



DRY CREEK-LOKOYA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Erik Madison. I am the newly elected Volunteer Fire Chief of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Company. I have been with the Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Company for 13 years and have enjoyed every minute of being a member of the great group of dedicated individuals that serve this community. I started my fire service career back in 1994 as a fire explorer with the City of Napa Fire Department. I then joined the Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Company, who helped put me through the Santa Rosa Junior College Firefighter 1 Academy. I have worked my way up through the ranks within the fire department, from firefighter, Captain, Training Officer, and until recently as the Assistant Chief. I am proud to say that this community in which I help serve has some of the best and most dedicated

volunteer firefighters I have ever had the pleasure to work along side.

One of my main goals is to bring the fire department back in touch with the community. I am hoping to do this with more community outreach and having an open door policy with our residents for whom I help serve. There is no way I could tackle this without the help of my fellow firefighters and especially the Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council. In doing so my hope is to let everyone know that we do care about the people we serve.

As we gear up for another long and record-breaking fire season my goal is that we all play it safe and smart. Everyone plays a vital role in making sure that we do not have a catastrophic fire in our area. At the fire department we have been training and adding new firefighters, Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council is working on the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Project, County

Roads along with CalFire Crews are clearing the roadsides on Mount Veeder and Dry Creek Roads, and we are counting on you to be fire safe, clear 100' around your house, and play it safe when doing anything that could cause a spark. This Fire Season is already starting to show that it is going to be a busy one. We have already had big fires burn throughout the state. With a little preventative measures on the part the people of this community, we can help make the western hills of Napa a safer and more beautiful place to live.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company, please visit www.volunteerfirefighter.org and go to CA, the Napa, and then the Napa County button. Click on "Volunteer Now" and complete the application. We are always looking for new members who want an enjoyable and unique way to serve the community in which they live.

WE ARE BACK!



The 31st Annual

Home Winemakers Classic 2014

The Ultimate Cult Wine Event

A Benefit for the Dry Creek - Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, July 19, 2014 - 4:00 - 6:30

Charles Krug Winery

2800 Main St.

St. Helena

**Taste rare wines handcrafted by 37 home winemakers and
Bid on commercial wines from local wineries and gift packages
Hors d'ouvres, drinks and live music by John Kelly and Friends**

Our annual fundraiser, "The Home Winemakers Classic," is back after much help from our locally elected representatives. This year we will be celebrating our 31st anniversary! The event will take place on Saturday, July 19, at Charles Krug Winery, St. Helena Hwy. in St. Helena. Please come and have a GREAT time, taste some fantastic home wines from 37 home winemakers, eat delicious food, and listen to wonderful live music by local musician John Kelly and friends while supporting your local volunteer fire department. This event has become, without a doubt, the best party for home winemakers in all of California! *Note: Under the new law you can taste but not take away Home Winemakers Wine but we are still auctioning commercial wines at great savings.*

Without this fund raising event, the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteers would not be able to support our community as we have. This source of funding is used to provide support for your local volunteers and maintain the local firehouse.

You may purchase tickets to the 2014 Home Winemakers Classic by going to:

www.homewinemakersclassic.org or www.drycreek.org

or by visiting Napa Fermentations at 575 3rd Street, Napa.

Tickets are \$45 day of the event or \$35 pre-sale.

**Please also support us by buying Raffle Tickets for \$5 each
or \$20 per book of 5. Look for these to arrive in your mail soon!**

See you on July 19th!



FIRE SEASON IS HERE ! ARE YOU PREPARED ?

By Captain Bill Robertson

With the less than normal rainfall and the unseasonably warmer temperatures, fire season is already upon us! What have you done to prepare your home and property if a wildfire happens in our community? Have you:

- Provided 100 Feet minimum of defensible space around your home and outbuildings? If you have other houses that you rent out, do they have the 100 foot clearance as well?
- Are the roofs and rain gutters free of dead leaves and dry pine needles?
- Have you moved your woodpile at least 30 feet away from your house?
- Does your property have a proper address sign that is reflective, contrasting and visible from both directions? If you share a private drive is there address signs at each intersection?

- Does your driveway have a minimum of 15 foot vertical clearance with 10 foot of clearance on each side of the road bed?
- Do you have a water supply and can a fire engine access it?
- Have you planned ahead with your family and have important things like insurance papers, medications, and a list of people to contact if you are evacuated?
- Do you have a meeting place where loved ones can find you?
- What about your pets? Are the leashes, halters and pet carriers readily accessible?

Taking these steps, being proactive and prepared, and having a plan may help you to save your home from a devastating wildfire.



The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council has been working steadily year round in an effort to help make our community more fire safe. One project we have been working on is the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Project on the ridgeline between Dry Creek Road and Mount

Veeder Road. A portion of this fuel break has been accomplished with the assistance of CAL FIRE and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation. We have been preliminarily awarded a grant from the California Fire Safe Council that is being funded from the US Forest Service. Right now we are awaiting final approval and environmental clearance from the Bureau of Land Management to continue the project. Napa Communities Firewise Foundation is working on our behalf as our fiscal sponsor for this project. The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council has been working with property owners to obtain permission to have the work done.

On Saturday May 3rd the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council, in a joint effort with the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company, hosted a pancake breakfast at the Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station. Over thirty community members attended where they had an opportunity to speak with CAL FIRE Fire Officials, hear some good information on fire prevention measures and got to enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by members of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company and the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council.



This year's community fire safe theme is, "One Less Spark-One Less Wildfire." The focus of this campaign is to create a proactive cooperative approach to prevent or reduce the catastrophic losses associated with vehicle and equipment caused wildfires along California roadsides and highways. For more information on the One Less Spark One Less Wildfire campaign, please visit www.PreventWildfireCA.org.



**NEIGHBORS HELPING
NEIGHBORS KEEPING
OUR COMMUNITY FIRE
SAFE**

Do you want an opportunity to meet your neighbors? The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council is a local community group that

meets once a month at various locations in the neighborhood to work on reducing the risks of wildfire and the impacts a wildfire can have in our area if one was to occur.

If you live on Dry Creek Road, Mount Veeder Road, Wall Road, Lokoya Road, Redwood Road, Partrick Road or Oakville Grade, then you live in the community and are more than welcome and encouraged to come and participate in our meetings. You can participate at any level that makes sense to you. You can be involved in any of the sub-committees to work on specific projects that may interest you. So please join us and bring your ideas and skill sets.

The wildfire threat is a community problem; it is going to take the community to help reduce the risks. Our next scheduled meeting is:

*SATURDAY JUNE 28,
2014 9:00 am
DRY CREEK-LOKOYA
VOLUNTEER FIRE
STATION
5900 DRY CREEK
ROAD NAPA, CA
94558*

www.mtveederfiresafe.org

*HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE !*



**CHIPPING PROGRAM IS
UP AND RUNNING!**

As a reminder, part of having good defensible space is the trimming back and/or removal of vegetation within the 100' radius of your house. To help get rid of the vegetation trimmings, Napa Firewise, in conjunction with the County of Napa, provides free chipping of your piles. However, do not put a pile by the roadside and expect the pile to magically disappear! You must go online and register your pile to be chipped. No registration means no chipping.

Please go to the Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council website to access the chipping program registration at:

www.mtveederfiresafe.org

Check out all the information available to you on our website. Items to help you be more fire safe!

You may also go directly to:

http://www.napafirewise.org/real_home_008.htm

to register. You may also find more information on defensible space at the Napa County Fire Department website at:

<http://www.countyofnapa.org/CountyFire/>

Thank you in advance for helping us help you in the event of a wild fire.

YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS DO MORE THAN JUST PUT OUT FIRES!

While fires, both structure and vegetation, are the most noticeable and seemingly most dangerous to the most number of neighbors, your local firefighters also respond to medical emergencies (about 95% of our calls), traffic accidents, assist with water and rope rescues, and mitigate other hazards (trees and power lines down across our roads). This is why they train so often and need to have the same training as the paid county firefighters. Below are some of our trainings we must attend to stay proficient in our skills.



Auto Extraction



Water Rescue



Ropes Rescue



Building Entanglement Prop



Pump Operations



Wildland Fire Hose Lay



Medical



Structure Fire

YOUR SRA FEES AT WORK FOR A SAFER ROADWAY!

The residents of the Dry Creek, Mt Veeder, and Lokoya area of the county are doing an outstanding job of improving your chances for safety during a wildland fire by creating defensible space around your homes, businesses, and along driveways (<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>). Your Mt Veeder Fire Safe Council is also working very hard in coordination with CAL FIRE, Napa County FD, and the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to strategically improve your safety as well.

One very high priority project is to reduce the fire fuels along the roads in order to improve your chances of escape from the area and the viability of fire engine access during a wildland fire.

The roadside fuel reduction work that is currently underway on Mt. Veeder Road is a joint project with CAL FIRE and the Napa County Roads Department. The Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council receives updates on the project as it progresses and is supported by the Fire Safe Council. The work is being done by CAL FIRE/ California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) fire crews and the local Napa County Roads crew within the existing county roads maintenance right-of-way. The intent is to remove the hazardous fire fuels adjacent to the road while leaving the roots in place for soil stabilization. Some small trees under six inches in diameter may be removed but the larger trees will be limbed up and left to provide shade to slow regrowth and provide rain diversion to reduce soil erosion.

Funding for this project is provided by the State Fire Prevention Fee (SRA fee). Your support and understanding of the project is appreciated. For questions or concerns you may contact Mike Wilson, CAL FIRE Vegetation Management Coordinator, at 707 967-1408 or mike.wilson@fire.ca.gov