



Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Chuck Carroll on August 17 at 1900 hours local time, at Wrightwood Fire Station 101, CA 92397.

Roll Call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Robert Comperini, Chuck Carroll, Bob Fino, Joyce Harrison, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner. Absent was: John Bauer, Hank Hallmark, Al Morrisette, Vince Pulsipher.

The following WFSC community members were present: Donna Alvarez, Karin Core, Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Carol Goss, Patrick Martin, Dee Potter, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Bob Blount (ANF), David Brackin (LA County Agricultural Commission), Thomas Bradt (SB County FHA), Paul Camarena (CAL FIRE), Jim Cowen (Golden State Water), Julie Hernandez (SB County FHA), Steve Roeber (SB County Fire)

Presentation: Brandon Singleton of Fire Pump and Hose LLC, demonstrated various fire protection products for the homeowner. These included Thermo Gel, and an assortment of high pressure gasoline powered water pumps.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): No new information on arson fires. Bob confirmed that there is an active investigation in progress. No suspect has been named yet. Big Pines facility use by public not approved yet. Select groups, such as the FSC can still use the facility now.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): There have been several small fires in the SBNF area in recent weeks. All have been attacked and stopped quickly. Pacific Crest Trail in the Lone Pine area remains closed. It's expected to be closed for one year after the Sheep Fire start, to allow for vegetation regrowth.

Forest Care: No report.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): Paul reported on recent fires Cal-Fire responded to. Paul also discussed various medical aid responses Cal-Fire responded to. Progress on CWPP is stalled due to a lawsuit being filed in San Diego County.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin): David discussed the recent Crown fire. He also discussed weed/fuels abatement process for residents of Los Angeles County.

LA County Fire: No Report

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez): 13,000 abatement notices were sent out in the "mountain" areas. 800 notices were sent to Wrightwood residents. Thomas Bradt reports that this is a decrease in violations for Wrightwood. Last year, he estimated about 1,200 violations were issued. Residents are encouraged to contact Code Enforcement, to report compliance violations.

SB County - Hazardous Tree: No report

SB County Fire (Steve Roeber): 103 calls last month. The station responded to 14 vegetation fires (12 in the Phelan area) and 74 medical aid calls (44 in the Phelan area). Steve reports that this station is getting busier. Station 101 is currently operating at a 50% reduction in EMS/ALS (Advanced Life Support) service, due to permitting issues. Current regulations prohibit ALS equipment from being carried on vehicles that are not permitted to carry the equipment. Currently, the ALS equipment can only be used on the seasonal medic ambulance. When the ambulance is out of the area on a patient transport, the equipment, and the personnel to operate it, is unable to respond to calls for aid in Wrightwood. ALS equipment can not be placed on other vehicles, because those vehicles are not "permitted" to carry the ALS equipment. Steve says that the fire department upper management is working to resolve the problem.

SB County Office of Emergency Services (Miles Wagner): Discussed the SB County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$16,908.76. Several deposits made related to the Disaster Awareness Day event. One check was written for miscellaneous expenses. Ending balance: \$17,504.07.

Approval Of Minutes: Approval of the July 2010 FSC meeting minutes will take place during the September 2010 meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 21, 2010.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council