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Wildfire Preparedness

Olympia – With summer fast approaching and forecasts calling for warmer, drier conditions, it is more important than ever to prepare for wildfire season. In 2025, the State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) All-Risk Mobilization Program assisted 28 wildfire mobilizations to support local jurisdictions in combating large and destructive wildfires. These emergency responses came at a cost of approximately \$21 million, highlighting both the financial and environmental toll that wildfires can take. As we look forward to sunshine and outdoor activities, wildfire prevention and preparedness must remain a top priority.

The SFMO recommends the following wildfire preparedness tips:

Reduce risk:

- Clear fuel sources such as dead vegetation away from your home and other structures.
- Engage in a local community cleanup day.
- Practice proper fire safety daily to prevent accidental fires.
- Use fire resistant construction.
- Remain informed of emergency alerts.

Be prepared:

- Create an emergency kit including food, important documents, battery powered radio, first aid kit and any medicine you need.
- Have a communication plan for notifying neighbors of an emergency.
- Practice your family’s escape plan paths out of the house, neighborhood, and where to meet.
- Pack your vehicle with everything you need.
- Follow established evacuation orders and listen to emergency response personnel.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal’s Office at (360) 596-3904.

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