

## DRY CREEK-LOKOYA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

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### *“2013 has been a challenging year for our Fire Department”*

The Dry Creek–Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department, as best we can ascertain, started in 1945 by local community members that desired to protect their community and preserve the water shed. I want to thank each and every one of the men and women who have unselfishly dedicated their time and effort protecting their neighbors, Napa County and the State of California. Over those 68 years communities all across out state have requested our assistance in fighting fires. The Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Volunteers and many of the Napa County Volunteer Fire Departments did just that. We not only help others outside of our County, we also respond to medical aids, vehicle accidents, structure fires etc. in Napa County. We were told in 2013 that Dry Creek–Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department was not a registered Volunteer Fire

Department in the State of California. However, we are currently a Fire Company under the Napa County Fire Department. We still provide the same level of service to our community that we have for decades. As such, Napa County provides the firefighting equipment, firefighter training and pays for a variety of utilities. What they don't pay for is any of the costs of repairing and maintaining our two facilities in the area, our Fire Company uniforms, neighborhood specific public education such as our two annual newsletters. If you have any question or comments don't hesitate to contact me, Larry Russell ([chief16@drycreek.org](mailto:chief16@drycreek.org)).

The Governing Board of our 501(c)3 organization is titled the “Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department Inc.”. The Board did

have to cancel our annual fundraiser, the Home Winemakers Classic in 2013 due to the inability to obtain an ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) license for the sale of Homemade Wine. However, in conjunction with three other local non-profits, we have sold all of the donated commercial wines.

Working with California State legislators, Senator Lois Wolk, Assembly members Dan logue, Mariko Yamada and Mark Levine, as well as Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon, bill AB1425 was signed into law and goes affect 1/1/14 allowing us to get an ABC Permit next yaer. We are currently planning for the 2014 Home Winemakers Classic event.



# PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR

**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY**  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
5-8 PM

LIVE LOCAL MUSIC WITH  
JOHN KELLY AND JENNIFER JEKEL

MAIN COURSE PROVIDED (turkey, ham and Veg. Lasagna)  
NON-ALHOLIC BEVERAGES PROVIDED

POTLUCK BY LAST NAME  
A-I APPETIZERS  
J-R SALADS AND DESERTS  
S-X DESSERTS

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# MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## MVFSC Members Attend Partnerships- Everyone's a Player Conference

Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council members Bill Robertson and Russell Wilsey attended the Partnerships-Everyone's a Player Conference held on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Oakland. The conference included several guest speakers including Ken Pimlott the Director of CALFIRE, Tonya Hoover the State Fire Marshal and Stephan Gort from the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation.

The conference provided a unique opportunity to bring a new council member, agency partner or a potential funder to learn about protecting their homes, communities and environment from the devastating effects from wildfire. The main focus of the conference was to learn how to develop strategies for sustainability for Fire Safe Councils and how to obtain funding from other resources that are available. The conference also included a segment that highlighted local planning from countywide to community focus.

Director Pimlott spoke to the group about the Departments new program that will enable CALFIRE to better support local

government Wildland Urban Interface planning and development in the face of California's increasing population and the elevating risk of catastrophic wildfires due to the effects of climate change.



## Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council applies for a grant through the California Fire Safe Council Grant Clearing House By: Bill Robertson

The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council has again applied for a grant from the California Fire Safe Council Clearing House for the 2014 Grant Cycle.

Kelly Wallace and Bill Robertson attended a Grant Writing Workshop on July 23, 2013 in Sacramento. There they met with Liron Gallerano the

Grant Coordinator for the California Fire Safe Council whose area of responsibility includes Napa County. Bill and Kelly worked hard together to complete the application which was time consuming in of its self.

The focus of this years grant is to finish the Old Ridge Road Project, which is the shaded fuel break project along the ridge that separates Dry Creek from Pickle Creek. If successful, this grant would help pay for crews from Delta Camp to come in and clear brush and thin trees along the Old Ridge Road. This will help provide access for fire fighting crews and allow for air tanker drops to be more effective if a

wild land fire was to burn on either side of the ridge. The application was sent in on September 17<sup>th</sup> and it is a waiting game to see if it makes the first round of screening in Sacramento.

# Neighbors Help Out Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council With Fire Wood Cutting and Splitting Party By: Bill Robertson

On September 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council held a wood cutting party to prepare firewood for sale. The firewood is a by-product of the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Project and it is the intent to sell the firewood in order to obtain revenue that can help pay for more fire prevention projects. The shaded fuel breaks are located on private property and the property owner has the option of keeping the fire wood or donating it to the MVFSC. The wood splitting party was organized by the MVFSC Chair Kelly Wallace and volunteers from the community who assisted are as follows. Charlie Schwing from the Archer Taylor Preserve

brought his chainsaw and helped cut firewood. Wayne Cain, Ed Wheeler Dan, Kevin , and Ken Van Oeveren brought their hydraulic wood splitters. Gary Green and Kelly Wallace brought their chainsaws as well. Bill Robertson, Josh Christie and Chris Woodiwiss stacked the fire wood into organized cords. Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Chief Larry Russell along with Captain Stephen Marek Firefighter Franco Rodriguez provided a BBQ lunch for the volunteers. About five cords in all was cut, split, stacked and is ready to sell. The firewood is a mixed cord of Oak, Madrone, Douglas Fir and Bay. Go to the Mount Veeder Fire

Safe Council website at [www.mountveederfiresafe.org](http://www.mountveederfiresafe.org) to find out about sales.



## [Firewood](#)

Mixed hard & soft firewood, seasoned, cut & split. No delivery at this time; If you need the wood delivered, available.

- Price: \$225.00



**Bill Robertson**  
Editor