

University City Fire Safe Council

TO: Joan Jones, San Diego Regional Fire Foundation

FROM: Louis Rodolico, President, University City Fire Safe Council

The University City Fire Safe Council is proud and pleased to submit our Periodic Report.

University City is suburban density surrounded by wildland canyons. We are not rural where most homeowners can control their perimeter without neighbor interference. Two story houses in University City can be ten feet apart, with trees in between, so we need a different approach than many of our San Diego County neighbors.

Our FSC priorities and projects are in alignment with our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) dated September 2021. Priorities and projects include community engagement & education related to structural hardening, defensible space, fuels treatment, and evacuation planning as documented in our CWPP; available online at: https://www.universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-university-city/

We measure our success though attendance at our FSC community events. We also rely on our community partner University City Community Association to track readership and impressions through print distribution and through website analytics.

The FSC refers to the biologist reports as Brush Management / Vegetation Density Assessments. The 2025 Brush Management / Vegetation Density Assessment for the south rim of Rose Canyon is in process and is expected to be completed and ready for review by April. The 2023 and 2024 Assessments are available for review on the UC FSC website at: https://ucfiresafecouncil.com/. We created 24x36 inch display boards of the assessments for community meetings.

- Our Fire Safe Council shares the Brush Management Assessments with the City staff of the San Diego Open
 Space Division and Fire-Rescue Departments which oversee brush management efforts in Rose Canyon and other designated Open Space Parks in the City. The assessments provide an independent analysis of their efforts.
- Our Fire Safe Council also shares the Brush Management Assessments with the community at our events and on our web and social sites. The reports and display boards attract attention and help foster fire safe discussions.

During 2024, the UC FSC issued 16 News Releases and Public Service Announcements which were published on the University City News website; has been featured in 28 Fire Safe articles published in 10 monthly issues of University City News; and shared 34 Fire Safety and Public Service Announcements on the FSC Facebook. In addition, the FSC has attended and staffed 19 community events and meetings in 2024. We documented over 500 volunteer hours.

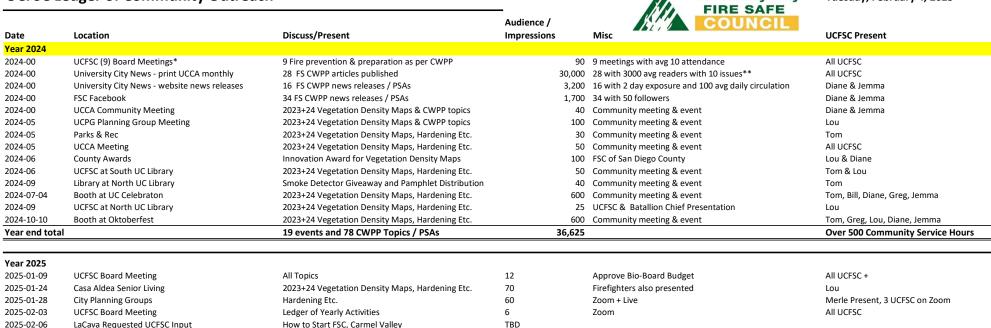
To summarize, our FSC is proud to report that collectively we created over 36,000 Fire Safe impressions over the course of the year 2024 and we look forward to doing the same in 2025. Details are available in the ledger attached.

We thank our FSC volunteers, the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, the San Diego City Council, the University Community Planning Group, the University City Community Association, and the San Diego Open Space Division of the Parks & Recreation Department for their help and support.

A.B. Respectfully submitted by Louis Rodolico, on behalf of the University City Fire Safe Council

CCs: University City Fire Safe Council | Fire Safe Council of San Diego County | San Diego Fire-Rescue Department | San Diego Open Space Division of the Parks & Recreation Department | University City Community Association | University Community Planning Group | San Diego City Council

UCFSC Ledger of Community Outreach



^{*10} University City Fire Safe Council Website: https://ucfiresafecouncil.com/

LaCava Requested UCFSC Input

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How to Start FSC, Carmel Valley

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

University City

^{**10} Issues Yearly, Delivered to 6,000 Households; assuming 1/2 people read the FSC articles