

Fire Brigade News

Probably by the time you are reading this burn season will have ended! It ends/ended April 30, 2012. Hopefully we will get some burn days in before it ends, we had a couple of them where we couldn't burn. There are still other options for disposal of your vegetation should you want to continue your clearing, chipping or hauling it to the dump are a couple of them. They are actually predicting more rain with the chance of thunder showers tomorrow. This fire season has the possibilities of being severe, so we encourage you to keep up with your clearing, remember 100' is required. Please look at your access roads, can a fire engine get to your home or are there trees overhanging your roads and encroaching on the sides.

And speaking of thunder showers, that last one with the lightening was a doozy! On Pfeiffer we lost power with a brown out about 01:00, got it back the next day about 5:00 PM. There were 7 or 8 direct hits on poles up here and PG&E ran out of transformers. Our internet was down for days, and several phone lines went out as well. It was quite the show Mother Nature put on! We have finished up recerting all our medical responders for the year, everyone passed their tests! Now we move on to HazMat and CPR recert, always something.

We had the North Tree Fire Live Fire Trailer come down this month for an all-day training in the Park. Thanks to the State Park for waiving the fees☺ We have used this in the past but with so many new members it was time to do it again. We had several members of the community come by and see what the volunteers do in these circumstances. There is a room where the operator stands and controls the flame and you can view what the FF are doing. It is hot!!! Upwards of 1,000 near the roof. We all wear our protective gear of course, but none the less, it is downright toasty in there! We do different scenarios, kitchen and hazmat "fires", it has a pop up roof for second story bedroom fires too. Everyone did an outstanding job and it was excellent training being able to work with the hose streams to see what effect they had on the flames/fire. Check out our web site at www.bigsurfire.org for pics.

We are already planning on going over to Hunter Liggett for several live fire wildland days in June. I drove over Nacimiento a few days ago for a meeting in King City, there were some nice wild flowers out, lots of poppies, lupine, Indian paint brush, and many that I had no idea what their names are. My favorite one is up near the top of Naci, it is a cousin of the sticky monkey flower, I am told, it is like the sticky monkey on steroids, with a bigger leaf and blossom. It reminded me that this time last year we were all traveling back and forth over Nacimiento due to the road dropping out at Rocky Creek.

We are going to have our Muster this year!! The State Park has said we should be OK if we have it in May, their construction project will not be that far along to interfere. So we look forward to having everyone come watch our Muster games and have the usual outstanding lunch that we know our local master BBQers will be preparing for your community BBQ.