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Wildfire Safety Training for Reporters and Photographers

Sacramento – How to cover a wildfire without getting hurt and how to use the emergency response system to get the story quickly and efficiently... that is the focus of the upcoming training offered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) to all media crews who will be covering wildfires this year.

Covering a wildland fire, even “just a grassfire” can be dangerous for reporters and photographers unless they understand the basics of fire behavior and what to do in case of emergency. Therefore, CDF recommends that media crews take a basic fire safety class such as the one offered on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at CDF state headquarters in Sacramento.

We offer two identical half-day courses to accommodate morning and afternoon staff. The course is free and we provide all necessary classroom materials.

The training will include:

- How to get the facts and visuals safely and quickly
- Media access rights and laws pertaining to emergency scenes
- The basics of wildfire behavior – what to watch for and what to do
- Professional recommendations on how to survive in several emergency situations
- How to deploy a fire shelter in less than 30 seconds – Dress casually!

What: Media Safety Training

When: Thursday, May 22, 2003

A.M. class – 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

P.M. class – 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: CDF Headquarters, 1416 9th St. Room 1506, Sacramento, California

So that we can plan for equipment and handouts, please call (916) 653-5123 with the number of attendees.

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