

PARTICIPATION AT THE EMBER STOMP EVENT IN MARIN COUNTY



Fig 1. Smart and Connected Communities team at Ember Stomp 2024 (from left to right: Professors Kenichi Soga, Louise Comfort, Katherine Isbister, and graduate students MJ Johns, Paola Lorusso, and Yanglan Wang). Photo credit: Professor Thomas Maiorana.



Our SCC team participated as a vendor in the Ember Stomp event in September 2024, held at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael, Marin County. Ember Stomp was a free public outdoor event designed for fun for the whole family, organized by Fire Safe Marin.

Fig 2. Wildfire resilience board game. Photo credit: Professor Thomas Maiorana.

The Ember Stomp 2024 event showcased a diverse array of vendors ranging from wildfire defense experts to public safety organizations like the American Red Cross and Marin County Fire Department, as well as sustainability advocates. Our team, “Smart and Connected Communities,” presented wildfire evacuation traffic simulations, organizational information networks maps, a wildfire resilience board game, and interactive wildfire games playable on mobile phones and tablets.



Fig 3. Yanglan Wang explaining West Marin wildfire evacuation simulations. Photo credit: Professor Thomas Maiorana

The event provided a valuable opportunity for us to engage with residents, listen to their experiences, and gain insights into their perspectives on wildfire preparedness and resilience.



Fig 4. Professor Louise Comfort explaining information network diagrams. Photo credit: Professor Thomas Maiorana.



Fig 5. MJ Johns discussing wildfire games with residents. Photo credit: Professor Thomas Maiorana.



Fig 6. Engaging with residents at our booth. Photo credit: Professor Kenichi Soga.