



**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 February 15, 2011 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Carol Goss and Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Derek Alkonis (LA County Fire Division Battalion Chief), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National, Forest), Bob Blount (ANF), Paul Camarena (CALFIRE), Darrayl Felgar (SBCO Fire), Bill Hoehnke (SB County Hazardous Tree), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire Antelope Valley Communities Liaison)

**Flag Salute:** The flag salute was led by Kathy Smith.

**Review of previous month's minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the January 2011 meeting was postponed until next month.

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): No new news to report. Pile burning continues. Chuck Carroll mentioned the flooding problem with properties in the Desert Front Road area. The issue was discussed briefly. Discussions continue, but the problem is complex one, with no easy solution. Tree planting in the areas of the Station fire, has begun. Bob discussed the recent "mine" shaft rescue in Wrightwood, where trespassers accessed the shaft. One of the trespassers fell, and had to be rescued by the county Fire department. This property is on ANF lands, and was secured. Bob indicated that they have asked the Permit holder of that shaft to try to find a way to secure the entrance to this shaft better, to avoid a repeat of this incident. Mastication near the top of Lone Pine Canyon continues, weather permitting.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Tree planting in the Sheep fire area will continue. Sheep Canyon is now passable (for emergency/official use only), although it remains closed to the public. This road will be re-opened to the public once all grading, and repairing has been completed. 3N31 remains impassable. It will be repaired as soon as possible. Pile burning will continue as weather permits.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick via email): Beginning to plan for the 2011 fuels abatement season. More information will be announced by the March FSC meeting.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): Paul discussed some fuel reduction projects underway in other parts of California. There is no new news on the CWPP Template.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire (Carmen Mackey, Derek Alkonis): A new LA County Fire Chief has been appointed. David discussed various training that Antelope Valley area fire fighters have been going through. No services have been cut as the result of any budget shortages. Fire Service Day is Saturday May 14, 2011 from 1000-1600 at station 129.

SB County Fire (Darryl Felgar): Ice and snow rescue training was a success. January 2011 Statistics: 207 calls (138 into LA County), 51 calls in Wrightwood (44, medical aids, 1 rescue, 5 other), 12 calls made to Phelan (6 accidents, 5 medical aid), 6 calls to Pinon Hills. Service levels have not suffered due to budget issues. The station is getting avalanche rescue equipment.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report

SB County Hazardous Tree (Chris Danyow): West Cajon fuel reduction program to begin, once a contractor has been awarded the job. Chris also discussed other reduction programs in and around the Wrightwood area that will take place during 2011. A new division chief has been appointed. Chris discussed a few changes in their fuel reduction minimums. Now, trees up to 16 inches in diameter can be cut. Pruning will now go to 12 feet, instead of the older 6 foot standard.

**Public Comments and Questions:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report was submitted, since there was no activity during the last month.

**New Business:**

Mountain High night will take place on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Wrightwood Disaster Awareness Day (WDAD) is scheduled for May 7, 2011. The green waste roundup will take place May 14-21, 2011.

**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on March 15, 2011.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council