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Welcome back to

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"7 Saturdays to a Fire Resistant Home".

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I'm your host, Alicia Mason.

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From creating defensible space

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to planning more fire resistive plans,

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and preparing for an evacuation,

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this show has shown us  
that we can take steps

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to better protect  
ourselves against wildfire.

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Today is our last episode,

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and one of our most important.

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We're gonna show you

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how to help build a fire  
resilient community.

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We'll show you how to establish

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an emergency line of communication

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with your family and friends,

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then, we will demonstrate some ways

00:00:38:29 - 00:00:40:20  
you can break the ice with your neighbors

00:00:40:20 - 00:00:43:08  
and come together to better  
protect your community.

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And finally, we'll talk about

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community emergency response teams

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and fire safe councils,

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two great ways to step  
up and protect each other

00:00:51:05 - 00:00:52:28  
in the event of an emergency.

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I'm joined, as always, by  
our expert, David Hawks,

00:00:55:18 - 00:00:58:00  
former Fire Chief for  
the Cal Fire Butte Unit,

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and current Senior Safety  
Specialists at PG&E.

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David, I can't believe

this is our final episode,

00:01:03:08 - 00:01:05:01  
and our last Saturday together.

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It's my pleasure to be back.

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Alicia, I'm so proud of the  
work that we've done together

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and with the folks at home,

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but being prepared isn't just  
about the home and property.

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It's also about communication.

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In three basic steps, you can  
build a fire resilient network

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that can support your community.

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You know, this all sounds  
incredibly important.

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It is, in the best and  
easiest place to start

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is with the people that you're  
already closest with in life.

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So, David, I talk to my family  
and friends all the time.

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What's different about establishing

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an emergency line of communication?

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It's important to talk to  
your family and neighbors

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about emergency plans

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and how you will stay  
connected in an emergency.

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Here are some of the topics

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that you'll want to cover.

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Having a meeting location for your family

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in case of an emergency.

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You should have a location,  
not only near your home,

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but also one outside of your community.

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Secondly, knowing the emergency plan

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at your children's school,

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and finally, how to stay  
connected during an emergency.

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Start a text thread that can be helpful

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that's essential to  
have a point of contact

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outside of your community

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that family members can check in with.

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After I've evacuated  
and I'm safe and sound,

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is there an easy way to  
let everyone know I'm okay?

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Absolutely, Alicia.

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The American Red Cross app

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has a Safe function where  
you can let your family know

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that you're okay with the  
push of a single button.

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Okay.

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We've covered how to talk  
to friends and family

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about emergency plans.

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What about my neighbors?

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Good point, Alicia.

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It's time to branch out  
into your neighborhood

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and you may already know  
some of your neighbors,

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but chances are you have  
an established contact

00:02:32:14 - 00:02:33:11  
with all of them.

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Well, now's the time.

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If you're a bit shy or new to the area,

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it can be kind of intimidating

00:02:38:22 - 00:02:40:18  
to reach out to total strangers.

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Do you have any suggestions  
for how to break the ice?

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Connecting over emergency preparedness

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can actually be an easy  
way to establish contact.

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You can create a flyer with  
your contact information

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to communicate by text, email  
groups, or neighborhood apps.

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We've all felt so distanced  
from each other this year.

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I know a lot of people who  
are craving connections

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to new friends and neighbors.

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This communication is vital.

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It makes you more aware of neighbors

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who are seniors or may have disabilities

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and may need extra help  
leaving their homes.

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It can also help you  
identify community members

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who have medical training  
or other valuable skills

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that can come in handy  
during an emergency.

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Learning how to be  
prepared for an emergency

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is an effective way to keep  
your neighborhood ready to act

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when services may be overwhelmed

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and time is of the essence.

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Okay, so, I've communicated  
with my personal network

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and reached out to my neighbors.

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What's the third and final step

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towards making my community safer?

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DAVID: Once we firmed up communications

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with our family and neighbors,

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consider joining a local fire safe council

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or community emergency response  
team, also known as CERT.



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After seven Saturdays with you, David,

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I would love to join an organization

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to help spread all the tips I've learned.

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How do I start?

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DAVID: Checkout Ready.gov/CERT.

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There, you can search for  
CERT programs in your area.

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CERT programs can train  
you and your neighbors

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on how to assist first responders

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during an emergency.

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Look into other organizations

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like your local Red Cross chapter,

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community center, or church group.

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ALICIA: Honestly, David,  
after the last year,

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I've been missing that

feeling of connection

00:04:07:20 - 00:04:09:09  
to loved ones and community.

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This seems like a great way to reconnect

00:04:11:03 - 00:04:14:03  
and make sure that we're all  
looking out for each other.

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Absolutely, Alicia.

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Creating a more fire resistant home,

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property, and community

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isn't just something  
that we do for ourselves

00:04:20:16 - 00:04:21:21  
or by ourselves.

00:04:21:21 - 00:04:22:27  
We're all in this together.

00:04:22:27 - 00:04:24:15  
Thank you so much, David,

00:04:24:15 - 00:04:26:13  
for all the great tips you shared with us

00:04:26:13 - 00:04:28:29  
on "7 Saturdays to a Fire Resistant Home".

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It's amazing to think how,

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in just a handful of afternoons,

00:04:31:27 - 00:04:35:15  
we've done so much to make  
our houses and family safer.

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To all the folks at home,

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I hope you're encouraged

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and feel more confident  
about the steps you can take

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to make your family, home,  
and community more fire safe.

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Thank you so much for joining us.

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If you wanna catch up  
on our previous episodes

00:04:47:23 - 00:04:50:18  
or learn even more  
amazing preparedness tips,

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