

Coalition of Firewise Communities - NOTES

Tuesday August 6th, 2019 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Our Mission: The coalition promotes fire safety through advocacy, education, and community involvement with other stakeholders interested in working toward stronger fire safety practices.

Welcome, introduce officers, announcements
minutes

Bob Long

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35 ppl attending. 8 new ppl.

- Who's here for the first time? Everyone sign in, confirm phone/email
- Your hours count towards time as a firewise community.
- Reminders –
 - Sign up for Code Red (see mynevadacounty.com – button on home page). Sign up, Code Red test H 10am Aug 15th.
 - Complete requests for those shovel-ready projects, send to Fire Safe Council. Project that you can define, get permits from property owners, submit info (scope, budget) for NCFSC grant funding.
 - Promote the Fire Safe Council to your residents: \$49 membership, reflective address signs.
- September 28th Red Zone Affair FSC Fundraiser -- plan to attend. Limit 200. \$75 tickets now on website. Some auction items. Education 1st, dinner & dancing. Sponsorships and individual tix.
- CodeRED **TEST** – Thursday, August 15, 10 a.m. **Please notify your email list.**
- **Fire Safe Council booth at County Fair** – need one person per shift to help staff
- New FireWise Communities – Yea! (NC now at 35 communities)
 - Plaque for Bear River community – becoming a firewise community.
 - Ananda Community
 - Upper Rough & Ready Community
 - Wolf Mountain Community
 - Sierra Knolls Community

No Report on Fire Safe Council Board meeting -- FSC Board does not meet in July

Planning and Preparedness power point - Susan Rogers gave a brief overview of the “official” presentation given locally to Firewise communities, service groups, clubs, and churches.

- **Defensible Space – a new look at neighbors** Jeff Peach reviewed a work-in-progress graphic on 100 feet of defensible space, showing possible scenarios you share land w/ your neighbor and want them to create their

defensible space. The final piece will describe the rules and what to do in each situation.

Canceled Insurance – how did it come out

Jeff Peach 10 minutes

- Jeff received Non-Renewal notice (back side of Banner Mountain).
- They had to get California Fair Plan. Use only as a last resort for fire insurance, and do your research for other insurance. Need a companion policy for rest of insurance.
- CA Fair Plan will come out & inspect your house. They perform a defensible space visit.
- Cover up to \$1.5M. Dwelling and companion plan have to have same value, or they cancel each other.
- Insurance agents warning us to recalculate rebuild costs carefully.
- PHOTOGRAPH House. Take a video with your camera – open all drawers to document all contents. Put on memory stick and keep in safe place. Itemized list of all your stuff.
- App: myhome.scr.app.book for iphones. Helps you categorize photos.

Be Ember Prepared outstanding video online

Susan Rogers

7 minutes

- Send out on email to your communities to watch on YouTube: *Be Ember Prepared*. See link on the Coalition website, at the top of the “Fire Safety Education Resources” page.

Subcommittee and Partner Status Reports

- **Cal Fire – Jim Mathias**
 - Gav Newsome’s exec order: 4th firefighter on each engine \$26M support.
 - 21 engines, soon to be 22 engines.
 - 23 new firefighters on this unit
 - Fuel moistures/monsoonal moisture. Moisture in weather still about at June of last year. Grass fires more prevalent. Mow early (until 10am), have water set up. No blades around rocks. No wind.
 - North winds coming.
- Ponderosa West project is happening. Shaded fuel break from \$2.5M grant.
 - Ground work to begin after NC Fair. 2 endangered plant species slowing things down. They have to be done with the 1st phase by Dec 1st. Burn afterwards.
 - 200 lots involved. 380 acres “yes” so far.
- NC Fair this week. Cal Fire has Captain CAL. Need volunteers from Coalition.

- McCourtney & Lobo Fire – Cal Fire not allowed by dist atty to present criminal charges to PGE.
- **Fire Safe Council** -- Donn Thane, Jamie Jones
- **County of Nevada** – reminder re: CodeRED test on August 15!

Next meeting: September 3rd, 2019 -- 5:30 – 7:30 PM

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