

Firesafe Meeting

July 20, 2010

Meeting called to order: 1900 by John Bauer

Flag salute led by: Joyce Harrison

In Attendance: Kathy Smith, John Aziz, Ray Olsen, Jack Smith, Karin Core, Patrick Martin, Ernie Mogg, Don Fish, Chris Danyon, Richard Logan, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross, Dan Filter, Tom Pontolillo, Dee Potter, Pam Morey, Glenn Barley, Bob Blount, Roger Williams, Pam Bierce, David Brackin, Arnie Michaels, Jean Kerry, Chase Fletcher, John Fletcher, Vince Pulsipher, Miles Wagner, Hank Hallmark, John Bauer, Al Morrisette, Bob Fino, Joyce Harrison

Fletcher's Fire Protection: (John Fletcher)

Fire Systems

Extinguishers

Training

Home Systems Maintenance – It would be nice if the fire sprinkler system did not shut the water off for the whole house if the fire system is off. Systems should be checked each year, but we're not all rich. Pendant o-rings (Omegas) have had problems due to the rubber o-rings swelling up with heat. These, of course, have been recalled. These also just went off for no apparent reason occasionally. Omegas are 3 small round disks in a straight line. They work poorly. Now the company doesn't replace them for free any more, because the company is cheap. Sprinkler system gauges should be replaced every year. 40 pounds of pressure is required. Spare heads should exist in the sprinkler box. Have sprinklers checked; don't shut them off. 50 lbs. p.s.i. is used with the air pressure test.

Replace antifreeze every 5 years. (It's about \$150/gallon.) The percentage of antifreeze to water depends on the type and location of the system. The fire gases are what kill people; not the fire itself. Next year (2011) fire sprinklers will be pretty much mandatory on new construction. No one knows why the antifreeze is so expensive. There is a backflow prohibitor for these systems so that the municipal systems are not contaminated. They cost about \$100/head. You will not get paid by your insurance company if you have turned off your system and your house burns down. Antifreeze systems are more expensive than flatland systems. It can be a lot of money. The antifreeze only sits in the system until it goes off. Then it's full of flowing water. New construction is going to cost through the nose. The fire extinguisher guy is selling fire extinguishers (ABC 5 lb.) at the meeting for \$45.

Bonnie & Ed results of C. E. R. T. home surveys:

See chart. Everybody got one.

Lots of house numbers were difficult to read or unreadable.

Reflective numbers were easier to see than lighted numbers, since the reflective numbers were nearer to the road, and therefore easier to see. However, the survey was done during the day.

“No Data” houses need to be reviewed. Divisions C & D are in the older portions of town.

Dan Filter would like to have “anything that's easy to see from the street” as a good address.

The County does has a grant program for wood shingle roofs.

This is a good start to an inventory.

The house number rules only apply to new construction.

Minutes:

Miles motioned & Vince approved.

New Business:

Seismic Gas Valves – They’re good and bad. No recommendations here.

Bob Blount:

The arsonist is not yet identified. Patrols have been beefed up. Fire threat is moving from “high” to “very high.” Dealing with the Station Fire stuff is slowing all other projects down.

RE: winter traffic – John wants to know if the fog lines will be re-striped. We are hoping for the type of paint that is easily seen, but the snow plows will not decimate.

Fuel modification next to Wright Fire/mastication project:

No mastication right now due to time constraints with fire season.

SBNF: Roger Williams

Looking at fuel mod. near railroad tracks. This is the old boa project right above Lytle Creek. Must re-analyze with regard to Sheep Fire. Looking at reforestation with pinyon/Jeffrey/ponderosa in Circle Mountain area. Looking at areas with deeper soil so the trees will actually live. Must wait to see if the semi-burned trees come back this year-ish before declaring them dead and removing them. This could happen in the fall. The mortality rate is usually about 10%. Whether or not Lone

Pine Canyon fencing will be removed will be addressed at a later time. Dead trees will generally be available for firewood if the trees are large enough. It was noted that the area outside the gate at Slover Canyon is turning into an illegal dump. There is also dumping near the bottom of Lone Pine Canyon Road.

Pam Bierce: Fire danger ratings are going up.

Forest Care: Pam Morey – Please send them more business. :)

Richard Logan: Fenner Admin. – crews are active with Ridgecrest & Riverside fires.

WW projects – WW Camp & Hwy 2 –Would like to donate firewood to the needy. Crew would buck it up for them, but can't deliver. Kathy can be a contact. They must have a permit.

Glenn Barley: See him about the right of way

Forest Care – There are more people hired into the program. He has ideas on fuel reduction on this side of the pass. Talk to him if you have ideas. Peak staffing is in effect. Fuel moisture is up late this year. It's starting to get dry, though. The grasses are drying up and getting ready to burn. Bumper crop of grass this year.

Dave Brackin: Bumper crop of pinon nuts this year! Yay! Flashy fuels on WW Guest Ranch are rampant this year. L. A. County is getting ready to have it cleared. Next Monday they will be starting action

S. B. Co. Julie Hernandez: Notices will be due the 1st of August. Less notices this year.

Dan Filter: County Fire is re-numbering stations. Arrowhead is done. Ours start in August. 101 will turn into 14. Thursday at Sunrise Church at 1900 there will be a Ready Set Go Presentation.

Hazardous Trees – Chris Danyon

42 acres behind Jensen's, maybe more, is being looked at. Wright Fire – looked like fuel mod. worked. Modifying sage worked. Very little sage resprouting. New growth is healthier. There's not as much dead stuff. Hwy. 2 on south side – will soon be treated. West Cajon – 150-200 acres – new survey - mastication. Hwy. 2 x 138 on SE side – 50 acres of mastication on line for next year. Some dead trees in town are being removed, also.

Submitted by Kathy Smith