

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 8/13/03

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at the Quincy Fire Department, upstairs meeting room, from 9:00 to 12:00 AM.

At the August meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on their grants to provide county residents with wildfire education, fire planning and hazardous fuel reduction.

Fire Safe Council members want to remind County residents that the video "*Wildfire Preventing Home Ignitions*" is available at video stores and libraries throughout the County for residents to check out on free loaner basis. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council wants to encourage homeowners to view this free 20 minute video to learn why homes burn in a wildfire, so they may take preventative actions. The Video is a product of Jack Cohen's wildland fire behavior research at the US Forest Service Fire Sciences Laboratory. In the video, Jack Cohen discusses why it's the little things that cause homes to burn. The film features excellent footage of a number of wildfires, including cameras setup inside a research crown fire while it is burning.

"It only takes a spark." To cause the loss of a home. Residents are encouraged to make their homes Fire Safe. By doing this you will also give members of your fire department a safer environment and fighting chance. It is not a question of if, but of when, a wildland fire will again threaten lives and property in Plumas County.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, which share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires. Plumas County's Council is becoming one of the more active councils in California. The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities."*** Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member of the Council.

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