

UPDATE FROM PPCC WILDFIRE SAFETY ADVISOR MIRIAM SCHULMAN

Two weeks ago George Wolfberg, Diane Wolfberg, and Miriam Schulman and Steve Yusi, attended a three-day National Fire Prevention Association certification course designed to teach professionals and non-professionals how to evaluate homes for wildfire vulnerability. The course was designed and taught by the nation's foremost expert on home ignition due to wildfire exposure; or to put it another way, on how blowing embers (not direct flame exposure) cause houses to burn during a wildfire.

The forty students included veteran firefighters from California County Fire Departments and the Beverly Hills Fire Department, home inspectors and private fire fighters from various insurance companies, and engaged homeowners and city officials from Malibu, Big Rock, Ventura, and Pacific Palisades.

We learned that there is much that homeowners can do to prevent their house from catching fire during a wildfire event, thereby protecting not only their own home and property, but also reducing the threat to the entire neighborhood. The job now is to effectively disseminate this information among Palisades residents, and to encourage them to take the measures that will transform their homes and yards from being wildfire vulnerable to being wildfire resistant.

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