



Logtown Fire Safe Council

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Meeting Notes

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August 8, 2015

1. Call to Order: Chairman Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Board members present were Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, John Lindberg, Rod Repschlaeger and Marc Regelbrugge.
2. Public Comment: Steve Morgan circulated old photos of El Dorado County's first fire lookout (1914). Compliments were also given to the landscaping at Fire Station 44.
3. Upcoming Events: Dwyer reminded all of the **Logtown Hot Dog Social and Firewise Day on October 10th at Station 44**. The event features great food (hot dogs, potluck dishes), a raffle and auction, and an opportunity to meet and talk with your Logtown neighbors – all while learning more about Firewise awareness and preparedness. Come one, come all!
4. Treasurer's Report: Hasse reported the Council had \$6,811 in the bank. Lindberg urged the public to send their ideas for Firewise activities that might be undertaken by the Council. Repschlaeger offered to help Dwyer to arrange for a flagpole at Station 44.
5. County Fire Safe Council: Dwyer and Hasse described several projects being worked throughout the County: a) The \$80k, PG&E-sponsored project clearing along Wentworth Springs Road is getting underway and should be complete in September; b) Logtown's LT-9a project is being organized and Right of Entry requests have been sent to most of the affected landowners. The original plan was to treat 24 acres. This will reduce to around 18 acres if cleared brush needs to be removed to the northern and southern ends of the project where the road-heads are; c) CCC participation is being sought for the LT-10 project downhill from Dolomite Dr., it is also possible that SRA funding may become available for the project; d) The chipper grant through 2017 (\$150k) has been approved. The County FSC has received the final payment on the 2015 grant - \$96 k to take the program through March 2016.
6. Text/Phone-Tree Progress: Dwyer and Hasse reported on migration of the text-message alert system to a more flexible platform. Initial tests have worked well, but capability to alert all recipients has not yet been verified. The text-alert list is now over 250 numbers. Those wishing to sign up for txt alerts should provide their cell number and cell carrier to John Lindberg, Ken Hasse or Pat Dwyer.
7. Neighborhood Coordinator Updates: Residents noted the need to be conscious of fire safe behavior and aware of goings on in the community, particularly on Red Flag days. Carol Dunn forwarded an interesting presentation on how fire fighting is organized and works like a well-oiled machine. See the presentation at:

<http://sierranewsonline.com/home-away-from-home-in-fire-camp/>

Residents also noted that this week is El Dorado Disposal's first special green-waste pickup day. They will pick up bundled twigs, and bagged green waste (e.g. pine needles, leaves, etc.) up to 50 lb. per bag. Materials are to be left at your usual garbage location on your normal green-waste pickup day. Dwyer noted that the program was started on Texas Hill, and has been expanding to two special collections per year.

Dwyer encouraged residents to support Bobby's Market, in recognition of Bobby's steadfast support of the Fire Safe Council's activities. Several ideas for recognizing Bobby's support were proposed, including re-locating the "Smokey" fire danger indicator sign to a metal frame indicating that the sign location was provided by Bobby's Market.

8. Feature Presentation: Dwyer introduced Ms. Tami Martin, Disaster Programs Manager for the American Red Cross in the Gold Country region of the Sierra-Delta Chapter. Ms. Martin spoke generally and specifically about many aspects of the Red Cross' role in providing shelter and other assistance (food, clothing, etc.) to people displaced by natural disasters.

The Red Cross provides temporary shelters in evacuation situations. Typically, about 10% of the evacuated population avail themselves of emergency shelters, and the shelters are open to all, but allow no animals (except designated service animals). In addition to providing food and a warm, dry and secure place to sleep, shelters are also staffed with nurses and disaster mental health professionals to help deal with all effects of evacuation and disaster loss. About 98% of shelter staff are volunteers.

The goals of emergency shelters are to provide safety, comfort and a temporary home. They function under established rules and routine (e.g. set times for meals, showers, etc.) and are built on a foundation of mutual respect between and among shelter residents and staff. Food is provided by commercial services.

Shelters also serve as a nexus for disaster information. Often, Emergency Operations Centers will be located at or near shelters to disseminate information about disasters and disaster response. Frequently, shelters are venues for community meetings providing important community information and updating situational status.

The Red Cross disaster response does not stop when a shelter closes. They continue to work in the community to aid re-settlement, provide needed food, water, clothing, tools – whatever is needed to help people recover from the disaster. The Red Cross also facilitates a Multi-Agency Resource Center to help direct recovery assistance for re-settlement.

Ms. Martin closed by reminding all to keep a "To-Go" kit ready and current. She distributed Red Cross "Ready" Wild Fire Safety Checklist flyers, which detail steps to be taken and considerations for your "To-Go" kit contents.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.