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## **Emergency Preparedness: Ready San Diego's Cell Phone Alert System**

During the next few weeks, I'll be providing tips and information to help you prepare for wildfires and other emergencies in San Diego.

As you know, the county's last two major wildfires in San Diego – the Cedar Fire in 2003 and the Witch Creek Fire in 2007 – both occurred during dry, hot days of late October and early November. We're in the thick of fire season now. In fact, just last week we had a red flag warning for our region.

When it comes to fighting fires, preparation is key, and our firefighters can't do it alone. As residents of fire-prone areas, we also need to work to prevent and prepare for possible fires.

A great first step is to register your cell phone number and email address with the Ready San Diego - AlertSanDiego reverse 911 system.

[Ready San Diego](#) is a one-stop-shop website for emergency and disaster information, hosted by the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services.

[AlertSanDiego](#) is a regional notification system that is able to send phone and email notifications to residents and businesses within San Diego County during emergencies or disasters.

AlertSanDiego already has all of the listed landline phones registered, but times are changing and more people are relying exclusively on their cell phones.

Because of that, it is imperative that the City be able to notify people via cell phone and email as well.

Registering for AlertSanDiego will ensure that when an emergency strikes, you and your family are connected to all the latest information and resources.

For more information, visit [www.ReadySanDiego.org](http://www.ReadySanDiego.org).