

Fire Brigade News
May 2013

How about this wind? And will it ever end.... It is wreaking havoc in my garden and our beautiful green hills seemed to have disappeared overnight, I am so sorry to see them go.

So let's see, what has been going on with the Fire Brigade. We just completed a CPR recert class, we have started our wildland fire training with refreshing our skills on fire shelters, hand tools and hose lays, all the basics. I was happy to be able "recruit" Frank Zabrowski to come down and help us out with our training. We also had the Marathon which most of the Brigade members help out at. There were a few Marathon related medical calls, but nothing serious. The weather was pretty good until you reached the area of Hurricane Pt. and it was miserable!! We watched the poor runners slogging their way up the road into the head wind and fog. We are getting prepared to go over to Hunter Liggett for some live fire and wildland training in June.

Operationally, we are getting ready to have big changes with our dispatching and radio communications. We are going to be switched over to a fire frequency in the next few weeks so we will no longer be using the Sheriffs frequency we have used for such a long time. This will take some getting used to as all the agencies down here could communicate on the same frequency and we all knew what was going on. We are still applying for grants for our water tender, the first one we should hear back from will be sometime next month. We are keeping our fingers crossed we get it! If not we have 2 other grant requests in the works.

I can't believe it is almost Memorial Day and the kickoff of summer, although it seems that there was never really much of a break from the multitudes coming to Big Sur. I already need to remind myself to leave early to get to town and take a deep breath (or two) when getting behind slow movers on the way home.

Here is something I have done on my property and it might be something for anyone to consider doing. I have a location part way up my driveway where there is a place an engine can hook up and fill up with water from a water tank. We put a small sign there indicating that it is a gravity flow and the number of gallons in the tank. At night it was hard to see so we put one of those small solar lights next to the sign. Now it is just light enough to catch your attention so you can see there is a sign there but not so bright it is obnoxious.

CERT is putting on a class coming up the end of the month for new members. There are about 27 people signed up for the 3 day class. That is such a great turn out, and there will be another class done in a few months for those that couldn't make the first class.

Our annual Muster is coming up on June 8th, we will have games for the kids so bring some dry clothes for them! Next year will be our 40th!!

Martha Karstens, Chief.

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