Enforcement Agencies



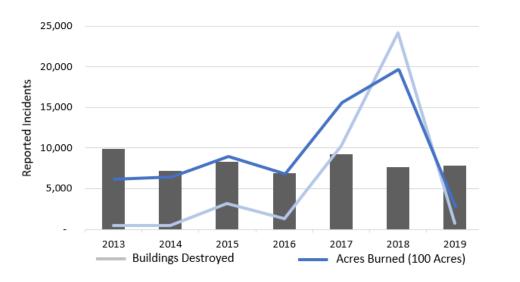


("Fire Hazard Severity Zones Maps", 2009)

Enforcing Wildfire Prevention Regulations: Evaluating Enforcement Agencies in the County of San Luis Obispo

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In the past few years, a series of highly destructive wildfires have ravaged the state of California, leading to scrutiny of wildfire prevention and its enforcement. This study focused on the County of San Luis Obispo to analyze the agencies responsible for enforcing wildfire prevention. These agencies cooperate to enforce a plethora of preventative regulations, as well as self-perform preventative measures across the County. Enforcement agencies face a multitude of difficulties in enforcing wildfire prevention regulations in the County of SLO. This study concludes that enforcement could be more efficient with changes to the enforcement process and agency responsibilities.



California Wildfire Incidents 2013-2019 ("Incidents Overview, n.d.)



Wildfire Prevention: Defensible Space ("Defensible Space", n.d.)

Enforcement Challenges

- Insufficient manpower
- Negative media attention
- Limited program funding

Potential Improvements

- Greater value of fines
- Stricter enforcement
- Decentralizing responsibilities

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