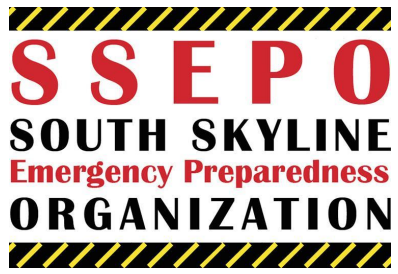


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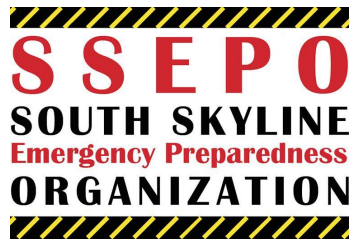


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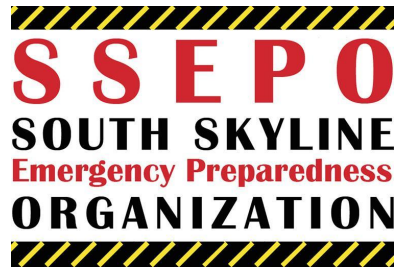
South Skyline Emergency  
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Independent 501c3 Organizations



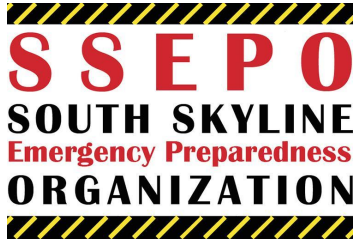
# SSEPO

- 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



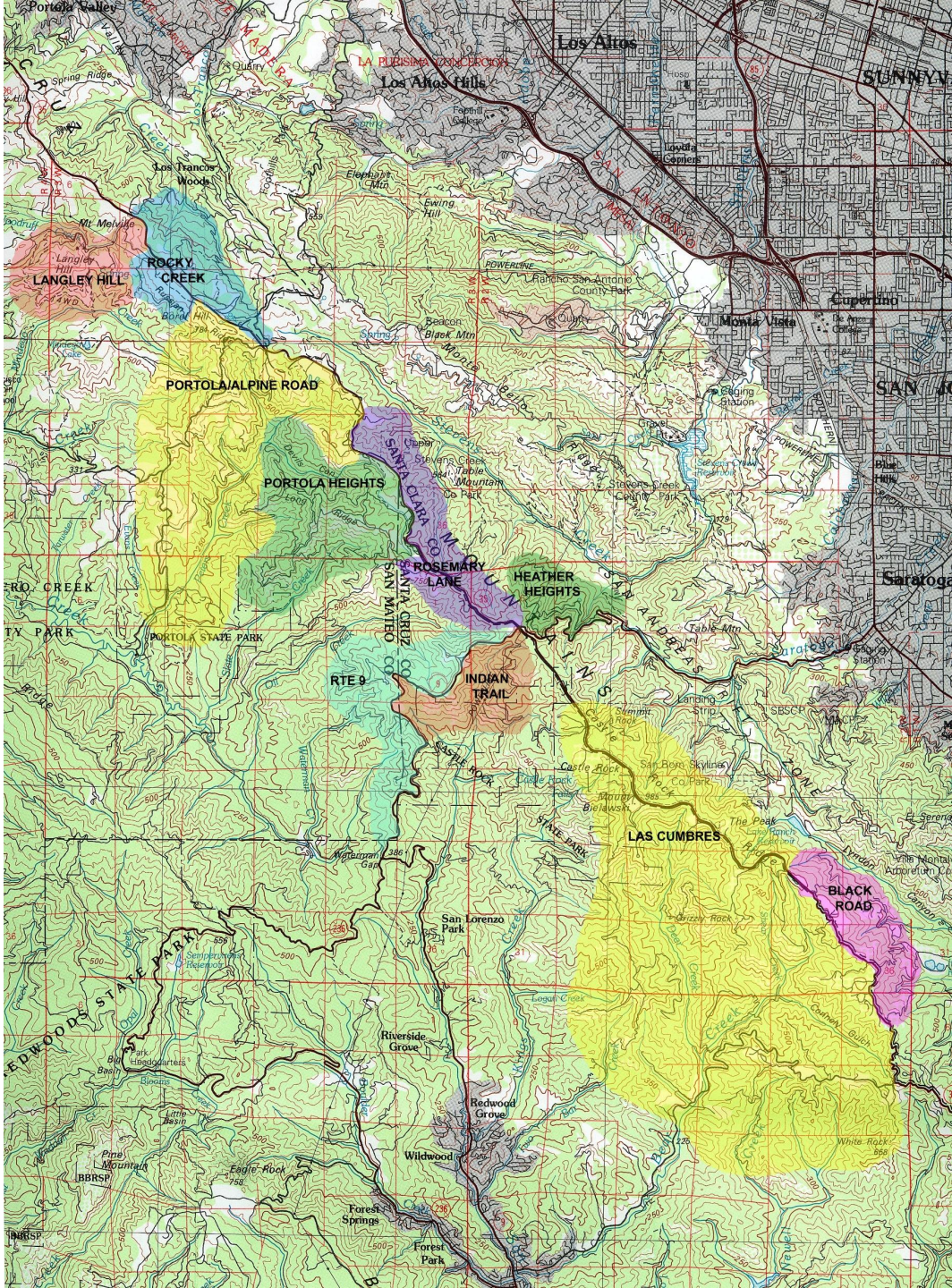
# SSEPO Goals and Objectives

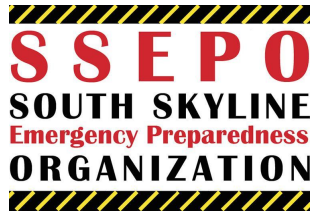
- Provide emergency preparedness education and training throughout South Skyline Area
  - Promote Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability at the **NEIGHBORHOOD** level
- Facilitate cooperation between tri-county emergency response organizations and community efforts
  - Provide critical medical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



**S S E P O**  
**SOUTH SKYLINE**  
**Emergency Preparedness**  
**ORGANIZATION**

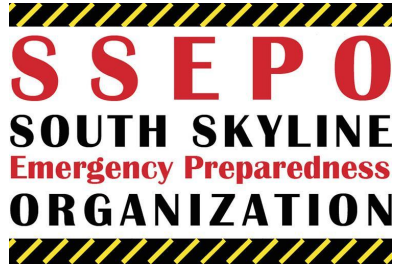
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# Neighborhood Organization

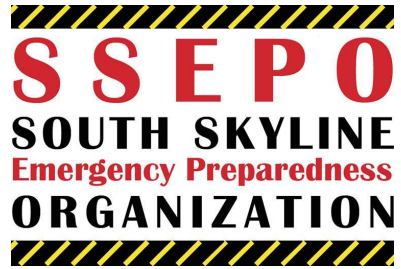
- Training / Guidelines for creating The **Neighborhood Model**:
  - ✓ An identified coordinator
  - ✓ Phone tree
  - ✓ Radio communications
  - ✓ Emergency Plan – Unique to each community
  - ✓ Practice!!!
- Neighborhoods established: Las Cumbres, Portola Heights, Castanea Ridge, Monkey Rock, Rosemary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



Comprehensive Website: [www.ssepo.org](http://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, LAEG, ARES, Medical operations
- Emergency communications
- Home Insurance
- Incident Specific Info as appropriate

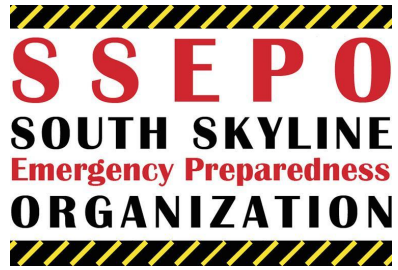




## Tested in Real Life



- 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
  - Received HSA Grant for medical cache at Skyline Ranger Station and some additional supplies



# Medical Training

## Community Training Sessions

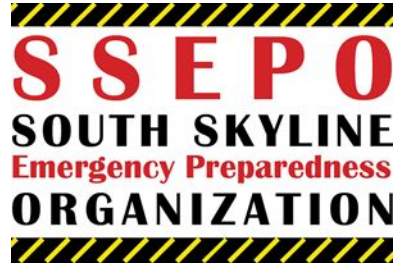
- Leaving in the Mountain First Aid Workshops
- Held two on-line training sessions on “The First Arriver”, addressing what to do when you are the first on the scene of an accident – who, and how, to call for help; emergency first aid.
  - Created maps on most dangerous areas and location of call boxes
  - Provided “Trunk Kits” to participants
- Held in-person “First Arriver’s Workshop”
- Held CPR / First Aid Certification Training



# Emergency Communications

- Provided grants to purchase GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) radios to 6 neighborhoods. Middleton Tract added in 2020. Additional radios provided to Middleton in 2022.
- 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

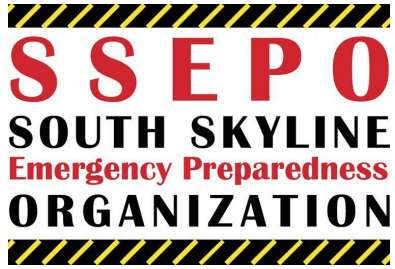




# Emergency Communications



- Partnership with Santa Cruz ARES for joint trainings
- Installed printed communication equipment and solar power in Castanea Ridge Communication Trailer.
- Installed Winlink Capability at Castanea Ridge - provides comms when everything else fails, including the internet.
- Completed two YouTube videos on CZU Fire
- Completed Communications and Comm Trailer improvements
- Received 3 grants to update radio equipment and winlink capability at Castanea Ridge



# 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
- Sponsored two Emergency Preparedness Days

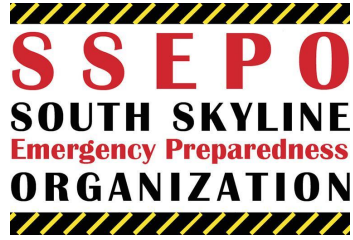


## Drills



- 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 Goals

- Expand into more neighborhoods and provide necessary training
- 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 Medical Caches: Skyline Ranger Station, Medical Resource Trailer, Las Cumbres Community Center
- Support South Skyline CERT and ARES Drills / Training
- Communications:
  - Training for local Hams on printed communications
  - Training on GMRS / MURS Radios
  - Pursue possibility of installation of 2m or 440 repeater in South Skyline area
- Continue to fund grants for emergency preparedness
- Collaborate with other Emergency Preparedness Organizations