

Big Sur Fire Round Up Report – October 2018

It's almost that time of year to change your clocks and at the same time, everyone who has them, should change batteries in their fire/smoke alarms. This is something we talked to the children about at our recent fire safety day at Captain Cooper School. I asked our Captain Jon Knight who organized the day's activities to write up what we did, this is his report below. It was a fun, wet day!!

"Big Sur Fire is happy to announce that we were fortunate enough to host another educational and fun filled Fire Prevention Day at Captain Cooper School for all the students including Apple Pie School.

The children were taught the importance of being able to identify the possible fire hazards and how to listen for the smoke detectors in their homes. They also learned the 5 most important words to know when their smoke detectors go off "Get Out and Stay Out".

After all the children were sworn in as junior firefighters the training began. They trained on how to stretch a hose line and to extinguish a house on fire, quickly dousing the flames as well as themselves and observers. (Note, there was no actual live fire, just painted flames). They also trained on the tried and true bucket brigade where they displayed outstanding teamwork and skill. Excelling in both fields, the future firefighters of Big Sur Fire are off to an early start.

Big Sur Fire is dedicated to the education of fire safety for our future generation. It was an honor to have the opportunity to interact with the students and we look forward to many more years of serving our community."
Captain Knight, Big Sur Fire.

We recently received a donation for a drone and the formation of a drone program. This next part is from our Deputy Chief Matt Harris when he first notified our BSF members about receiving it.

"It is with great pleasure to inform you that Big Sur Fire has been awarded funding to proceed with the development, training and implementation of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) program. This is incredible news and I hope you are all as excited as I am to add another capability to our amazing fire department.

We have all seen the value of drones on incidents numerous times and now we will have our own which will be outfitted with both an HD camera and a FLIR (forward looking infrared) camera. This incredible capability will undoubtedly save lives, save time and give us the most accurate information to make decisions with on nearly any incident. We also will obtain all the FAA certifications to operate in any airspace (except military). And finally, we will be the first US Fire Dept. to incorporate software specifically designed for SAR missions called DRONESAR from an Irish based tech startup revolutionizing the search and rescue industry. We will be soliciting names from BSF in the near future to begin training to become our Pilots and Co-Pilots."
Deputy Chief Harris.

We are continuing to get our "new" rescue squad that I wrote about last month ready to go into service. Work is being done on the body or box part in all the cabinets and then it will need to go in to have the light bar and radio installed. Maybe within a few weeks you will see it out and about on the road.

Hard to believe but in another month burn season should be starting, a reminder that every year you will need to get a burn permit. This can be done by going to our web site at www.bigsurfire.org or calling us at 667-2113.

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