LOS ANGELES ZOO
FIRE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW OF ZOO

➢ 133 acre facility comprised of multi-use structures and animal exhibits
➢ Situated within Griffith Park and surrounded by hillside areas encompassing a three mile perimeter
➢ Over 1,400 animal specimens
➢ 1.8 million visitors annually (pre-COVID)
FIRE PREPAREDNESS GOALS

1. Ensure safe operating practices and focus on prevention
2. Equip and train staff for response and recovery
3. Ensure plans are practiced and communicated widely among staff
4. Maintain inter-agency coordination (LAFD, LAPD, and Park Rangers)
5. Evaluate and continue to make improvements
FIRE PREPAREDNESS METHODOLOGY

All-Hazards Approach

➢ Assess the risks most likely to affect the facility and our assets
  ▪ Incidents
  ▪ Natural Events
  ▪ Operations
  ▪ Infrastructure

➢ Develop plans that are flexible and scalable enough to adapt to a wide variety of situations

➢ Focus on the continuity of essential services
FIRE EMERGENCY READINESS

➢ Emergency Readiness Team
  Cross-divisional team to assess current programs to develop, implement and maintain a program to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster and other emergencies

➢ Maintain updated emergency plans
  Specify procedures for handling incidents with the objective of reducing the possible impact of the emergency and resuming normal operations

➢ Annual emergency exercise
  Conduct exercises to practice response and assess for improvement
BRUSH CLEARANCE

- Annual clearing per LAFD code compliance in late spring/early summer
- 200 feet from structures and perimeter fence line
FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

➢ Systems in eight building structures
➢ Monitored by LAPD
➢ Communication relay to dispatch LAFD
➢ Annual testing
FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE

➢ Fire extinguishers
  ▪ 298 extinguishers throughout the Zoo
  ▪ Operations training
  ▪ Monthly inspection and annual servicing
INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

➢ LAFD, LAPD, PARK RANGERS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
  ▪ Larger incident support
  ▪ Incident Command Structure (ICS)
  ▪ Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)