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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### **Governor Declares Wildfire Awareness Week CAL FIRE Encourages Fire Prevention & Defensible Space**

**Sacramento** – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared May 3-9 Wildfire Awareness Week, to remind Californians to be vigilant as the state approaches peak fire season and to highlight the importance of the homeowner’s role in preparing their property ahead of time to survive a wildfire.

CAL FIRE will be conducting fire safety inspections throughout the state over the coming weeks to educate homeowners of the importance of wildfire safety and to ensure that homes have 100 feet of Defensible Space. “Wildfire Awareness Week is designed to remind Californians of their ability to make their homes fire safe,” said Chief Del Walters, CAL FIRE director. “Fire prevention is a team effort that starts with homeowners preparing well in advance of a fire.”

This year’s Wildfire Awareness Week theme is centered on the idea that fire protection is a team effort, “You provide the DEFENSE, We provide the OFFENSE.” The first part of fire prevention starts with homeowner’s creating 100 feet of Defensible Space around their homes. The second is CAL FIRE’s part when a wildfire does occur, the department has a large arsenal of different equipment to protect Californians.

CAL FIRE will use Wildfire Awareness Week as an opportunity to answer questions about fire safety and how to be better prepared in an emergency situation.

Wildfire Awareness Week schedule:

- Tuesday, May 5: Kick-off for Wildfire Awareness Week, CAL FIRE Mobile Equipment Facility, Davis at 10:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 5: CAL FIRE Day at the Sacramento Rivercats baseball game, Raley Field, West Sacramento at 7 p.m.

To view the full Governor’s proclamation: <http://www.gov.ca.gov/proclamation/12094/>

For more information on the event, visit [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

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