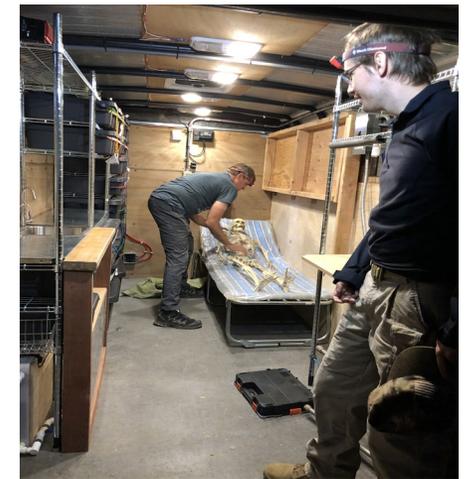


- CZU Fire:
 - SSEPO's Neighborhood Emergency Plan was implemented in several neighborhoods and emergency communications proved to be invaluable to residents
 - Lots of Information links added to the website
- COVID-19
 - Early on in the pandemic, important links added to the website
 - Dr. Rich Lee offered invaluable expertise to Skyline residents



Medical Infrastructure

- Medical Infrastructure:
 - Temporary Refuge Areas (TRAs) established at Skyline Ranger Station and Las Cumbres with caches of medical supplies
 - Assisted in the building of new Helicopter Landing Zone in Castanea Ridge
 - Mobile Medical Trailer built and fully stocked



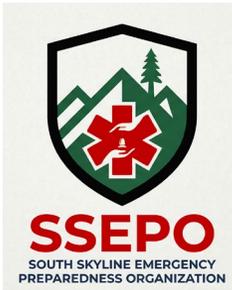


Medical Training

Regular Community Training Sessions (In person and virtual)

- First Aid Workshops
- Held several on-line training sessions on “The First Arriver”, addressing what to do when you are the first on the scene of an accident – who, and how, to call for help; emergency first aid.
 - Created maps on most dangerous areas and location of call boxes
 - Reached hundreds of live participants, distributed many Trunk Kits for emergency use, and posted videos on web site.





Emergency Communications

- Provided grants to purchase GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) radios to 6 neighborhoods. Middleton Tract added in 2020.
- Set up GMRS Repeater for Inter-Neighborhood communications
- Established South Skyline Emergency Communications Plan for HAM and GMRS / MURS radios
- HAM radio communication stations at Castanea Ridge, Las Cumbres, Portola Heights and Medical Resource Trailer





Emergency Communications



- Partnership with City of Palo Alto's Emergency Services. Plan for joint training.
- Installed printed communication equipment and solar power in Castanea Ridge Communication Trailer. Provides comms when everything else fails, including the internet.
- Completed two YouTube videos on CZU Fire Communications and Comm Trailer improvements



Collaboration with Fire Departments

- GIS Mapping completed in about 14 neighborhoods/areas, and updated maps placed in fire trucks
- Established South Skyline CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
 - CERT Coordinator: Tom Hempel
 - CERT Program Manager – LHFB: Pat O’Coffey
 - Conducted Training Sessions and Drills – pre-COVID
 - On-Line Hybrid CERT Training introduced in 2020
- Numerous effective callouts during Landslides and Fires in recent years





Drills



- Conduct annual drills involving CERT, HAM (ARES) and GMRS radio communications, Medical and other volunteer groups such as Large Animal Evacuation, often in coordination with fire departments and public safety.





SSEPO 2021 Goals

- Coordinate with Saratoga Summit Cal Fire, SSFSC, and SSA to maximize emergency effectiveness: Temporary Refuge Areas (TRAs), Helicopter Landing Sites, Evacuation Routes
- Strategic review of services and supplies at existing TRAs: Skyline Ranger Station, Medical Resource Trailer, Las Cumbres Community Center
- Support South Skyline CERT training quarterly meetings, callouts and sponsorship.
- Communications:
 - Training for local Hams on printed communications
 - Pursue possibility of installation of 2m or 440 repeater in Castanea Ridge for communications to the east of Skyline
- Continue to fund grants for emergency preparedness