



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRESAFE COUNCIL AND LADRIS COLLABORATE TO BRING OPEN EVACUATION ZONES (OEZ) AND LADRIS PRIME TO SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONS

OEZ is Ladriss' free full-stack zone management platform supporting fire agencies, law enforcement and emergency managers, designed to meet every jurisdiction's zone management needs, all at no cost.

Saratoga, CA — September 9, 2026 — Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCCFSC) today announced a partnership with Ladriss Technologies to bring Open Evacuation Zones — Ladriss' free, full-stack zone management platform — to fire agencies, law enforcement, and emergency managers across Santa Clara County and the surrounding region. SCCFSC has also become an authorized partner reseller of Ladriss Prime, the automated decision-support system built for incident commanders and unified command.

Open Evacuation Zones (OEZ) is designed to meet every jurisdiction's zone management needs, **all at no cost**. Zones in OEZ are never trapped within the platform; agencies can upload pre-drawn zones into OEZ or build new zones from scratch — no matter what, once zones are in OEZ they are compatible with any system. The GIS and alerting tools that an agency already runs read OEZ zones directly, so there is no need to export map files by hand mid-incident. Every zone states whether it is under advisory, warning, or order, is signed by the issuing authority, and connects cleanly across county lines. There is no license fee, no per-seat cost, and no vendor lock-in. Getting started with this free evacuation zone management platform is simple; most agencies have working zones the same day.

"No agency should be paying for its own evacuation zones. OEZ makes sure this data moves freely among whatever systems a jurisdiction chooses to run," said Leo Zlimen, Ladriss CEO.

Alongside OEZ, SCCFSC will support adoption of Ladriz Prime, built for the evacuation decisions incident commanders make under time pressure. When an incident comes in from CAD, Prime automatically models how the fire is likely to spread using fuels, terrain, and live weather, then drafts a tactical evacuation plan: which zones to order, in what sequence, along which routes, and how long each zone will take to clear compared with the time available. As conditions change, the model reruns and the plan updates. Prime provides the recommendation; the incident commander always issues the order.

"Prime is the future: the first system that can quickly put an evacuation plan in an incident commander's hands when a fire has just begun," Zlimen said. "Getting this information into the field takes more than just our software — it takes partners who know the area and have earned the trust of agencies and residents. Santa Clara County FireSafe Council has spent twenty years earning that, and we are grateful to be working with them."

"We are excited to deepen our partnership with Ladriz to offer their full suite of disaster management solutions," stated Seth Schalet, CEO of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council. "Both OEZ and Ladriz Prime offer greater capabilities in a fully integrated suite of services that strengthen emergency managers' ability to manage complex disaster scenarios in real-time."

Agencies interested in Open Evacuation Zones or Prime can contact SCCFSC at sschalet@sccfiresafe.org or Ladriz at sales@ladris.com.

About Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a 20-year history, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council's core mission is to mobilize the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities, and environment from wildfires. A trusted partner across the government, fire service, corporate and WUI residential communities, SCCFSC has led some of the most complex hazardous fuel reduction projects in the region. With a board of directors and advisory board that has deep expertise across the wildfire ecosystem — including wildfire and environmental research, academia, emergency management, regional planning, technology solutions and wildland firefighting leadership — SCCFSC is uniquely positioned to lead cross-sector collaborations and government-private partnerships in Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County and beyond. For more information, visit <https://sccfiresafe.org/>.

About Ladriz

Ladriz' mission is to create a future in which every person on Earth is much less likely to die in a disaster or lose their homes, livelihoods, and natural resources to a disaster. Ladriz serves nearly 100 emergency response agencies across eight states. Learn more at www.ladris.com.

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