



MBVFD Report 7/2016

Cove Ln Fire Box

- Construction of Fire hose box has started. The box will have a nozzle, hydrant tool and 200ft of double jacketed hose.
- Cuco has been building the box and will notify me when completed.
- Instruction on how to operate the hose will be available to neighbors in that area. Date is TBD.

New Red Cross Cots and blankets

- The Red Cross donated new and easier to assemble Community Disaster cots.
- Old cots will be given back or donated to another community.
- Red Cross also donated emergency blankets.

Fire Tax

Your Volunteer Fire Department = Lower Insurance Premiums

A few years ago, our [ISO](#) (Insurance Services Office) fire suppression rating jumped to a 10 resulting in dramatically increased premiums for Muir Beach homeowners. Some homeowners reported increases of up to \$4000 in their annual premiums. We immediately contacted the ISO office who let us know that if we could document the type and quality of equipment owned, level and number of trained firefighters in service, and amount of stored water/fire hydrants in the community, they would reconsider our rating. After providing the requested documentation, our rating was reduced from a 10 to a 3.

In order to preserve this rating, we must keep our equipment well-maintained and protected. We must stay current with our training and certifications and provide documentation as proof. Without quality fire protection from your fire department, Muir Beach will not continue to qualify for this low ISO rating and homeowners will once again face higher insurance premiums. Monetarily speaking, this alone can represent thousands of dollars in annual savings for Muir Beach homeowners and more than offsets the cost of a \$213 annual fire tax.

Why Do We Need The Fire Tax? Isn't The BBQ Enough?

The proceeds from the BBQ represent roughly half of our operating budget. The fire tax provides the other half of our funding along with money from merchandise sales, grant monies and donations for equipment repair/maintenance, supplies and training. Without it, we cannot deliver the quality services we currently provide nor qualify for the lowered insurance rating/premiums as discussed above.

Community Disaster Drill

The Muir Beach Disaster Drill on April 24 was a huge success. Participants included members of Muir Beach Disaster Council (MBDC), Muir Beach Volunteer Fire Department (MBVFD), Marin County Fire Department (MCFD), Marin County Office of Emergency Services (OES), Muir Beach residents and Green Gulch.

The goal was to improve radio communication with disaster liaisons, introduce a first aid scenario, have MBVFD package & transport patients to triage at the community center and to initiate radio communication with Green Gulch using the West Marin communication network i-COM radios.

The simulated disaster was a large earthquake that started at 10am and was a huge success.

Sidewalk CPR Classes

Saturday June 11 was the 7th annual Marin County EMS Agency Sidewalk CPR event which was a HUGE success. Fire departments and volunteers set up all over Marin County to teach passersby the basics in CPR. The event lasted from 10am to 2pm and due to this effort there are now an additional **1,884** people trained (or re-trained in some instances) in Hands-Only CPR in Marin County. This was the first time MBVFD volunteered for this event and I am pleased to announce that we trained 164 people at the Muir Beach parking lot as we worked alongside Marin County firefighters.

Importance of creating 100 foot defensible space around your home for this wildland fire season.

In January 2005, California revised the state law that requires homeowners to create a firebreak, known as "Defensible Space" around their homes. [Sections 4290 and 4291 of the California Public Resources Code](#) are the laws that require property owners in California to establish "Defensible Space." The law now requires property owners to extend **Defensible Space clearance around homes and structures from 30 feet to 100 feet.**

Wildfires move extremely fast and proper clearance to 100 feet will dramatically increase the chance of your house surviving a wildfire. This defensible space also provides an important area for firefighter safety when protecting homes during a wildland fire.

Hwy 1 Safety project

In May, I was invited to participate in a Caltrans-hosted think tank designed to collect early input to inform the TCR (Transportation Concept Report) development process. This interactive, hands-on workshop was designed to generate ideas from partners on key needs and priorities for State Route 1 North in Marin and Sonoma counties. Some of the questions we addressed were:

- What are the key physical, environmental and social assets that define SR-1 North? How can we build on these assets?
- What is the perception of economic, environmental and physical issues within the corridor from your organization's perspective?
- What key opportunities or big ideas do you see for SR-1 North over the next 20 years as it relates to sustainability, mobility, economy and livability?

In my feedback, I included concerns from Muir Beach residents in regards to safety and congestion. All agreed these were important considerations to address. Overall, I was pleased that CalTrans is taking proactive steps to address current and future traffic and safety issues while keeping in mind the natural beauty of Hwy 1.

First Aid classes 2/11/17 Open to the Community

This informative class is offered to all Muir Beach residents. The course is designed for citizen first responders without any medical background. Nurses and doctors appreciate this training as well because it provides hands-on practice for first responder emergency life-saving actions. It is also great, practical knowledge for everyone. Everyone age 14 and up is welcome to attend. Requested donation is \$5. Time TBD.

Complete 2016 Incident report up to July 28, see Excel spread sheet

Basic summary:

Muir Woods	16 calls
Muir Beach community including both beaches.....	11 Calls
Roads and Hwy.....	12 calls
Green Gulch/Trails.....	2 calls
Total calls to date.....	41

Muir Beach Volunteer Fire Department Calls: Hours Tracking

Year To Date (July 28th, 2016):

Year: 2016

This is a summary sheet, by month, of all calls tracked throughout the year to date. Do not enter data in this sheet. It updates automatically.

Hours Spent in:		Muir Beach					Surrounding Communities						Total	
Month		Community	NPS / Big Beach	NPS / Little Beach	NPS / Overlook	Total Muir Beach	Muir Woods	Slide Ranch	Green Gulch	Roads/ Highways	Trails	Other	Total Surrounding Communities	Grand Total Hours
	January	1	0	0	0	1	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	2.5
	February	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	2	2
	March	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	2.5	0	0	4.5	7.5
	April	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	5.5
	May	1	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	4	2	0	8	11
	June	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	3
	July	3.5	0	0	0	3.5	4.5	0	0	2	0	0	6.5	10
	August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Hours:	7	3	0	1	11	14.5	0	1	13	2	0	30.5	41.5
	% of Total Hours:	16.9%	7.2%	0.0%	2.4%	26.5%	34.9%	0.0%	2.4%	31.3%	4.8%	0.0%	73.5%	100.0%
	Total Calls:	7	3	0	1	11	16	0	1	12	1	0	30	41
	% of Total Calls:	17.1%	7.3%	0.0%	2.4%	26.8%	39.0%	0.0%	2.4%	29.3%	2.4%	0.0%	73.2%	100.0%

Annual Summary: Type of Calls for 2016

Type of Call	Total # of Calls	Total # of Hours	% of Total	
			% of Total Calls	% of Total Hours
Working/Structural Fires	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
False Alarms/Good Intent Calls	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Vehicle Fires	1	0	2.4%	0.0%
Vegetation Fires	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
EMS-BLS Response Calls	23	19	56.1%	54.3%
EMS-ALS Response Calls	3	2.5	7.3%	7.1%
EMS-BLS Scheduled Transports	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
EMS-ALS Scheduled Transports	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Vehicle Accidents w/o Extrication	6	6.5	14.6%	18.6%
Vehicle Extrication	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other Rescue	2	1	4.9%	2.9%
Hazardous Condition/Materials Calls	1	1.5	2.4%	4.3%
Service Calls	5	4.5	12.2%	12.9%
Tree Down	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Wires Down	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Smoke Check	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Water Condition (Flooding)	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Illegal Fire on Beach	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other Calls and Incidents (add note)	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Multiple types of calls (add note)	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	41	35	100.0%	100.0%

Total Acreage of all Vegetation Fires?	0
Number of Times <u>Received</u>	
Mutual/Automatic Aid?	0
Number of Times <u>Provided</u>	
Mutual/Automatic Aid?	34

Annual Summary: Responders In 2016

Responder Name	Total Times Responded	% of Total Responses	% of Individual Responses
Allen, Rob	21	20.8%	51.2%
Conti, Maurice	12	11.9%	29.3%
Eigsti, Brad	7	6.9%	17.1%
Gove, Chris	16	15.8%	39.0%
Pares, Antonio	3	3.0%	7.3%
Piazza, Frank	0	0.0%	0.0%
Prakin, Todd	1	1.0%	2.4%
Rauh, Jon	4	4.0%	9.8%
Taylor, David	6	5.9%	14.6%
Wynn, Steve	26	25.7%	63.4%
Ferraro, Joseph	5	5.0%	12.2%
0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	101	100.0%	N/A

Note: % of Individual Responses is calculated based on total calls of 41 to date. This column shows what % of Total Calls this Responder has responded to.

Total Hours Responded	% of Hours Responded
16.5	19.2%
12	14.0%
5.5	6.4%
11.5	13.4%
3	3.5%
0	0.0%
1	1.2%
2.5	2.9%
4.5	5.2%
24.5	28.5%
5	5.8%
0	0.0%
0	0.0%
0	0.0%
0	0.0%
86	100.0%