



DRY CREEK-LOKOYA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF 16's CORNER

Well, we survived the summer of 2018 but not our neighbors to the north. We thought we had the worst fires in California in 2017 but 2018 topped that list. As our neighbors move forward with rebuilding or with moving, my thoughts are with all those still affected by the 2017 fires. I have visited some new houses going up to replace those that were lost. Great to see! I have also visited those neighbors that have decided to leave the hills and find another location.

Mother nature is beginning to see a rebirth as many trees are budding with new life! And the grasses are back in full force making the burned areas look greener and lusher.

Our winter, so far, has been a real duddy! Lots of local flooding with mudslides, both large and small, road dropping 4-5 feet and many stranded neighbors. As a reminder, if you are in need of emergency services, dial 911 and your local Dry Creek-Lokoya volunteers will be dispatched along with the staff from the career stations. This is important because your local firefighters are always working to see how we can work around our local disasters.

When Wall Rd. dropped 4-5 feet, I found a way to bypass the road closure to service the ten residences that were stranded above the road drop by using a driveway and then an old fire road. This information was passed along to the career staff of NCFD (Napa County Fire Department). Thankfully Dry Creek Rd. remained open, flooded at times, to act as a way around, first the Hwy. 29 closure at Yountville and then the Redwood Rd. closure due to the huge mudslide in the 3500 block. I need to give kudos to our Napa County Public Works as they were extremely busy dealing with all of the road issues in our area. Redwood Rd. was reopened within two days and Wall Rd. within the week! Wall Rd. is down to one lane but emergency apparatus can easily access the area again.

I'd also like to share some great news. Our current E216, a 1990 Beck fire engine and the oldest in the NCFD fleet, is being replaced with a new engine (see photo below).



CHIEF 16'S CORNER

(continued)

The new Engine 216 can hold a crew of four and their gear much more efficiently than the old, single bench E216, and will act as a wildland fire engine and a structure fire engine. It will be located at the main firehouse at 5900 Dry Creek Rd.

Speaking of structure fires, unfortunately we have had two structure fires this winter. In the past I have spoken about the need of the property owner to maintain an access road that fire apparatus can use to approach your house, especially if your driveway is one of our long, rural, winding driveways. Without a good driveway, especially in the winter with our heavy rains, the response will be delayed and the results may be to no ones liking. And if structure fires happen during the summer fire season, this could make things even worse. so, please maintain your driveways.

No matter how good your driveway is, without proper notification a timely response is more difficult and the likely hood of saving a structure diminishes with time.

Some other great news is the new firefighters that DCL has received lately. with many of our seasoned firefighters finding other jobs or retiring we have many openings for new recruits (hint, hint!). As of today's date, Kyle Healy joined us last year and is now in the NCFD Volunteer Fire Academy.



Also joining us last year as firefighters are Robert Perman, Andy Montanez, and Cory Hancock. New recruits joining us this month are Grant Ingalls and Narender Singh with John Cant and Dylan Brusstar finishing up their application paperwork. Also, our new drivers, Davis Pratt (P16) and Nick D'Adamo (E216).

I'd also like to introduce our new Training Officer, Dave Robertson. Dave comes to us as a retiree from Alameda City Fire Dept. His knowledge and expertise has greatly added to our trainings.

When I joined DCL in 1978, we had over 35 members of the department due to everyone in DCL was living "on the hill." This included the very first women volunteer firefighters in California. Obviously, as these members retired, moved away, or passed on, DCL has suffered with low membership. With our newest members we will be back to 17 members. This is great news for the department and for our neighbors! However, we still have room for more of our local neighbors to join us! If you have the second and third Saturdays free to train, please go to our website at www.drycreek-lokoya.com and scroll down to "More Information." This will take you to the NCFD website and the application.

Let's prepare now for the summer by cleaning around your property the required 100', making sure you have a dedicated water supply for firefighting, and a plan for evacuating if required. See our website for more!



Volunteer Chief Gary Green

ANNUAL COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

BREAKFAST MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 8:00-10:30

*As a reminder, please join us for this neighborhood meeting where you can meet your neighbors, have a great pancake breakfast, hear important information from guest speakers, and plan for a Safe Fire Season! The Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department and the Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council will serve **pancakes from 8:00-9:00**. Shortly following there will be presentations by other organizations including:*

Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department/ Company

Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council

CalFire/Napa County Fire Department

Home Winemakers Classic

Bring the entire family for pictures with the fire engines, the firefighters, and free fire hats for the kids! Literature and other important information will be available during the event for you to take home and put to good use. So, please join us at anytime between 8:00 and 10:30 at the main Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department, 5900 Dry Creek Rd.

The Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council Continues to Focus on Fire Prevention Projects

Joseh Nordlinger, MVFSC Chair

Living in an area as spectacular and beautiful as the Lower Mayacamas range comes with risks, rewards and most importantly responsibilities. The risk mitigation work to reduce the destruction from wildland fires is ongoing and the Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council (MVFSC) is actively engaged in leading those efforts. MVFSC is doing work for Mt. Veeder, for the Mayacamas Fire Safe Council, and even providing leadership for Napa County as well. Our work focuses on fuel reduction as well as community outreach and education and we have been busy securing funds to deliver on these important priorities for our community.

MVFSC has raised funding from both Cal Fire and the California Fire Safe Council for Shaded Fuel Breaks (SFB). Projects include a SFB along the Legacy Fire Road running the ridge top from Trinity Rd. to Bald Mountain. Another project is a SFB along a Legacy Fire Road along Mt. Veeder Peak Ridge Road from Cavedale Rd. to the Lokoya Rd. loop. Additionally we have funds to build SFB's that will provide two additional access routes from Dry Creek Rd. and Mt. Veeder Rd. to the Old Ridge Road. Finally, we have funds to develop the Shaded fuel breaks along the Limited access roads at Oakville Ridge Rd. and Oakville Grade Road.

Additionally, the MVFSC has secured two grants to support our community outreach and education efforts in the Mt. Veeder and Mayacamas responsibility areas. This initiative will include gathering detailed information to improve our fire response maps as well as contact information which will help our outreach and education efforts. Please be on the look-out for Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council representatives who will be reaching out to gather information about access roads, fuel loads, and water supplies for properties in the area. This information will be used to substantially improve our fire contingency maps. We will also be working to organize upcoming community meetings to educate our area residents about construction techniques, and fire risk mitigation strategies.

In addition to available grants for fuel reduction and education the MVFSC is also researching sources of funds to reduce fuels loads and improve forest health for individual property owners who want to band together jointly to do fuel reduction on multi-parcel projects in our area. These grants are often complex and tedious to pursue so we are attempting to develop the templates and tools to be able to expedite the application process for members of our community and minimize or eliminate the out of pocket expenses associated with these initiatives.

We look forward to partnering with you to not only deliver on fuel reduction projects but also improve access to the important resources needed to increase our safety and protect the beautiful area we all are fortunate to live in.

MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTERS!



THE ROBERT HAGGARD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE GOES TO FIREFIGHTER BRANDON DOLAN

Volunteer fire chief Robert Haggard was well known to the community and to his firefighters as a no nonsense, honest, and upstanding citizen. After a long illness, Chief Haggard passed away. In his memory, we have established this award that is given annually to the firefighter that most exemplifies the traits of former Chief Robert Haggard. The 2018 award went to Firefighter Brandon Dolan. Brandon exemplifies the traits of Chief Haggard and was instrumental in helping to save property at the top of Redwood Rd. during the siege of 2017.

A well deserved award!

DCL'S NAPA COUNTY FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, FIREFIGHTER CORY HANCOCK

The Napa County Fire Department asks each of the nine volunteer departments to select an individual that supports NCFD and the local fire company as well. This year, Recruit Cory Hancock was selected to represent the Dry Creek-Lokoya firefighters. While Cory is currently a recruit firefighter, his work and dedication to DCL has been above excellent! Cory will shortly be a full-fledged firefighter. Congratulations Cory!



Join our all-volunteer Fire Department

For those who wish provide additional service to our community and join our volunteer fire department, the procedure is simple. An application must be submitted to the volunteer fire department, go to www.drycreek-lokoya.com to download the application or contact the Chief Green at chief16@me.com. The candidate will have to pass a physical and background check and then undergo a training program, all paid for by Napa County Fire Department. Firefighters may also have additional training and become certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's).

Dry Creek-Lokoya volunteer firefighters include the young, as well as veterans; they may be from any profession such as accountants, insurance sales people, computer technicians, mechanics, stay-at-home parents, and the self-employed. They may be career firefighters with other cities, paramedics and emergency medical personnel. We train the second and third Saturday of each month.

We are your neighbors. In some cases, the Fire Department is a family tradition that includes fathers, sons, and, even, husband and wife teams. Some firefighters are also allowed by their employers to respond from their workplace.

So, why not consider joining us today?

**THE 36th ANNUAL
HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC 2019
THE ULTIMATE CULT WINE EVENT
A BENEFIT FOR THE DRY CREEK-LOKOYA
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



Saturday, July 27, 2019 4:00 – 6:30

The CIA at Copia

500 1st St., Napa, CA

Taste and Bid on rare wines handcrafted by 40 winemakers

Silent Auction, Hors d'ouvres by CIA, drinks

Tickets available: www.drycreek-lokoya.com or

www.homewinemakersclassic.com

\$50 Admission (\$45 pre-sale) - Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each

HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC
JULY 27, 2019
"THE ULTIMATE CULT WINE
EVENT"

Our annual fundraiser, "The Home Winemakers Classic," is taking shape. This year we will be celebrating our 36th anniversary!! We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to the CIA at Copia in downtown Napa. So come and have a GREAT time, drink some fantastic wines, eat delicious food, and bid on fantastic silent auction items while supporting your local volunteer fire department. This event has become, without a doubt, the best party for home winemakers in all of California! However, without this fund raising event, the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteers would not be able to support our community.

However, I must also announce that this will be the **LAST** Home Winemakers Class for the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department. I will be retiring next year and no one has stepped up to take on the work needed to organize this event. We are also short on support staff. But, this has been a **GREAT, 36 year run** with lots to be thankful for.

So, let's party like it is 1999? Go to our website to purchase tickets and to see more information:

www.homewinemakersclassic.com

I must also thank the numerous individuals that have worked hundreds of hours to put on this event year-after-year with spectacular results. Could not have done this without your dedication!



Your Local Volunteer Firefighters Do More Than Just Put Out Fires!

While fires, both structure and vegetation, are the most noticeable and seemingly most dangerous to the most number of neighbors, you local firefighters also respond to medical emergencies (about 95% of our calls), traffic accidents, assist with water and rope rescues, and mitigate other hazards (trees and power lines down across our roads). This is why they train so often and need to have the same training as the paid county firefighters. Below are some of our trainings we must attend to stay proficient in our skills.



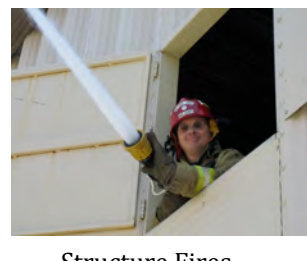
Auto Extrication



Entanglement Prop



Wildland Fire Hose Lay



Structure Fires



Medicals

MVFSC 911 Address Sign Project

911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

**Help The Fire Department Find Your Home When Every Second Counts!
(You Have Seen This Article Before But Too Important Not To Run Again!)**

Have you noticed all the new, green address signs in our neighborhood? Join your neighbors as seconds count in emergencies. Your local volunteer firefighters have been able to find emergencies much faster due to the 911 green signs.

911 reflective address signs save time when emergency crews are responding to your house. We respond from multiple directions so the address numbers need to be seen from both directions to your location. Many people expect that all help will come from Napa City but that is not true. To aid emergency personnel in finding your home, residents are encouraged to purchase a 911 House Numbering Sign, a reflective address sign made of green reflective metal background with large, 4" white reflective numbers. These 911 reflective address signs can be seen from great distances at night, and are the easiest house numbers for emergency crews to spot. If you have one of these reflective address signs and others on your street do not, tell them they need to have these reflective 911 address signs, as many times we must slow down to check their numbers to be sure we are not passing the house we are responding to. If they had a 911 reflective house number sign, we could pass their house without needing to slow down to see their house numbers.

The Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council is now offering the 911 Address Signs at a reduced price of \$10.00 (no tax) with free, personal delivery if in our local area. These 911 address signs meet the Napa County Fire Department regulations for house numbering (Fire Safe standard #14).

Go to www.mtveederfiresafe.org to find the order form near the bottom of the website and how to pay. Help the local Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department firefighters and other emergency apparatus easily find your home when every second counts!



Good Address! Easy to find.



What is the address?



Napa County Fire Department Defensible Space Chipping Program



The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCF), in cooperation with the Napa County Fire Department (NCFD), provides a free chipping service to all Napa County residents who live in a designated fire hazard zone – meaning most all of rural Napa. The intent of the program is to encourage residents to comply with defensible space requirements of both the State and County, in addition to being Firewise. The program is not intended for commercial activities or general land clearing.

- * *County of Napa*
- * *Napa County Fire Department*
- * *CAL FIRE*
- * *California Fire Safe Council*
- * *Napa County Fire Wise*



👍 DO'S

- ◆ PILES MUST BE WITHIN 5 FEET OF A ROAD OR DRIVEWAY
- ◆ CHIPPING VEHICLES ARE TO STAY ON COMPACTED SURFACES, AND WILL NOT GO OFF-ROAD OR ACROSS FIELDS TO ACCESS THE PILES
- ◆ PILES MUST BE ON LEVEL GROUND, OR ON THE UPHILL SIDE OF THE ROAD
- ◆ ALL BLUNT ENDS MUST FACE TOWARDS THE ROAD/DRIVEWAY
- ◆ MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF EACH PILE MUST NOT EXCEED 6 FEET
- ◆ MATERIAL CAN BE NO GREATER THAN 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER,
- ◆ ALL PILES MUST BE FREE OF ALL ROOTS, STUMPS, ROCKS, AND DIRT

👎 DON'TS

PILES WILL NOT BE CHIPPED IF THEY CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

- ◆ ALL VARIETIES OF BROOM
- ◆ POISON OAK
- ◆ BLACKBERRIES/VINES/ANYTHING WITH THORNS
- ◆ FOREIGN MATERIALS/NON-VEGETATIVE ITEMS
- ◆ ROOT BALLS, STUMPS, DIRT, OR TWIGS
- ◆ PILES OF LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, OR YARD CLIPPINGS
- ◆ THE NCFD WILL NOT CHIP FOR TIMBER HARVEST PROJECTS, OR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
- ◆ NO HEAVY MATERIAL ON TOP OF SMALLS

Either go to www.napafirewise.org or complete the work order form on reverse when ALL piles are stacked and ready for chipping.

Mailing Address: Napa County Fire Department
1125 Third St. HOJ 2nd floor
Napa, CA 94559

Website <http://services.countyofnapa.org/chippingForm/>



DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHIPPING PROGRAM

(Chipping is completed in Napa County regions only)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Property Address: _____ City : _____ Zip: _____

Are You the Property Owner? Yes No If Not, State Name: _____

Mailing Address (If Different): _____

Nearest Cross Street: _____ Locked Gate? Please Provide Access Code: _____

Driving Directions: _____

PILE INFORMATION

Total Number of Piles: _____ (Anything more than what is stated here, will need another request)

For multiple pile locations, please provide a map/drawing indicating location of each pile on the property. Map Enclosed.

Average Pile Size: Length: _____ ft. Height: _____ ft. Depth: _____ ft.
(side to side, Max 50') (top to bottom, max 6') (front to back, max 10')

Location of Piles: Driveway County Road Private Road Other: _____

Are there any special precautions to take on the property? _____

Is there room to turn the chipper around? Yes No (Piles must be placed along a road/driveway with adequate turnaround area of at least 40 feet)

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- I agree to permit the NCFD chipping crew on my property.
- Maximum pile size is 50' Length X 6' Height X 10' Depth.
- No limit on number of number of piles, but must have minimum of 10' separation between each pile.
- All piles must be placed along a road accessible by truck and chipper. Also far enough away from a main road or highway for the chipping crew to safely work.
- Piles are to remain on homeowner's property.
- Piles shall be stacked with cut (butt) end towards road.
- Stem diameter is limited to maximum of 6 inches.
- I agree to comply with the NCFD's decision on where to place the chips, as safety is their number one concern.
- I understand that this is a drive-by service that may take several weeks to complete.
- This free chipping service is for residential use only.
- I understand if on-site conditions prove to be a concern, NCFD staff may refuse service.
- Piles shall not have any burned or charred material, as the dust created during the chipping process is hazardous and a safety concern to the NCFD chipping crew.
- Piles shall not be mechanically stacked.
- The chipping service is used for defensible space only.

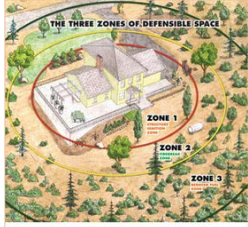
SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Mailing Address: Napa County Fire Department
1125 Third St. HOJ 2nd floor
Napa, CA 94559

Website <http://services.countyofnapa.org/chippingForm/>

TIPS TO HARDEN YOUR HOUSE AGAINST WILDLAND FIRES



DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Go to this link for a great description of Defensible Space.

http://www.napafirewise.org/DS%20Download/defensable-space-live/04_defensiblespace.html

THE THREE R'S OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE LANDSCAPING

Information on your vegetation management or landscaping.

http://www.napafirewise.org/DS%20Download/defensable-space-live/05_defensiblespace.html



Fire hardening adds form and function.



Defensible space can enhance the natural landscape.

TIPS TO FIRE HARDEN YOUR HOUSE

How to help protect your house from an approaching wildland fire.

http://www.napafirewise.org/DS%20Download/defensable-space-live/13_defensiblespace.html

To see all the Fire Prevention information available, go to <http://www.napafirewise.org/> the Napa Firewise website.

ANOTHER ITEM TO HELP PROTECT YOUR HOUSE



During the October, 2017 fires, the incoming fire engines from other areas outside Napa County had difficulty accessing the water sources from our local water tanks. The current standard for all new buildings is for a 4.5" discharge on all wet draft hydrants. Engines from other counties do not have this size adapter so they could not get water from the available water sources. A solution is to purchase a 4.5" female to 2.5" male adapter to place on your 4.5" wet draft hydrant. A 2.5" cap is also recommended. The 2.5" discharge side of the adapter is a common size for all fire engines. You can search for this item online. This one costs \$98.69 and has free shipping and it is worth every penny. You may find a less expensive version in your search.

VERY IMPORTANT!! MAKE SURE THE THREADS ARE NATIONAL HOSE THREADS OR IT CAN'T CONNECT TO A FIRE ENGINE HOSE.