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Tabletop Wildfire Workshop

SALT LAKE CITY - Salt Lake City Councilman JT Martin and Fire Chief Dennis McKone will hold a tabletop workshop Friday, August 15, to help residents living along canyons and stream corridors work to prevent wildfires and learn what to do if a fire breaks out near their homes. Residents will have the opportunity firsthand at the meeting to see firefighting equipment and techniques that would come to their aid if a wildfire threatens their homes.

A snowy winter, wet spring and rainless summer have led to a lush growth of underbrush and grass that is now tinder-dry, particularly in the Red Butte and Emigration Creek areas. The combination is a major fire waiting to happen, Councilman Martin said. Residents are invited to the one-hour workshop that will start at 6 p.m. at the Carmen B. Pingree School, 780 South Guardsman Way (1580 East).

Chief McKone and Councilman Martin said they believe people could lose homes if they do not prepare now for what they believe is a very likely fire event. They will discuss how to prepare for and prevent fires along riparian corridors where homes and the natural landscape often mix, and how to react if a wildfire breaks out.

What: Tabletop Wildfire Workshop

Where: Carmen B. Pingree School, 780 South Guardsman Way (1580 East)

When: August 15, at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Salt Lake City Council Office at 535-7600 or e-mail Quin Card at quin.card@slcgov.com.

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