



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 Jim Emery on January 20, 2026 at 1800 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.1.20.26.mp3>.

Roll call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Tom Foley, Hank Hallmark, Ben Smith. Absent was: Tim Heinrich.

The following agency representatives were present: See attached attendance log.

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Jim Emery.

Public Comments:

Strech Suba announced CERT basic training that will take place in April in Phelan. In February, Narcan training will take place. For more information, email: certwrightwood@gmail.com.

Hank Hallmark: Hank has been in contact with the county assessor, to get them up here to provide info on reassessing properties that were damaged from the recent floods. Hank was asked by them to come up with a list of damaged properties.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the 11/18/2025 meeting was accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Ben Smith. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 5/0.

Volunteer Injury Insurance: The invoice for this insurance policy will be paid this week.

Christmas Eve Flood Recap:

Jim Emery discussed his preparation at camp Elk, and he talked about the damage he received, and his recovery efforts. Jim thanked all the agencies and residents for their quick responses.

SBCO Fire: Received their first call at 0730 on 12/24/2025. Within hours, fire responders were mobilized. The responses included swift water rescue units, engines, and heavy equipment. County Fire aided in some rescues. Only one minor injury was reported. Several dump trucks of sand (1000's of bags) were given out. Community preparation made a huge difference. Chief Anderson discussed the need to make foothill communities a little more prepared, as they also get flooding from the mountain storms. Chief Anderson thanked everyone for their preparations and obeying evacuation orders. 92 structures were damaged in the Wrightwood area, plus local surrounding areas (Phelan, etc.). 2 outbuildings were more than 50% damaged.

San Bernardino County Sheriff: The Sheriff department had a support role. They assisted in evacuations. Deputies were brought in from other areas. Off duty deputies were also recalled. The Sheriff department maintained security in evacuated neighborhoods. The evacuation process was discussed.

San Bernardino County OES & Public Works: Discussed their preparation and response. OES Opened a community resource center. CERT assisted. OES would like to see more CERT members in the Wrightwood area. OES spent 8 days here in Wrightwood. Thanks to Robert Deaver's efforts. Wrightwood is a great community. Residents came together when needed. Residents were well prepared. Recovery efforts: OES, SBA and various state and federal officials toured damaged areas. SBA will set up low interest disaster loans.

Expect those to be approved and in place soon. Local assistance center was set up in Hesperia. Local/county/state reps were there to help those with damage. Hank Hallmark asked if there was any funding in place to reimburse residents for mud removal (as there was for snow removal during a large snow storm). No funding for that is currently in place. John Aziz asked if there was an estimated value of total damage. OES referred us to assessor's office for that information. One home was red tagged in LA County side of Wrightwood. Several homes experienced driveway damage. San Bernardino County Land use services would know how many total homes were red tagged. Expect K-rail to remain in place until the threat of flooding is over. Chief Anderson said there were 4 red tagged homes in the San Bernardino County side of Wrightwood. At this time, it is unknown when Lone Pine Canyon can reopen.

LA County Fire: Provided extra staffing all over the various county fire areas. Many water rescues took place in the Antelope Valley areas.

LA County Public Works: More than 40 roads were damaged in the LA County side of Wrightwood. There are still many closures in place. Public Works cleared culverts in Wrightwood in preparation for the storm. After the Bridge fire, Public Works visited residents and offered engineering advice to help residents prepare for future events. "Phase 1" and "Phase 2" Evacuation zone maps were published to aid with potential evacuations, based on the severity of the rain storm. These maps were fairly accurate. Public works will return to Wrightwood to provide more cleanup. Big Pines Highway is open. Largo Vista road will open by 1/27/2026. Portions of Largo Vista road that were damaged will be repaved.

Supervisor Barger's office: If residents in LA County have problems getting county support, contact the supervisor's office.

CAL FIRE: Inter-agency cooperation was fantastic. CAL FIRE Thanked the WFSC. CAL FIRE provided 4 crews and 5 engines.

Ben Smith: Ben thanked all agencies for the support and the speed at which recovery is happening. 23.75 inches of rain were recorded at Mountain High. Rainfall often exceeded over 1 inch per hour. Ben asked County Fire if evacuation thresholds change, when the rate of rainfall increases. Chief Anderson said that rainfall rates do not change evacuation thresholds.

CERT: 5 CERT members provided support. MREs and blankets from their supplies were brought to the community center. Food and electricity were available. Robert Deaver organized 150 volunteers from Ft. Irwin and local residents went out to clear debris from 15 homes. Thanks to Mountain Hardware for providing shovels, wheel barrows, etc. at no cost. A donor is providing funding for residents who've had to pay for mud removal out of their own pockets, contact CERT for possible reimbursement. CERT thanks the volunteers from Ft. Irwin for countless hours of support over several weekends. Restaurants donated food. Community members also brought food and blankets. Other organizations that helped included the Lions Club and Wrightwood Methodist church for providing a spaghetti dinner.

Cooperative partner & agency updates (not related to the storm discussion):

Angeles National Forest: Prescribed fires will take place in the Mt Baldy and Valyermo areas soon.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE: No additional information to report.

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: No representative, no report.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No additional information to report.

SB County Fire: No additional information to report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Wrightwood CSD: No representative, no report.

New/continued business:

Fire hydrant mapping: A Lions Club representative was present to offer space on their electronic sign at no cost to the WFSC, to advertise for things like the hydrant adoption program, and various FSC functions.

CWPP Update: No updates.

Treasurer's report: See attached financial report.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1942 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 17, 2026. There will be no meeting in December 2025.

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 a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Jan - Dec 24	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	295.00	-295.00	-100.0%
46420 · Inventory Sales				
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	295.00	-295.00	-100.0%
49000 · Special Events Income				
49010 · Special Events Contributions	3,657.29	4,209.84	-552.55	-13.1%
Total 49000 · Special Events Income	3,657.29	4,209.84	-552.55	-13.1%
Total 49000 · Special Events Income	3,657.29	4,209.84	-552.55	-13.1%
Total Income	3,657.29	4,504.84	-847.55	-18.8%
Gross Profit	3,657.29	4,504.84	-847.55	-18.8%
Expense				
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	280.00	280.00	0.00	0.0%
62850 · Janitorial Services				
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	280.00	280.00	0.00	0.0%
65000 · Operations				
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	915.80	861.20	54.60	6.3%
65030 · Printing and Copying	304.70	421.89	-117.19	-27.8%
65040 · Supplies	89.96	0.00	89.96	100.0%
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	147.63	896.58	-748.95	-83.5%
Total 65000 · Operations	1,458.09	2,179.67	-721.58	-33.1%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65110 · Advertising Expenses	276.83	506.75	-229.92	-45.4%
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,945.00	1,987.00	-42.00	-2.1%
65160 · Other Costs	0.00	4.00	-4.00	-100.0%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,221.83	2,497.75	-275.92	-11.1%
Total Expense	3,959.92	4,957.42	-997.50	-20.1%
Net Ordinary Income	-302.63	-452.58	149.95	33.1%
Net Income	-302.63	-452.58	149.95	33.1%

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Statement of Cash Flows
January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-302.63
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	-302.63
Net cash increase for period	-302.63
Cash at beginning of period	23,093.93
Cash at end of period	<u>22,791.30</u>