

Historical Perspective

A group of 14 Hidden Meadows residents met several times from November, 2003 through January, 2004 with the purpose of identifying what went wrong during the Valley Center Paradise Fire the previous October. While our communities were not harmed, the fire came too close for comfort. Residents in the eastern Hidden Meadows area were told to be ready to evacuate.

The two biggest concerns expressed by this Emergency Task Force as well as many from the community were the limited number of escape routes and the lack of communication. Our only sources of information were the San Diego television and radio stations but they were focused on the larger Cedar Fire. The lack of communication was not the fault of our fire and law enforcement agencies because they really didn't know whom to call with status information and were too busy with the task at hand.

The Fire Safe Council was formed to work along side the Deer Springs Fire Protection District and cover the same geographic area. Council members represent all neighborhoods of the Fire District. Further, the Council has become part of county, state, and federal Fire Safe Councils and takes advantage of their expertise and funding sources.

The Future

The work of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council is on-going. Vegetation keeps growing and new residents are continually joining our communities. The cycle of Education – Prevention – Preparation needs to be repeated and refined.

Volunteers with special skills or a desire to contribute are most welcome. For additional information, call 760-749-3220 or visit: www.DeerSpringsFireSafeCouncil.com

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Serving the communities of West Lilac, Castle Creek, Champagne Village, Deer Springs, Hidden Meadows, Jesmond Dene, Rimrock, and the Welk Resort

Membership Invitation



The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council, Inc. is a registered California Corporation with 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status.

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Mission Statement

The mission of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council (DS FSC) is to preserve lives, property, and natural resources by mobilizing all residents to make their homes and neighborhoods fire safe.

Primary Objectives

The primary objectives of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council include:

Education - Through the use of instructional literature, workshops, and newspaper articles, the Council shall disseminate proven measures for fire prevention. Fire prevention and evacuation brochures is mailed to every district resident each Spring.

Prevention - The Council shall take the necessary steps to mitigate a future wild fire through the use of vegetation management. Funding for brush clearance and other abatement measures is being pursued. A methodology for reporting fire hazards has been established on the council's web site:

www.DeerSpringsFireSafeCouncil.com

Preparation - Acquire and develop the necessary facilities to enhance fire department capabilities, communication to residents, and evacuation of neighborhoods. A centralized communication network has been established to obtain the status of the emergency. That information will then be disseminated to the residents. Expansion of the Deer Springs Fire District is a key objective.

Emergency Response - A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program has been established. CERT members are specially trained to assist with basic emergency response skills in the event of a major emergency and will serve as important backup resource for the fire district to meet the needs of our community.

Membership

Individuals residing within the Deer Springs Fire Protection District can become members merely by attending Fire Safe Council meetings and participating in Council action programs. This will entail writing press releases, informing neighbors of fire prevention recommendations, volunteering for the Community Emergency Response Team, or other similar activities.

A special membership classification has been established for our retail and corporate neighbors. Active participation is not required but is encouraged because the Council values your opinions and concerns for fire safety. Passive participation is facilitated by donations that support the Council's activities. Both membership classifications are granted voting privileges in the Council.

Please support the Council and your community with a generous contribution. Thank you.

Application and Contribution Form

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contribution Amount \$ _____

_____ Corporate membership application

_____ Individual membership application

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