



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 John Bauer on September 16, 2014 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, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Glenn Goldstein, Hank Hallmark, Bruce LaClaire, Patrick Martin, Al Morrissette, Kathy Smith. Absent was: Tom Delgado.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SBNF), Matt Edmiston (Cal Fire), Chief Goulet (LA County Fire), Sabrina Johnson (VANF), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire), Jen Miescher (SB County Fire), Gail Nietro (VANF), Bonnie Ross (CERT), Ed Ross (CERT), Ed Smith (CERT), Libby Smith (CERT), Mark Wright (SB County Fire).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Bruce LaClaire.

Public Comments and Questions: (John Aziz) The 9th annual winter traffic meeting will be held Wednesday, 11/12/2014 at 10am in the Community Center. On 10/1/2014, the next Wrightwood Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the Community Center. Amateur radio Technician classes will be held October 11-12 and 18-19, 2014. Cost is \$10 for the class, \$20 for book and \$15 for exam. Contact John Aziz for more information.

9/27/2014 Fireman's ball will be held at the Big Pines Lodge. Contact Dee Potter for more information.

Angeles "Monument" designation: The Volunteers of the ANF will host a meeting with Ranger Blount at the Big Pines Lodge. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9/23/2014, beginning at 6:00pm.

On 9/16/2014, SB County Supervisor Lovingood traveled to Washington DC on a fact finding mission to learn more about this effort, and what it means to Wrightwood residents.

Bark Beetle update: (John Aziz) John believes that we may be getting the upper hand on the infestation, as requests for tree removal have reduced.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the August 2014 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by Glenn Goldstein. Motion passed 10/0. Robert Comperini abstained.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report. John Aziz received a phone call from investigator for the Sharp Fire. They want to hear from anyone who has information as to the cause of this fire, which was determined to be caused by humans.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Lauren also reports that they don't know much about the ANF Monument effort. On 9/16/2014, 5 fires were started due to lightening. Lauren briefly discussed the status of other fires around the state.

Angeles Nation Forest: No report.

Cal Fire (Matt Edmiston): Should hear about grants by November. Briefly discussed staffing and their support of other fires.

LA County Fire (Carmen Mackey): Carmen invited people to follow LA County Fire District 5, on the following websites:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LACOFDDIV5>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LACOFDDIV5>

Chief Goulet, attending his first WFSC meeting, briefly discussed LA County Fire's aerial capabilities. He also discussed inmate crews.

SB County Fire (Mark Wright): August 2014 stats: 77 total calls, including 39 to Wrightwood, 20 to Phelan, 10 to Pinon Hills and 8 to LA County. Station staffing will increase in September and October. A new water tender is now in service. Mark briefly discussed new requirements for smoke detectors that will begin in 2015. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$17,047.25. During this period, several checks were written and several deposits were made.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Hank Hallmark reports that State Farm is inspecting selected properties, for compliance with the various county abatement regulations.

John Aziz suggested that the WFSC consider re-issuing new refrigerator magnets with updated information. John handed out an example of the new magnets, for review.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 21, 2014.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council