

Big Sur Fire News

April 2018

By the time you are reading this (unless you receive your copy of the Round-Up early) Burn Season will have ended. So no more back yard burning until December. We were a little worried in the beginning if we would even have a burn season. You'll recall that it was an unprecedented very late start due to the lack of rain. We eventually got going and most of the days were burn days. It seems like not as many residents were doing as much burning as usual this year. We also seemed to have more 911 calls for smoke checks this season, which we have to follow up on. A few people needed a gentle reminder that they did indeed need a burn permit, that they needed to let their neighbors know they were burning, and that they also needed to confirm they were not burning on a no burn day☺ So far I have issued a total of 76 permits for the season. As always, when burn season ends you have the option of chipping or hauling any material away. I hope everyone was able to do their required minimum 100 feet of clearance.

We had our friend and consultant Ann Simmons come and work with us, the Big Sur Fire members and the Board, this month and lead us in following up on our Vision meetings which we had with John Handy. We discussed how our ideas would be implemented and put them in our strategic plan. Our groups came up with time lines and prioritized all the ideas as well.

Our Basic training fire class is going very well, all the new recruits, the Class of 2018, are doing an excellent job! In addition to the fire training Jeannie Alexander is providing them medical training and we have an instructor coming in for a two day Hazardous Materials class in May. Lots going on in the month of April!

Our CERT leaders Dick Ravich and Hal Latta made a trip to Salinas this month for a meeting with other CERT groups and OES. The goal is to get a training program scheduled for our local CERT members.

A reminder our Muster will be coming up on June 9th! We missed having one last year due to the bridge being out.

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