

PRESS RELEASE

Fire Safe Council Announces September Meeting and Urges Residents to “Be Ember Aware”

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council’s (PC FSC) regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the September meeting the Council will be discussing County fire activity and their progress on current wildfire mitigation projects and educational activities.

While a number of Plumas County Communities were in Mandatory, Voluntary or Advisory Evacuation Orders, now may be a good time to think about how well prepared you are should another fire breakout and threaten your community. To assist you, PC FSC is featuring a two part video series on “*Being Ember Prepared*” on our website. The videos produced by The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Nevada Fire Safe Council offer advice on how to prepare for an ember attack from a wildfire. A “*Be Ember Prepared*” brochure can also be downloaded that covers much of the material in the videos.

Most homes burn in a wildfire because of ignitions by the blowing embers or structures that were built to close together. They rarely burn because of the large flames from burning trees. So having Defensible Space and preparing for the Ember Blizzard is critical. To better determine your home’s ability to survive an ember attack you should walk around your property and think about what would happen if you were to just start throwing matches. Because that is exactly what those embers become and what happens during an ember blizzard in a wildfire.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites any citizen with an interest in mitigating impacts, to their homes or communities, from wildland fires to become members. The Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses, fire departments, and representatives of local, state and federal government agencies. The mission of the Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”***

For additional information on Council activities, mitigating wildfire impacts or information on weather and fire activity visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.