

Timeline

10/08/2016 - 15h09
Rognac (South France)

Fire starts due to negligence.

10/08/2016 - 15h15
Rognac (South France)
Arrival of First Responders.
0.3 ha burned

10/08/2016 - 16h50
Vitrolles
≈1400 ha burned
Fire speed: 5km/h
Fire crosses D9 road

10/08/2016 - 19h30
Les Pennes Mirabeau
Fire runs along A7 highway.
Threatens Estaque area (NE Marseille)

10/08/2016 - 20h30
Highway A55
Fire leaps 1.5 km over the
A55 toward Marseille.

11/08/2016 - 01h00
La Gavotte, Marseille
La Gavotte evacuated.
1000 people evacuated
33 wounded, 6000-8000 people
impacted

11/08/2016 - 12h40
La Gavotte, Marseille
Fire under control

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GAP Identification



Inadequate perception of fire threat and lack of risk awareness in Wildland Urban Interface areas



Missing consistent methodology for developing wildfire prevention plans



Lack of trust in crisis communication



Shortcomings in providing real time advice to population at risk (crisis communication)



Lack of shared situational awareness for all stakeholders involved in firefighting



Lack of evidence-based knowledge on fire behaviour in WUI areas



Inadequacy of firefighting mechanism to respond to fires in areas with a mixture of houses and vegetation



Limits in implementing in-place sheltering

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