

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT WILDFIRES

Wildfires can happen at almost any time around here, and it is important for you to know how to get the latest information about them. Fortunately, the Crooks Fire has been kept under enough control so that it has not affected Prescott, other than the occasional smoke. But if a wildfire were to really threaten us, how can you get the best up-to-date information about it?

Local reports on the radio and the *Daily Courier* are usually accurate but not always current. Probably the easiest way to get the very latest information is to do a Google or Bing search on the name of the wildfire, and then to look for the website that includes the word “InciWeb”. Click on that website and find the name of the wildfire. Information on active wildfires is usually updated daily or more often, and this website also has links you can click on for more details. (NOTE – Be sure you know the correct name and time of the wildfire. For example, the Crooks Fire is the latest wildfire near us. There was also a “Crooks Fire” in Montana in 2021, so don’t be confused.)

**MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL**, make sure you are registered in the **CodeRED®** system now! It’s easy to register by going to the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office website (<https://ycsoaz.gov>). Look for the link to “Code Red Sign up”. **CodeRED®** connects you to the Sheriff’s reverse callback system, where you will get immediate critical information, including exact details on optional or mandatory evacuations.