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January 2016

Lakehills Fire Safe Council Community Bulletin

Promoting Fire Safe Communities

Next Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14

7:00 PM

**EDH Fire Department
Main Fire Station #85**

**El Dorado Hills Blvd. and
Wilson Blvd.**

No Speaker

Fire Safe Council Agenda:

- 2015 in Review
- 2016 Plans

Reminder

EDC Fire Safe Council’s Countywide CWPP project is underway and your input is needed so that El Dorado Hills is properly represented.

The survey is now available on the EDCFSC website edcfiresafe.org or via this link:

<CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY LINK>

Hard copies are available for those without internet

Reporting Numbers to Call

Report non-desired activities in a proper and timely fashion.

- Report illegal parking or traffic problems to the Highway Patrol (916) 861-1300.
- Report illegal parkland activities to State Parks (916) 358-1300.
- Report illegal activity on non-park properties to the Sheriff (530) 621-6600.

2015 - The Year in Wildfire - National Fire Protection Association

Fire Safe Council activities - Unfortunately, more often than we would like, information comes along that answers the question of “Why Do We Do This?” This article from NFPA has some very pertinent information and some amazing photographs. Please take a few minutes to review.

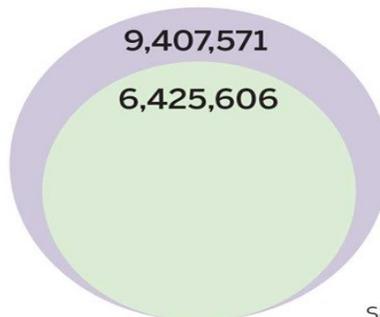
Highlights from the 2015 wildfire season

Historic numbers of acres burned, record-setting fires in the West, the escalating climate change debate and ever-growing suppression costs have impacted communities across the country. Get an in-depth look at one of the most devastating wildfire seasons on record in the latest NFPA Journal ®.



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TOTAL ACRES BURNED due to wildfire in the U.S. in 2015 versus the average number of acres burned annually in the U.S. from 2005 through 2014:



THE TOP 10 FIRES of 2015 in the U.S. in terms of total acres burned:

Galena Zone fires Alaska 387,635 acres	Tunk Block Fire Washington 165,918 acres
Tanana area fires Alaska 348,135 acres	Rough Fire California 151,623 acres
Middle Yukon fires Alaska 330,824 acres	Happy Camp Fire California 134,056 acres
Soda Fire Idaho 279,144 acres	Okanogan Fire Washington 133,450 acres
North Star Fire Washington 218,138 acres	Canyon Creek Fire Oregon 110,422 acres

Source: National Interagency Fire Center

SRA Grant Submittal

The 2015 SRA Grant Cycle offered through CALFIRE is currently underway and LHFSC has submitted a grant proposal for additional shaded fuel break / vegetation management funding. As always, grant funding is very competitive with these opportunities receive many more submittals each year than available funding; this year is no different.

We will know if our submittal is selected the first part of March 2015 and if successful, work is planned to take place in the winter / spring period 2016-2017.

This grant will be reviewed at next week’s FSC meeting and we will keep you informed of the results. Have grant-writing experience? Volunteer to help with the next application.

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Working Together For Defensible Space

Additional Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) work was completed behind Lakeridge Oaks during November and December. This work was in addition to the work done earlier in the year by the cooperative effort of US Bureau of Reclamation, California State Parks / FLSRA, and our Fire Safe Council and communities. This effort was truly a model of cooperation and collaboration. It shows what can be accomplished when all involved come together and work together to accomplish common goals.

However, this successful accomplishment of reducing fuels also highlights the responsibility and obligation for all of us. Vegetation Management on park / public lands is not enough. All property owners—especially those bordering the park boundary—need to clear overgrown vegetation. Establish defensible space by creating a 100 ft. area (minimum) adjacent to any combustible structures and provide wide defensible space zones. Just as we all are concerned about fire approaching us from parklands, the Bureau of Reclamation and State Parks / FLSRA are equally concerned with fire reaching parklands from private lands. Public Agencies and Private Landowners—we share the responsibilities.

Do you have adequate defensible space? Is your property clear of brush and ladder fuels? Is your landscaping fire resistant; is there proper spacing between bushes; are trees appropriately limbed up? Please review this defensible space brochure [<Brochure Link>](#). Remember the FREE CHIPPING SERVICE offered by EDC Fire Safe Council [<LINK>](#) For those who would like a hard copy brochure, please let us know and one will be delivered. Also, help our communities by reaching out to your neighbors; share this brochure and information about a property review.

If you are unsure if your property has been cleared to comply with Fire Safety requirements, El Dorado Hills Fire Department is offering personal defensible space / safety reviews for those who request them. In order to participate, please call Stephanie Parrish at 916-933-6623 ext. 1044 to schedule your appointment.

Winter and Spring offer the ideal timeframe to be planning and doing your defensible space work. Be prepared for fire and at the same time reduce risk by doing your part. Working together, agencies and private land owners, our actions will protect human lives, natural resources, residences, and wildlife and make all safer from a catastrophic wildfire.

California Forest Service - Hiring - Nickie Washington, El Dorado National Forest

Do you know anyone who may be interested in a career in firefighting or with the Forest Service?

The California Forest Service temp/summer fire vacancy announcements will be opening January 11-15th.

Below is a website that will connect applicants to the position for which they may wish to apply (occurs morning of 1/11/16). This “jobs link” also has an interesting video showing firefighting activities, including smoke jumpers and retardant drops.



[<CLICK HERE FOR JOBS LINK>](#)

[<US FOREST SERVICE WEBPAGE LINK>](#)

Heating Safety - National Fire Protection Association and El Dorado Hills Fire Department

In 2011, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,600 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 400 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries, and \$893 million in direct property damage. These fires accounted for 14% of all reported home fires.

Facts & figures - based on 2007-2011 annual averages:

- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote, from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53%) of home heating fire deaths.
- Half (50%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

Be safe during this time period by reviewing these safety tips at EDHFD website:

[<CLICK HERE FOR EDHFD LINK>](#)