



CAL FIRE

Fire Season 2014

2013 Fire Season Overview (*video*)

2014 California Drought

- **Record low rainfall across California.**
- **Experienced significant increase in wildfires due to the drought.**
- **Governor Brown signed a proclamation declaring Drought State of Emergency.**



Fire Activity Statistics

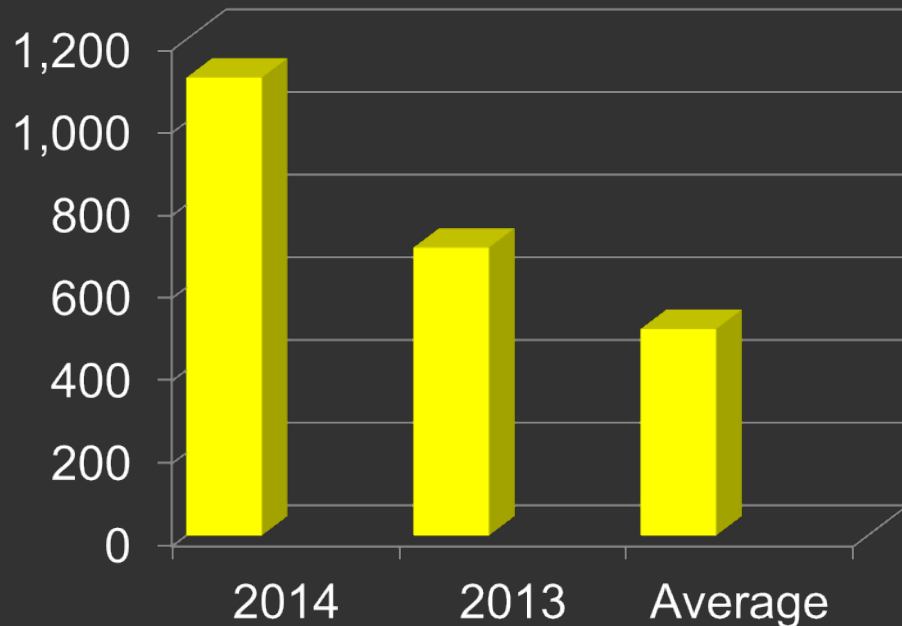
January 1 – April 26

2013 – 1,108 fires for 2,541 acres

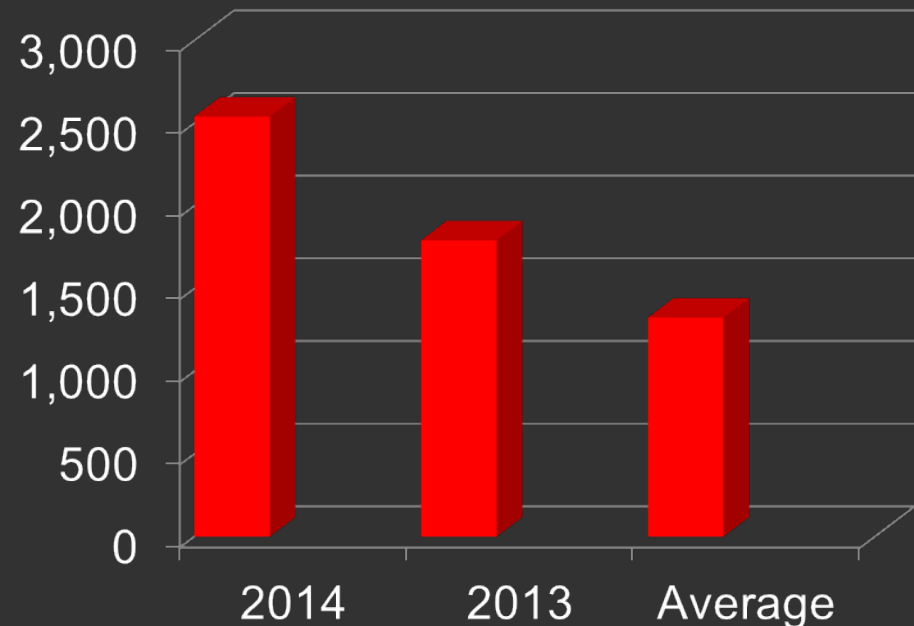
2012 – 697 fires for 1,793 acres

5-Year Average – 500 fires for 1,325 acres

Number of Fires

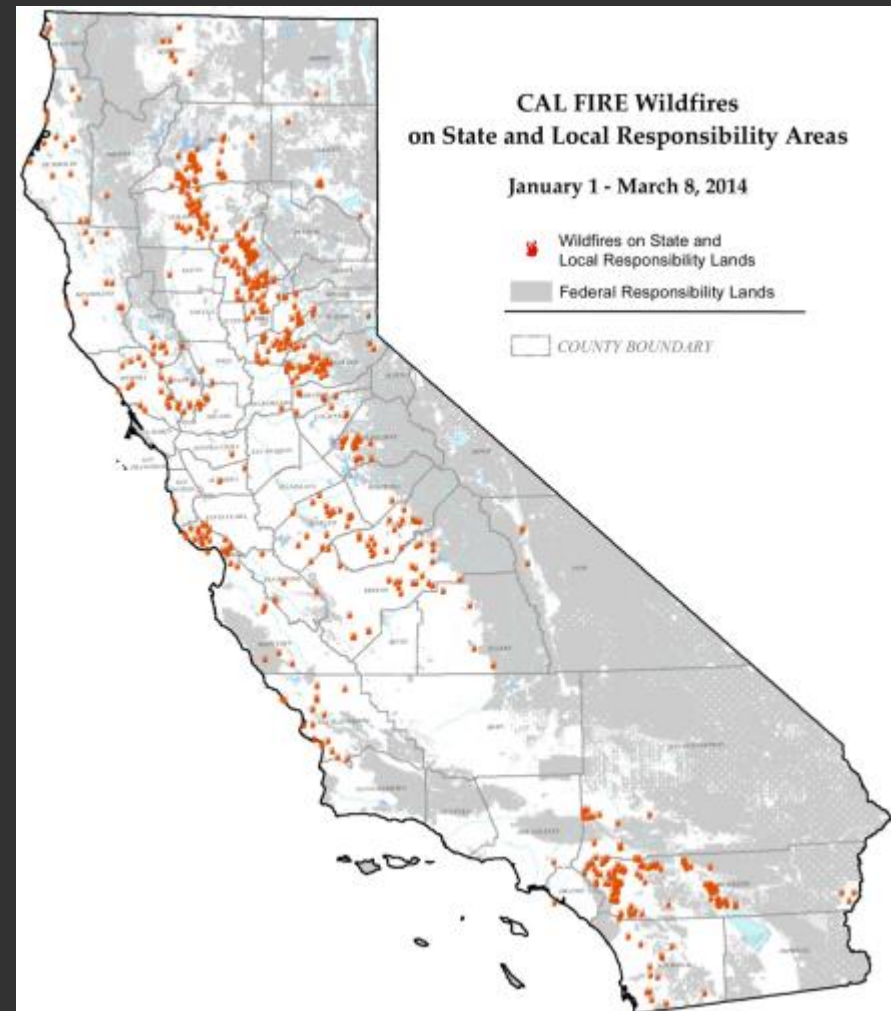


Total Acres Burned



CAL FIRE Wildfires

- This map shows the wildfires that **CAL FIRE** responded to between Jan 1 – March 8, 2014
- The largest 5 fires in CA already this year:
 - Colby Fire (Los Angeles): 1,952 acres
 - Campbell Fire (Tehama): 865 acres
 - Soda Fire (Tulare): 587 acres
 - Encinal Fire (Monterey): 400 acres
 - Pierce Fire (Riverside): 350 acres



CAL FIRE Fire Season Statistics

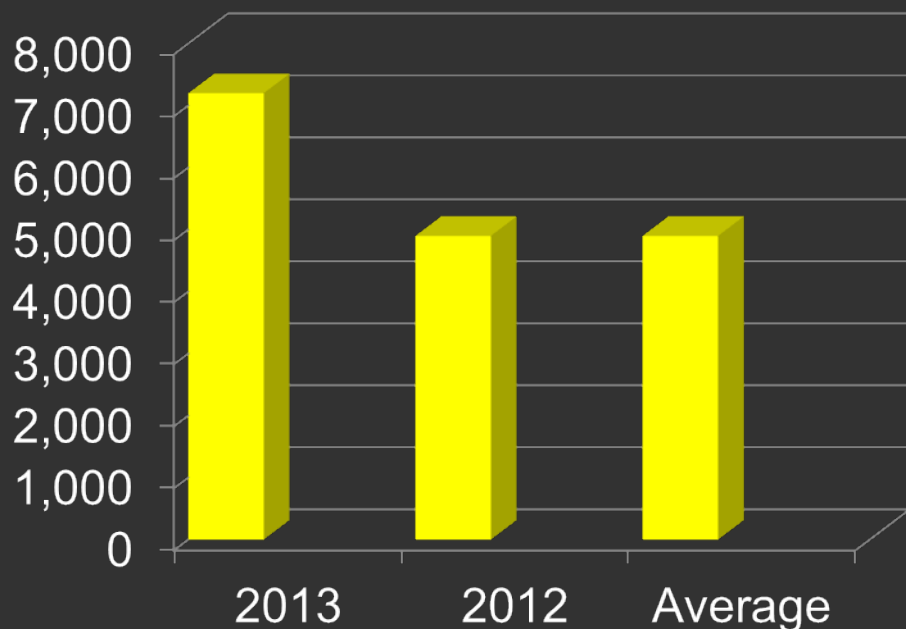
January 1 – December 31

2013 – 7,200 fires for 125,000 acres

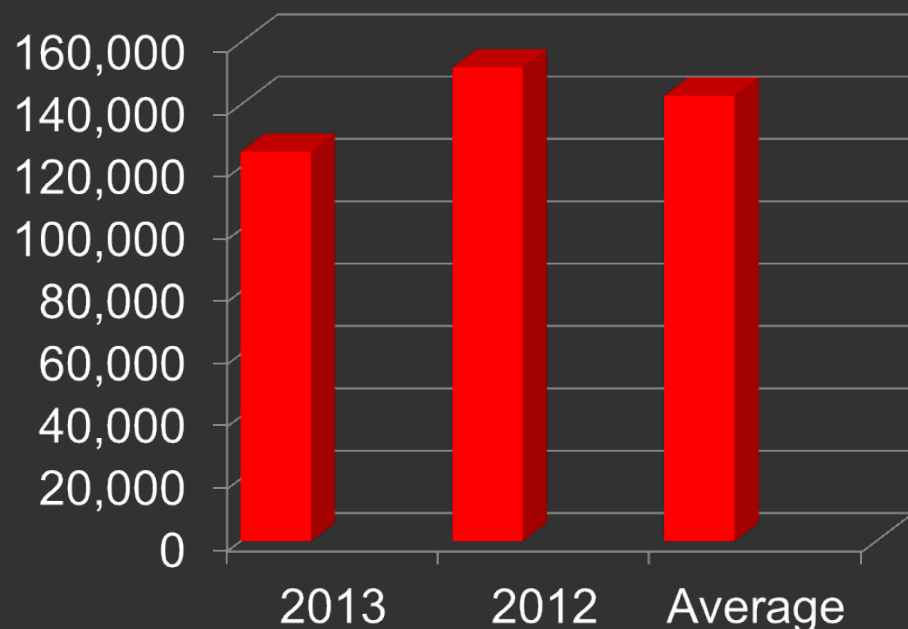
2012 – 4,900 fires for 152,000 acres

5-Year Average – 4,900 fires for 143,000 acres

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Fuel Conditions

Summer like conditions and tinder dry vegetation lead to extreme fire behavior.



Photo from mid-January Colby Fire in Los Angeles County

Fuel Conditions

In February conditions across much of California were as dry as we would experience in August.



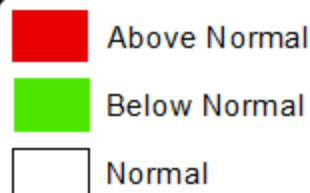
Photo from Colby Fire in Los Angeles County

Significant Wildfire Potential Outlook

April



May & June



Outlook for the Rest of 2014

- **Recent rains have helped, but need several more months of non-stop rain**
- **Hiring dedicated Defensible Space inspectors to help homeowners prepare.**



- **Longer and warmer days ahead will only dry conditions out more and lead to potentially more fires.**

History Repeats Itself in California

- **We cannot predict where or how many fires will occur in California.**
- **We can only predict that they will occur and that we will do whatever we can to serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and resources of California.**



What can you do? – Ready, Set, Go

Ready

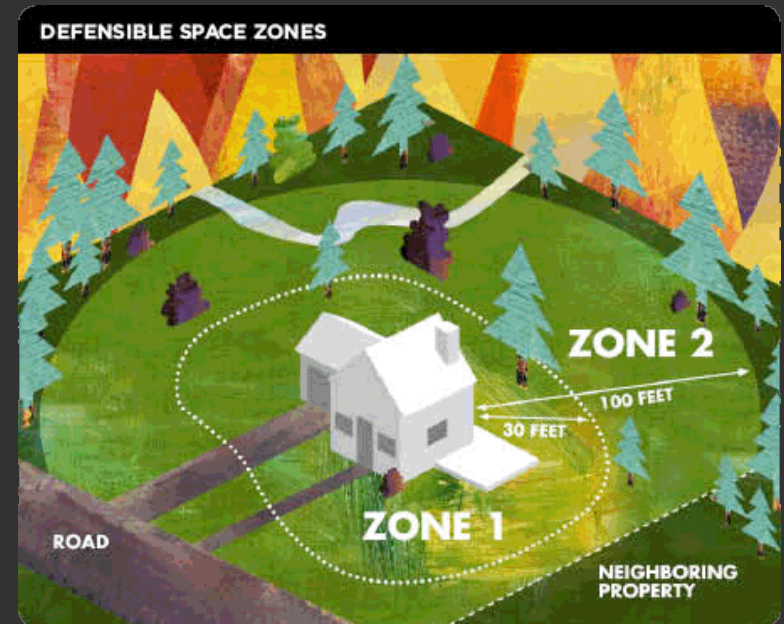
- **Maintain 100 feet of Defensible Space**
- **Remove all dead or dying grass, brush or branches**
- **Clean off leaves and pine needles from roofs and gutter**

Set

- **Create and Emergency Action Plan**
- **Have a disaster kit**

Go!

- **Evacuate early when a fire strikes**



What can you do? – Wildfire Prevention



- **Mow or trim weeds before 10 a.m. & never on dry windy days**
- **Don't use lawn mowers on dry grass**
- **Stay in attendance of landscape debris burns**
- **Completely extinguish all campfires**

Resources

Defensible Space & Ready, Set, Go!:

www.ReadyForWildfire.org

Fire Prevention & One Less Spark:

www.PreventWildfireCA.org

Q&A

