



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 21, 2012 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Patrick Martin (CERT), Dee Potter, Ed Ross, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Glenn Barley (Cal Fire), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), David Brackin (LA County Agricultural Commission), Julie Crick (Forest Care), Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Dee Potter.

Public Comments and Questions:

John Aziz: Discussed fire conditions being experienced in northern California. Expect southern California to experience the same conditions soon. John discussed some recent "suspicious fires" and "Chinese lanterns" seen around the area, and efforts to investigate those incidences. Any suspicious activity should be reported to authorities.

Glenn Barley discussed Paul Camarena's retirement party. Paul is retiring on 9/15/2012. His retirement party will be held at Silverwood Lake, on 9/15/2012 from 1200-1900 hours. RSVP by 9/10/2012 to (760) 244-5422.

Jon Aziz discussed the State Fire Fee that has been the subject of much debate lately. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association is taking steps to stop this fee. For more information, visit www.firetaxprotest.org.

Ed Ross purchased radio equipment for the CERT program, with money received from the FSC.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the July 2012 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 8/0.

Presentation: David Meddles (SB County Fire) talked about "Crew 40". Their mission is to provide assistance and support for incidences wherever needed in the county. These include fires, floods, search and rescue, and other all-risk incidents.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): Discussed recent small fires started by recent lightening strikes.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): High fire danger. SBNF also experiences numerous lightening strike fires during recent storms. Lauren discussed recent efforts to close and block illegal OHV trails.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick): Still meeting with Wrightwood residents, who requested assistance after attending the demo house. Forest Care has visited with many residents over the past 6 years (2006:3, 2007:11, 2008:9, 2009:8, 2010:16, 2011:82, 2012:59).

Cal Fire (Glenn Barley): Discussed funding issues facing programs such as Forest Care, which is scheduled to end in 2013. Glenn discussed fire season staffing levels. Oasis fire is still under investigation.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Dan Filter): Statistics for July: 71 calls total (40 in Wrightwood, 13 to Phelan, 16 to Pinon Hills, 2 to LA County). Please report any suspicious activities or illegal fires to the station, or to 911.

SB County Hazardous Tree: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Braklin): Still working on brush clearing in other high risk areas of the high desert. They will treat Wrightwood areas as soon as they can.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 18, 2012.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council