**Lakehills Fire Safe Council**

**June 9th Meeting - Join the Webinar**

**WE’RE BACK!** The June 9th LHFSC meeting will be via webinar instead of our typical EDHFD meeting. Have you tried video conferencing? Please join us! A link will be sent on Monday, June 8th—you can join the meeting via computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Use the link on Tuesday, at the meeting time (this will be provided with the link), and log in. If you might need help, log in early.

Now, please meet our El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club guest speakers:

**Alan R. Thompson,** Public Information Officer, EDCARC - Alan is a lifelong resident of Placerville. First licensed as an Amateur Radio Operator at age 11, he returned to Ham Radio in 2017 after a 35-year career in the satellite communications industry where he still works as the owner of El Dorado Networks. In 2018, Alan was part of a Disaster Recovery Team that installed several satellite Internet systems to help restore cell-phone service after the Camp Fire (Paradise, Butte Co.) rubbed out Internet and telephone communications there.

**Bob Hess,** President, EDCARC - Bob has been continuously licensed as an Amateur Radio Operator since the 1960s. Bob grew up in California, but spent much of his professional life on the East Coast. Returning to California some years ago, Bob now lives in Lotus. Bob and his wife, Karen, are members of the Coloma Lotus FSC. Bob retired after a 37-yr. career as Director of Operations, Engineering and IT at KQVR, Channel 13 TV.

**Preview of the 2-part presentation:** “Phones, Fires, and Radios” details the catastrophic communications failures during the first few hours of the Camp Fire. These failures seriously impacted first responders and residents, hampering evacuations and placing lives at risk. These same communications failures occur year after year throughout the US and will likely occur again. The "Neighborhood Radio Watch" section of the presentation discusses a collective over-dependence on cell phones and the Internet, combined with limitations of 9-1-1 and emergency-response services. These factors can put our lives at risk during fast-moving disasters such as wildfires. Alan Thompson and Bob Hess will detail how the El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club is working right now in El Dorado County with local fire safe councils and public officials to implement programs that can help non-Hams - "The Rest of Us" - to keep ourselves, our families and our neighborhoods safer.

This presentation will last about 1 1/2 hrs. and will include time for Questions & Answers

**HAPPENINGS / RESOURCES - Four To Note**

There may be restrictions and protocols in place where our lives are not completely “back to normal”, but there are many creative ways to stay informed. Presentations & education are available, but it just takes a different approach. Below are 2 links where you can participate, and then there are also 2 resources:

**June 6 at 9 AM — Firewise Landscaping Class by UCCE Master Gardeners**

Register in advance: [https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-gorjouHdapc8ASeWGLZzpFAXjZ7mC](https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-gorjouHdapc8ASeWGLZzpFAXjZ7mC)

There are many advantages to living in or near a forested area of the foothills. However, these environments require care and maintenance to stay healthy and fire safe. The UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County will be offering a free Public Education class, “Fire-wise Landscaping” on Saturday, June 6, 2020. This class will focus on how best to maintain and keep healthy the forested landscape to improve fire safety around our homes, from natural vegetation to compatible plantings and appropriate fire-resistant landscaping. The class will include a brief update on the effects of drought and bark beetles and how to reduce future tree mortality; reforestation do’s and don’ts; information on when and how to water different plantings effectively; the importance of thinning overcrowded vegetation; removing slash and maintaining defensible space; and planting the right tree in the right place. Another good resource from UCCE Master Gardeners is about living with fire & can be reviewed at your convenience: [http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/Living_with_Wildfire/](http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/Living_with_Wildfire/)

**June 8 at 5 PM — EDH Community Meeting** — Join Supervisor John Hidahl either via zoom meeting using link [https://zoom.us/j/92709479291](https://zoom.us/j/92709479291) or call 530-621-7603 /530-621-7610. Mtg ID 927 0947 9291

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During a wildfire, a skylight can be vulnerable if subjected to extended radiant heat exposure, or to flames if embers have ignited vegetative debris on top of the skylight. Most guidance recommends using a flat glass skylight rather than the dome style because of plastic being combustible. However, there are situations, based on the slope of the roof, where a flat glass could be more vulnerable.

Firewise explains skylights with this one page fact sheet. An important factor is the slope of the roof, while the article also discusses skylight maintenance and what to do prior to evacuation.

[Hopkins Firewise Fact Sheet Skylights](https://www.nfpa.org/~/media/Files/Firewise/Fact-sheets/FirewiseFactSheetsSkylights.ashx?la=en)