

CalFire VIP Meeting Minutes – Feb. 2015

February 20, 2015

Meeting Topics:

Upcoming events:

3/7, Sat. 10:30 – 13:30: Smokey appearance at Palo Alto Arbor Day event – Handler needed!
Contact Pam T.

3/14, Sat: Comm Van invited to BEU training – details with Pam T.

3/20, Fri. 18:30 – Santa Clara Cub Scout Pack Public Education – Handler needed! Contact Pam T.

Lookout Tower:

Replacement roof approved! “Hip” roof design to be built to replace existing.

Next week crews at site to pressure wash Cab and Garage prior to painting.

Chief Witmer wants tower restored back to its original (1st built) configuration

Event:

Amgen Bike race scheduled for May 12th along Mt. Hamilton Rd. Manning of tower requested.

Pam T. will advise further on assigned task(s) for tower crew.

Chiefs want tower staffed more frequently this fire season

CIC generator:

Generator sent to shop for repairs this past week.

Pad construction can start any time.

Safety Training:

Public Education:

Smoke/CO detectors:

Advise public to check Smoke/CO detectors (w/10 yr batteries) monthly.

Awareness of end of life date on bottom of detector needed.

Placement: one smoke detector at each level of house and in each bedroom.

One CO detector at each level in hallway outside of bedrooms only.

Heating Devices:

53,000/yr due to heating equipment.

Consumer must read and follow manufacturer instructions.

Maintain 3ft clearance from heating unit.

Cooking Safety:

#1 cause of residential fires

Unattended cooking is greatest risk

Extinguish on stove fires by smothering or careful application of extinguisher.