

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 11/13/02

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites interested citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11, at St. John's Parish hall on Lawrence Street, in Quincy, across from the Plumas NF Supervisors Office, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

The Council continues to build strength and momentum. The mission of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is: *"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities."*

At the November meeting, the Council will be discussing a number of issues including: a) the status and implementation progress on efforts to enhance public education, fire pre-planning and hazardous fuels reduction, b) progress in pursuing tax exempt corporation status, and c) additional grants being sought to assist County residents with wildfire education, safety and protection. Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member of the Fire Safe Council

While this was a light year for the number of wildfires and acres burned in Plumas County, the threat will be back next year. With wildfires in Plumas County, it is not a matter of if, but when. Therefore, Council members are continuing their efforts to better educate residents, and assist communities in their efforts to lessen the threats from wildfire for next year, and the years beyond. With our County's history of fire we need to keep working to make our communities safer from wildfire. To that effort, the Council is working aggressively to obtain grant funding to provide for homeowner and community education, and to reduce hazardous fuels, along with other projects.

Plumas County Fire Safe Council would like to remind community members that with the onset of fall burning they should: 1) burn in a safe location with tools and water on site, 2) avoid burning on days of strong winds, 3) burn only on a permissive burn day; 4) burn only dry materials and piles, 5) don't burn tires, processed wood, painted wood or other garbage, and 6) extinguish all piles before leaving home. Unfortunately every year, some residents don't follow these simple rules and their fires escape and threaten others, or they create smoke conditions that are a nuisance to others. For more information on burning, permits, or regulations, you can contact your local US Forest Service, CDF, or fire department office.

For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org