

## **SUPPLEMENT: 2012**

### **Annual Report of Unit Accomplishments**

The Unit has continued working on a variety of projects throughout 2011. Unit Staff continues to work with cooperators assisting in the development, implementation, and oversight of numerous fuel reduction projects. In addition to fuel reduction work, the Unit has also dedicated time and resources to defensible space inspections (LE-100's) and community education and participation.

#### LE-100 Defensible Space Inspections

The Unit completed approximately two-thousand LE-100 inspections in 2011. Of this, approximately seven-hundred were not in compliance after the first inspection. After continued inspections and education, one-hundred percent compliance was reached.

#### Education and Community Involvement

It has been the goal of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit to engage in a wide variety of community education opportunities. In a typical year, the Unit attends specific events such as the County Fair or Fourth of July parade. Throughout the year, the Unit is invited to and attends numerous other events. Community education, participation, and involvement is not borne by any one CAL FIRE program, but rather encompasses all programs and staff. The program works best when individual stations can react to, and attend an unplanned community event. In 2011, the Unit participated in more than twelve-hundred hours of prevention work. The following is a summary of events CZU attended in 2011:

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| Belmont Parade   | Burrell Community Picnic with Loma Prieta VFD      |
| Camp Kennolyn  | Home Depot Safety Fair                             |
| Aptos Safety Fair  | Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival                     |
| San Mateo County Fair  | Santa Cruz County Fair                             |
| Bonny Doon Elementary School July Fourth Boulder Creek Parade      |  |
| July Fourth Scotts Valley Parade                                   | Felton Memorial Parade                             |
| July Fourth Highlands Parade                                       | July Fourth Half Moon Bay Parade                   |
| July Fourth Parade Aptos   | Pescadero Fun Festival                             |
| Amesti School February 2011  | Hutter Park Skylonda July 2011 (Children's Event ) |
| July Fourth Prevention/LE  | SLV High School (25 Jrs & Srs) February 2011       |
| Burrell Mt. Bible School Event                                     | PV National Night Out 8/2/11                       |
| Corralitos Community Presentation                                  |  |
| Huddart Park Girl Scout Camp Event July 25, 2011 (Skylonda engine) |  |
| Big Creek Davenport Cinco de Mayo Celebration                      |  |

Community Preparedness Day San Mateo County

Santa Cruz County Office of Education Event at Sheriff's Posse Grounds

Belmont Touch a Truck Event for Special Needs Children

Capitola Mall Awareness Day June 11, 2011

National Night Out, Highlands Park, Ben Lomond 8/2/11

Mountain National Night Out, Burrell Station 8/2/11

Jacob's Heart 9/18/11 Corralitos Station

### Fuel Reduction Projects

Following the devastating wildfires of 2008 and 2009 there was an increased awareness and determination to move forward with pre-fire projects by both CZU staff and the community. There has been a grass roots movement to organize and implement fuels management projects across the three Counties. CAL FIRE has been continually involved in the development and implementation of fire prevention projects. CAL FIRE crews at Ben Lomond Camp continue to be an important asset when it comes to putting boots on the ground and getting the work done. There are a variety of project proponents across the Unit, including 4 active Fire Safe Councils, homeowner groups, local and state government, and private companies. The following outlines Unit accomplishments:

#### San Mateo County

Edgewood County Park Fuelbreak

Jasper Ridge VMP burn

Wunderlich County Park Fuelbreak

#### Santa Cruz County

Monte Toyon/Redwood Dr Escape Route

Pau Hana fuel Reduction

Indian Rock Fuel Reduction

Ellicott – Assist with Cooperative Agreement w/ CCC's

BDER – Hazard Tree Removal and Fuel Reduction

Las Cumbres – Fire Road

Coyote Canyon/Victory Lane – Escape Route and Fuel Reduction

Calabasas (White Road) – Access and Fuel Reduction

Porter Gulch – Fuel Reduction in cooperation with Central Fire

Hinckley Ridge (planning/coordination/grant writing)

Soquel High School – Fuel Reduction in cooperation with Central Fire

CFIP Assistance

Milsap – chipper project with CCC's

Big Basin VMP Burn

Forestry Challenge – High School Forestry Competition

DeLaRosa – Planning for incorporation with RCD Partnership Grant

RCD Partnership Grant