



# MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

*To inform, empower, and mobilize county residents to survive and thrive in wildfire prone environments.*

## “Reflect to Protect”

### How to properly identify your property

Wildfire is always a concern for Mendocino County, and the rest of California, and it is in the best interest of you, your family, property, and community, to be prepared. Every resident may take simple steps that can make a huge difference in the event of a wildfire, or any emergency. Emergency responders always emphasize that “seconds count” in such cases, and measures such as proper address signage can make all the difference when it comes to saving lives and property.

Emergency responders must be able to find people in times of emergency. Address and street signage is used by emergency responders to locate fire and other emergency incidents, such as medical calls, and to avoid delays in response time. Responding to 911 calls can be hampered by lack of address signage at homes, or if signage is faded, peeling, or otherwise difficult to see.

All homes should be designated by names or numbers and posted on signs clearly visible and legible from the roadway. The California Public Code of Regulations requires that letters, numbers, and symbols for road and address signs shall be a minimum **4 inches in height, 0.5-inch stroke, reflectorized, and contrasting** with the background color of the sign. The California Public Code of Regulations requires that all buildings have a permanently posted address **placed at each driveway entrance and visible from both directions of travel along the road** (numbers on both sides of the sign). Address signs should be located at a height where headlights from a fire engine will illuminate the sign – between 2 to 5 feet high. Where multiple addresses are required at a single driveway, they are required to be mounted on a single post. Road and address signs must be the same as what is on file at the county to avoid confusion for emergency responders who use the county system to locate homes.

Investing in proper address signage is vital in helping emergency responders know exactly where they are and where they are going. This simple step will help make emergency responder’s critical work a little easier.



*Example of how to mount your reflective address sign. It is preferred that addresses be placed **horizontally** because they are easier to read quickly.*

Contact us at [firesafe@pacific.net](mailto:firesafe@pacific.net) to order your reflective address sign with a donation of \$20 or more!