



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 September 20, 2011 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Karin Core, Patrick Martin, Ernie Mogg, Jack Smith, Bob Swinford.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Glenn Barley (SB County Fire), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Gerald Cosey (LA County Fire), Matt Edmiston (Cal-Fire), Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire), Jim Kross (LA County Fire), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Bob Fino.

Public Comments and Questions: Chuck reminded everyone that the annual Hazmat collection will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. John Aziz mentioned the upcoming annual Fireman's Ball, to be held at the Big Pines Visitor Center on October 8, 2011. Don Fish mentioned an upcoming "round table discussion" to be held with County representatives. The purpose of this meeting is for community members to discuss any issues they have with the county. The meeting will be held on September 22, 2011 at noon, at the Pizza Factory in Phelan.

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the August 2011 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 9/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount via email): ANF had a 634 acre fire in the Saugus portion of the Forest last weekend. At one point, 26 air assets were used to battle this fire.

San Bernardino National Forest (Laruen Blake): Discussed some recent small fires in the area, mainly along I-15 and Highway 138. Some are of suspicious origin. SBNF Personnel area, continue to support the Texas wildfires. SBNF is going through a reorganization, which will include a reduction in staffing. This reflects smaller budgets.

Forest Care Program: In Julie Crick's absence, Glenn Barley briefly went over the program, and discussed Wrightwood area participation in Forest Care.

Cal Fire (Glenn Barley): Glenn discussed the state of the new "fire fee". Work is ongoing, to clarify and refine the text of the law. Fuel moistures appear to be a little higher than normal, for this time of year. Matt Edmiston (Cal-Fire) discussed current activities at Fenner camp. Glenn introduced Debbie Chapman, who will be attending FSC meetings.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin via email): Treatments for the west end of Wrightwood are still in progress, No further updates.

LA County Fire (Jim Kross): Discussed the recent Navitat training. Jim will be retiring within the next two months. A new Battalion chief will be promoted, upon his retirement. Carmen Mackey presented a box of the "LA County Emergency Survival Guide", to the FSC. This guide, is designed to help citizens be prepared for natural disasters.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

SB County Fire (Darrayl Felgar): Darrayl discussed recent vehicle fires, and accidents they supported along the I-15 corridor. Engine 14 is currently out of service, while new cabinets and hardware are installed on it, to support new equipment. 2 other vehicles are also out of service, for repairs and maintenance.

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program (Chris Danyow via email): Contractor will be starting both fuel modification tasks within the next few weeks. Other west Cajon and Highway 2 modification tasks should be ready for winter months.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: John Aziz announced that the winter traffic management meeting will be scheduled soon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 18, 2011.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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