TFRA Signage Design Considerations
a template for signs to identify and mark community TFRAs

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This template illustrates a concept design for signs that can be posted at community-designated Temporary Fire Refuge Areas (TFRAs). Information on the sign should be customized to the local community. Signs will:
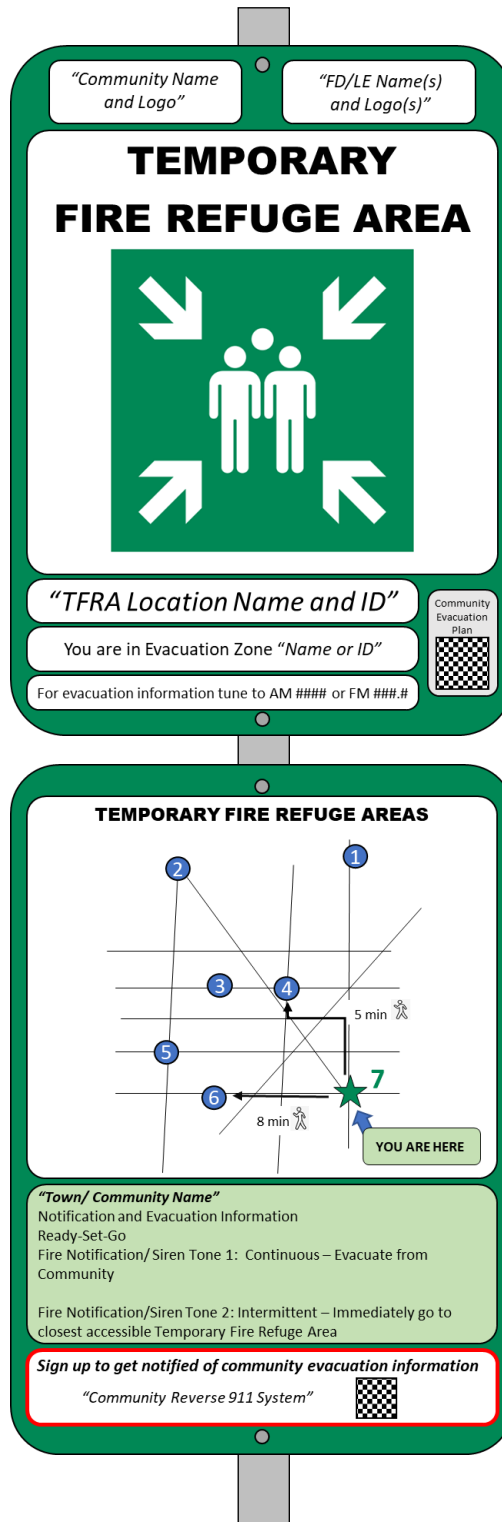
1. Provide a consistent, recognizable symbol to indicate TFRAs throughout the community.
2. Include reflective elements for improved visibility and identification during an emergency.
3. Act as an everyday reminder and provide information to the public about evacuation procedures.

This template includes space for local community and fire and law enforcement department names and logos.

The name or ID of the TFRA and the evacuation zone in which it is located is indicated.

Local radio frequencies used to broadcast fire information can be included. Alternatively, a static fire information telephone number could be included here.

The sign may include additional customized information about what occupants in the TFRA should do or more information about emergency alerts that the community uses, such as sirens or reverse-911.

A TFRA is not a guarantee of safety – it is a refuge of last resort.

Learn more about TFRAs

https://escape.nist.gov

The upper sign identifies the area as a TFRA.

Common terminology, symbols, and colors will support standardization among communities.

The symbol and color are adopted from the "safe condition" and "emergency assembly point" signs in the ISO 3864 and ISO 7010 standards.

A QR code can link to a community evacuation plan or other resources

The lower sign shows a simple stylized map of the current location and the location of nearby TFRAs.

The map may show preferred routes with the estimated time to walk to nearby TFRAs. Optimal routes may depend on distance, accessibility, and surrounding fuels (potential fire exposures).

Another QR code can link to a sign-up for the local emergency alert notification system.

Alternatively, communities may benefit from a second sign or QR code linking to the same information in a second language.