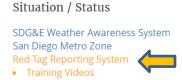BULLETIN

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DATE: March 4, 2024

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Tony Tosca, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Red Tag-Unsafe Structure Reporting System

The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division created a reporting system to identify Red Tag – Unsafe Structures. The purpose of this reporting system is to provide situational awareness through an accessible and shareable inventory of structures in our jurisdiction in an effort to reduce risk to our personnel.

Vacant buildings are often neglected and can become unsafe, unsanitary and can lead to illegal or improper occupancy. Unsafe conditions can constitute a fire hazard, danger to human life, or public welfare. According to a 2018 report by NFPA and FEMA, during the period from 2011 to 2015, fires occurring in vacant buildings constituted 6% of all structure fires. However, despite their relatively low frequency, these fires were responsible for 13% of firefighter injuries during that time.

When a vacant building catches fire, there's a significant concern because little is known about its overall condition. The Red Tag-Unsafe Structure Reporting System will enable Operations personnel to access an inventory of unsafe structures and shareable information about any known hazardous conditions. The reporting system is now available via the **SDFD Webportal** and is updated daily to ensure current and accurate information. It can be found on the Webportal under the **Situation / Status** heading**:**

Here is a link to the Microsoft Power BI live report: Red Tag Reporting System

The report is generated via Smartsheet submission and utilized to create the Microsoft Power BI report. The report will include the following information:

- Total structures in the system
- A Battalion/Engine District Filter
- Placard symbols
- Abbreviated hazard references
- Property Address
- Description of property and hazards
- Mapping features with Street View access.

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The **Training Videos** link on the Webportal will provide a brief overview of the new reporting system.

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San Diego Metro Zone
Red Tag Reporting System
- Training Videos ⬅

Here is a link to the Red Tag Reporting System Training Videos.

Note: Adding properties to the reporting system will require approval and submission from the Chief Officer rank. Company Officers must notify their Battalion Chief upon identifying an unsafe structure. Battalion Chiefs will undergo training on submitting a Smartsheet reporting form for review by CRR. The CRR will follow up and place the appropriate placarding to the structure and notify ECDC, Building and Land Use Enforcement (BLUE), formerly Code Enforcement, and the Nuisance Abatement Unit (NAU).

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