

## Emergency Preparedness: How ready are you?

My name's Matt Slusher. I'm a Battalion Chief with the Placer Hills Fire Department and there's a fire approaching. We're going to need you to evacuate right now. You have 10 minutes to evacuate.

WOMAN: Okay, grab a dog.

MATT: You have eight minutes left. Think about water and food. Any medications you might need. Consider being prepared for 72 hours away. A minute and a half left and then we need to go.

Just get in the car with the dogs. I could cry. It's kind of emotional.

I would encourage you to have a list of those things. Even prioritized. If medications are the number one thing you need to grab, that's at the top of the list. The more time you have, the further down the list you get, but you know where the go-bag is, and you know where your list is, so that you have some organization. Helps you kind of bring calm to the chaos.

Do you think that's something you would probably do as a family again, to talk about it and practice?

It just makes you think, yeah, what to put on that to-get list. Nothing is worth us getting hurt. If we're together, that's all that matters.