

CROWN KING FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fuels Reduction

Day June 5

The Fire Department, with the assistance of the Forest Service, several local businesses and property owners in Crown King, will be hosting a special community Fuels Clean Up Day to help property owners remove their slash piles. If you are a homeowner, this is the perfect opportunity for you to clean up the forest debris that has accumulated around your property and poses a risk to your home in the event of a wildland fire.

If you have performed or had fuels treatment work completed on your property in the past, this clean up day provides you with the means to maintain the work that has been accomplished.

Slash consists of needles, limbs, and small trees less than 4 inches in diameter that have been removed to provide defensible space around your home. This special weekend we will load and haul your cuttings to the slash disposal site or chip them if possible. In order to help the most properties, you will need to have your slash stacked by the side of the road where crew members can easily load dump trucks and trailers to haul it away and/or chip it. We also ask that you separate needles from other branches and slash so that we

may reduce the time it takes to load or chip material.

If you would like to help pick up or have a truck to assist in hauling material to the slash site, please stop by or call us at Station 1. If you need someone to haul or chip your cuttings, please sign up prior to Tuesday June 1st so that we may be sure to include your property on our schedule. Working together we will help improve the forest health and reduce the hazardous fuels now found.

There will be a community potluck at Station 1 on Saturday following the cleanup effort.

Sheriff's Office Offers Emergency Notification System

The Sheriff's Office is now offering an Emergency Notification System (ENS) to residents in Yavapai County. This system will not take the place of the Fire Department's phone contact system but will be in addition to it. Along with the Fire Department contacting you in the event of an emergency, you will also receive notification from the Sheriff's Office. Their system allows for residents of Yavapai County to add multiple contact points in the event of an emergency. These contact points include cell phones, fax machines, e-mail, pagers, Blackberrys and office voice mail as well as land line of the residence. This system will be especially useful for those that use a cell phone rather than a landline. For more information visit the Sheriff's Office web site at www.co.yavapai.az.us/sheriff.aspx and click on the Emergency

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Notification System box in lower right hand corner.

Moss/Torpedo Subdivision Gains National Recognition

The Moss/Torpedo Subdivision worked hard all last year to become the first Crown King Subdivision to gain National Firewise recognition. The residents, working with Fire Department and State Forestry personnel, formed a board and a Firewise plan was developed specifically for their subdivision. In October, the plan and application for designation as a qualified participant in the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program for 2009 were submitted. In November 2009, the board was notified of their Firewise Communities/USA recognition status.

In addition to reducing their chances of loss due to a wildland fire, recognized Firewise Communities/USA sites get priority status in consideration for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's pre-disaster mitigation planning and project grants.

If you and your subdivision are interested in working toward this prestigious status, please contact Sean Kennedy, the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Officer for more information.

Training News

Personnel continuously improve their skills to provide the community the highest level of emergency services. Since January 2010, personnel have attended the following training:

32 hour EMT Refresher Class: Scott Alamprese, Cindy DeBoer, Rachel Dunne, Jennifer Hill, Jeremy Knox, Steve Lombardo, Linda Lombardo, Joe Max, and Brian Perry.

16 hour S-270 Air Operations: Sean Kennedy, Brian Perry, Derrick Piper, Anthony Rose and Kyle Runo.

32 hour S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface: Jeremy Knox, Derrick Piper, Sean Kennedy, Brian Perry, and Anthony Rose.

16 hour L-280 Followership to Leadership: Rachel Dunne, Jeremy Knox, and Brian Perry.

8 hour multi-jurisdictional annual wildland refresher training: Rachel Dunne, Sean Kennedy, Jeremy Knox, Brian Perry, Derrick Piper, and Anthony Rose.

In addition to this training, Sean Kennedy and Derrick Piper have completed the Yavapai College Fire Fighter I & II structural fire fighting curriculum and are now ready for certification testing.

Thanks to all of you for taking the time from your personal lives to help ensure the safety and well being of the Crown King Community. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Water Conservation

With summer approaching, we urge everyone to practice water conservation. Please use water sparingly, and use only as much as is absolutely necessary. Some suggested measures include:

- Eliminating all non-essential uses of water.
- Do not water lawns or wet down roads to reduce dust.
- Use washing machines with full loads of clothes only.
- Avoid long term running of water while washing, shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- Use paper plates, cups, etc. instead of regular dishes that require washing.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Dinner Dance Scheduled

The Department's annual Dinner Dance/Auction and Raffle will be held Saturday, September 18, 2010. Please mark your calendars and check our web site for more information.

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