

## P.107 THE 'SAFE VILLAGE, SAFE PEOPLE' PROGRAMS IN CARREGAL DO SAL, PORTUGAL

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**Abstract:** Rural fires emerged as a recurring research topic in Portugal in the late eighties of the last century. After the year 2017, a tragic year in terms of the number of deaths and material and environmental damages, profound legislative changes were introduced. For example, creating the "Safe Village, Safe People" programs aimed at providing the populations of rural clusters with the necessary knowledge for self-protection and preparation for fires.

The current work aims to evaluate the implementation of the "Safe Village" and "Safe People" programs in the municipality of Carregal do Sal in the Central Region of Portugal. To this end, an online questionnaire was administered, composed of closed questions that used the Likert scale to the populations of the parishes in the municipality. To deepen the analysis, 15 national-scale experts from various entities with responsibilities in civil protection were also consulted.

Preliminary results indicate that most individuals have a very superficial knowledge of implementing the programs. A considerable percentage of respondents residing in the municipality of Carregal do Sal are not aware of the existence of the programs and their objectives. Among the experts, the majority consider the two programs necessary in preparing populations for rural fires. It is hoped that these results can contribute to improving the implementation and management of the programs.

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