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Dear Friends,

Another year has flown by! While the massive slide at Mud Creek prevented through traffic our call numbers stayed relatively low, but the minute the road opened they doubled! So many vehicles passing through Big Sur, just incredible!

Some changes this year included our new logo as you can see above, as well as our training. This year we tried a different approach to recruiting and training new volunteers. Firefighters are now required to have a Firefighter 1 certificate so we held an intensive three month basic fire training academy. The new recruits taking the academy were so enthusiastic they then completed a 56-hour Emergency Medical Responder class!

This new way of providing our training has worked out so well we plan to do another recruitment and academy for 2019.

We were also very fortunate to have recently received a donation to start a drone program, this will enhance our abilities to respond more effectively and locate victims over the side for example. It can also be used to observe and relay real time information on a fire.

Lastly, with the help of last year's McGives grant we recently purchased a 2015 rescue truck. The rescue team members are busy getting it ready to go into service!

Wishing you and your families safe and Happy Holidays! Thank you in advance for all your continued support.

Sincerely,

Martha Karstens