



CASCADEL FIRE WISE / BRIGADE

Meeting and Hose Training Minutes August 18, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 10Am.

Members Present: Brian Curtis, Susie Odry, Carol and Stan Eggink

Members were brought up to date on the activities we will submit to the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** to maintain our certification as Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks.

- The 3rd annual Road 233 roadside clearance including the Heights volunteers.
- Our annual Firewise Brigade Informational and Educational BBQ event.
- Collaboration with Cal Fire representatives on clearing our Shelter-in-Place as well as the area for Cal Fire to stage their equipment, if the need arises.
- Applied for the CA Fire Safe Council 2018 TM Grant which is to include Cascadel Heights and Mr. Morgan, both of which experienced devastating loss during the Mission Fire of September 2017.
- 362 man hours donated to assist numerous families with clearance by the Brigade using chippers, weedeater and bucking up logs then splitting for fire wood. This equates to an in-kind value of over \$8,000.
- Roadside clearance throughout the subdivision.

The Fire Brigade has received a donation of \$1,000 from a resident. I suggested to the Brigade we make a donation of reflective street signs throughout the subdivision to enable emergency equipment to find the streets they need to find. Another suggestion is to build an additional and much need Fire Box on Cascadel South.

We will be presenting these ideas to the membership during the Water Company's Membership meeting on September 15, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17AM

HOSE TRAINING

Called to order at 10:18AM

SAFETY FIRST

FIRE BAG INVENTORY

Should have

- Fire Box Key
- Hard hat
- Gloves that stay in the bag
- Handkerchief (bandana) or dust masks
- Reflective vests
- Eye protection
- Bottled water

Optional

- Pocket knife
- Flash Light
- Walkie Talkie
- First Aid kit

(Carol to purchase Decals for Hard Hats - Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade)

Keep in mind what you can do if we are being evacuated. What are you wearing when you get the first notice of a pre-evac? You might consider getting into cotton pants and shirt and put your boots on. You cannot fight a fire in flip flops and shorts made of nylon. If you are caught in undesirable clothing, the best we can allow you to do is traffic control. If you drive your car to an area to fight a fire – LEAVE YOUR KEYS IN THE IGNITION This will enable the car to be moved if necessary by anyone.

A very important issue was brought to light and has been decided that if we are indeed evacuated, we will be opening Fire Boxes on our way out of the subdivision to keep them from being bulldozed down. Here are the persons and their boxes to open:

Susie Odry – Clubhouse Box
Brian Curtis – Hillcrest Box
Simon Elman – Vista Box
Stan and Carol Eggink – Loma Linda Box

Brian did an inventory of the clubhouse box to verify all items were present according to the sheet. The rubber gloves need to be replaced in all boxes and a larger size purchased. *Carol will take care of this.* The inventory sheet needs to be attached to the door in a more permanent way.

TRAINING ON THE HYDRANT

The port cap was removed and a reducer attached to accept the 1 ½ inch hose. The nozzle was attached to the hose and the hose was drawn out. The hose was charged and Brian explained the various sprays and their uses.

The hydrant was shut down and the hose was separated from the nozzle and hydrant, rolled up into a double doughnut.

With everything back in the box, the training session was finished.

It was decided there will be no Fire Brigade meeting in September due to the CWPOA and CMWC Membership meetings. Carol will call on Brigade members to assist in roadside clearing of Cascadel North and Cascadel Road. If you can come when called, great!

Malinda Lodge was asked to give the Brigade a refresher course in CPR. She said she would be happy to do this for us. We are waiting to hear her schedule for October or November.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.