

NEWS RELEASE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CAL FIRE TO CONDUCT LIVE FIRE TRAINING ON CAMP ROBERTS

PASO ROBLES – The CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit, along with the Fresno/Kings and Tulare Units, will be conducting prescribed fire training exercises from Wednesday, May 21st, to Friday, May 23rd, 2025, at multiple locations on Camp Roberts north of Paso Robles.

Broadcast burning of approximately 500 acres of grass and oak woodland will be conducted over the 3 days by approximately 45 firefighters who are participating in this training class. This course is designed to instruct firefighters from around the State on proper techniques for safely and effectively using fire as a tool for range improvement, vegetation management, and combating wildfires.

Firefighters will gain in-depth knowledge of ignition tools, equipment, techniques, and strategies, as well as an understanding of how fuels, weather, and topography influence fire behavior.

Prescribed burning at these locations will also provide fire prevention benefits consistent with the fire plans of the participating agencies. If conditions are not appropriate for safe burning and good smoke dispersal, burning will be postponed. This live fire training is in cooperation with Camp Roberts Fire Department and the SLO Air Pollution Control District.

For those traveling in the area, smoke will be visible from Highway 101. Please use caution.

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