

Big Sur Fire Round Up Report – May 2018

We had a great turn out of Big Sur Fire members up at the crack of dawn, (04:30) to work this year's Marathon. Once again the busses were turned around at the Park entrance and things went smoothly there. Shortly after I got out on the highway, FF Betts, who was stationed at Molera, (at 02:00) reported a medical call. Long story short, apparently the person's "friends," who he had been partying with the night before, thought it would be funny to put him on the bus to Big Sur and he ended up at Molera, (with no injuries). A short time later just after the start of the race we had a report of another medical just north of the State Park entrance, a runner down. This unfortunately was a real injury, I think it ended up being a dislocated hip, putting a quick end to that runner's journey. She was transported to CHOMP.

I was thinking this might be a precursor of things to come, but things ran smoothly after that and all those thousands of runners made it safely out of our division of the run at Hurricane Pt. While we were staged up there it actually started raining on us, and of course the runners. A mixed bag so to speak of weather this year.

Our annual Muster is coming up on June 9th. We are still working on the plan but right now it looks like we may do the children's games starting around noon until the break for our announcements and presentations. After that we should start the real Muster games where everyone ends up getting wet! As usual the BBQ will be fantastic so I hope to see you all there!

Our calls have picked up, you can see that in April we had 26 calls and so far this month we are up to 22 with Memorial Day weekend yet to come. Things are back to normal in spite of Mud Ck. still not allowing through traffic.

Our first Fire Basic training class has been completed but the new people are so enthusiastic they requested a medical class too. So they are just now finishing up an EMR, Emergency Medical Responder, class that our Medical Captain Jeannie Alexander is teaching.

The fire training part went very well and when the new recruits finish up with attending all the regular trainings at the end of the year they will qualify for their FF 1 certificates. Thank you to Captains Matt Harris and Jon Knight and other Big Sur Fire members for all their hard work to make this training a reality and success!

The new recruits, Class of 2018, will be introduced at our Muster, but in the meanwhile if you see any of them be sure and say hello and congratulate them! They are: Mike Handy, Rafael Garcia, Adam Slawter, Daniel DiMaio, Katie Lewis, Brooke Russell, Caleb Chesser, Joel DePola, Stewart Gardner and Lyle Southhall. A great new group that we are excited to welcome to Big Sur Fire!

The month of June should also bring our usual live fire wildland training over at Hunter Liggett. The last two years it was cancelled, the first year fire season started early and last year it was too wet to burn. We shall see what the conditions are like by the end of June.

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