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PRVFD - - - Upholding Tradition

by Laurel Hendrix



In April, 2000, eight Pine Ridge residents came together under the leadership of Larry Pearsall to form the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (PRVFD). Initially equipped only with a donated, 1953 Ford wildland fire engine, some hand-me-down turnouts, and a desire to serve our community, this core of community volunteers has grown in number, making Pine Ridge history. In its many activities over the past 8 years, PRVFD has made a place for itself in a long American tradition of volunteer firefighting. PRVFD has proven beyond a doubt that history does indeed repeat

itself.

Volunteer fire departments have a long history stretching back to the first American volunteer fire department, founded in 1736 by Benjamin Franklin. In his newspaper, The Pennsylvania Gazette, Franklin warned his fellow citizens of Philadelphia about the dangers of urban fires, the need for fire prevention, and the necessity of an organized community fire response. After an extensive and destructive fire in 1736, Franklin took action. He formed a volunteer fire brigade of 30 members, The Union Fire Company. The volunteers met monthly to

discuss fire prevention and to learn the newest firefighting strategies.



The idea caught on, and soon, additional companies formed in Philadelphia: The Fellowship, the Heart-in-Hand, and Friendship companies. All these companies were self-sustaining – in addition to donating their time and efforts to firefighting, the volunteers paid for their own

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Chief's Corner

"We Made It" by Larry Pearsall



We are faced with a peculiar situation, although it may be a routine situation for most volunteer fire departments.

We have been able to secure generous grants for equipment and in addition, apparatus has been donated to us. Unfortunately, none of this helps pay for our operating expenses. Our insurance, fuel, repairs and other routine expenses can only be covered by donations and contributions from our community.

We underwent a dry spell, earlier this year, and had to temporarily remove two engines from service but we were still able to offer limited protection to our community. Since then, thanks to our successful BBQ fundraiser and contributions from Edison Big Creek Hydro and several neighbors, we survived the ordeal and in fact now have a head start on funding next years operating expenses. Our goal now is to find

sources of sustainable income. Thank you all for your continuing support. We are here to serve you.

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Volunteer Fire Departments, Who Needs'em?

by Cal Fire Battalion Chief Craig Tolmie



According to the U.S. Fire Administration, 87% of the fire departments in the US are volunteer or mostly volunteer. These fire departments protect 38% of this country's population. In 2005, there were an estimated 1,136,650 firefighters in the US, 72% were volunteers. In Fresno County, of the 22 fire departments that provide service, 68% of them are volunteer or a combination of paid/volunteer firefighters. Bringing it closer to home, of the fire departments (structural and wildland) that serve the Highway 168 corridor above Prather, seven of the nine departments are all staffed by volunteer firefighters. Being a volunteer firefighter in the northeastern portion of Fresno County means that **you** are making a difference in the level of fire protection available to your family and neighbors.

The permanently staffed fire engines that can immediately respond to all risk inci-

dents in northeastern Fresno County are located at the following CalFire stations; Millerton Fire Station, Hurley Fire Station, Blasingame Fire Station and Shaver Lake Fire Station. This means that the response times for staffed fire engines to respond to Pine Ridge can be as short as approximately twenty to thirty minutes from Shaver Station to as long as forty five minutes from Millerton station. However, volunteer firefighters from Pine Ridge, Bald Mountain and Shaver Lake can be on-scene in a matter of minutes. This means that volunteer firefighters can be on-scene and mitigating an incident be it fire, medical emergency or vehicle accident a lot quicker than paid firefighters.

Thank you for giving of yourself and your time to assist your neighbors as a volunteer firefighter!

On a separate note, defensible space – have you got it? So far this year, there have been 3,582 structures

destroyed by wildland fire and an additional 536 damaged statewide.

Where your homes are located, you need a **minimum** of 100 feet of Defensible Space around all of the structures on your property. Within this zone you should, at a minimum, remove all bear clover within 30 feet of the structure; limb trees that are greater than 8 inches in diameter to 8 feet above the ground; limb trees that are less than 8 inches in diameter so their branches are not touching the ground; and ensure that vegetation is separated to provide vertical and horizontal clearances to eliminate fuel ladders. You need to check and ensure that all flammable vegetation within 10 feet of your propane tank is removed and there is at least 15 foot vertical clearance above your propane tank. You need to ensure that there are no branches within 10 feet of any chimney; stove pipe or heat emitting vent on your

home. You need to ensure that there is at least 15 foot vertical clearance (branches removed) along the length of your driveway. You also need to ensure that vegetation is separated to provide vertical and horizontal clearances to eliminate fuel ladders along the length of your driveway. During fire season, you need to keep your roof and gutters cleared of leaves and pine needles and keep your fire wood stacked at least 30 feet from structures.

This is the time of year to jump on getting your defensible space needs achieved. The suggestions above are a minimum and provide a place to start. Once you have achieved these, keep working further out from your structures. For further information on defensible space and wildfire preparation, please see these web sites: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/index.php> <http://groups.ucanr.org/hwmg/> <http://firewise.org/>

Mutual Aid??? Instant Aid???

by Warren Colbert



Fire calls are confusing to most people. Perhaps this explanation will help.

Generally speaking, there are currently three categories of calls to emergency incidents: *Routine Dispatch*, *Mutual Aid* and *Instant Aid*. All calls come from the Cal Fire Emergency Command Center (ECC) in Fresno. *Routine Dispatch* is the call, or tone-out, that we receive for inci-

dents within our jurisdiction.

If the Incident Commander (IC), at an incident scene, needs additional resources he may request *Mutual Aid*. All volunteer fire departments are available for *Mutual Aid* calls although response is voluntary. PRVFD has responded to several *Mutual Aid* calls around our extended community.

The third category is *In-*

stant Aid. If you have an *Instant Aid* agreement with another department you will automatically be dispatched by the ECC for incidents in their jurisdiction that meet the requirements of the agreement. PRVFD currently has *Instant Aid* agreements with the Shaver Lake fire department and the Bald Mountain fire department. They, in turn, will respond to incidents

in our area. These agreements benefit our community by providing increased protection and additional resources when needed.

There is a fourth category, currently being proposed, that is called *Closest to Scene*. This means that the ECC would dispatch the closest available apparatus to any emergency irrespective of the

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Chief's Award to Abb Adkisson

by Larry Pearsall



When one of our members performs in an exemplary manner, above and beyond the call of duty, I have the honor of awarding that person the prestigious "Chief's Award". This award is presented during our annual Appreciation dinner and there has only been two such awards presented.

Engineer Abb Adkisson received this award in, 2007.

The following text was read during the ceremony:

"At 1610 hours (4:10 PM) on April 16, 2006 our department received a medical call for an unresponsive person on Upper Cressman Road. It was a devastating call because it was for one of our own firefighters. Abb Adkisson was first on scene. He quickly assessed the situation, moved the victim from his chair to the floor and began CPR. Gary Martin arrived shortly after and assisted. Abb continued CPR

until EMS arrived and determined that he had passed away. At that point we realized that the victims son could not be located. Abb immediately jumped on his quad and



took off to find him, which he did. The Trauma Intervention Program representative (TIP) and the Coroner were called. At this stage of the incident, our responsibility was fulfilled and we returned to quarters, but not Abb. Abb stayed with the family until after 2200

hours (10:00 PM) until the Coroner arrived.

At 1653 hours (4:53 PM) on May 5, 2006, our department received a medical call for an unresponsive person on Cressman Road. It turned out to be a serious stroke. The victim was conscious but incoherent. Abb was first on scene and took the lead in treatment until EMS arrived.

On December 9, 2006 Abb transported another victim to the hospital. He had terminal cancer and was too sick to stay at home any longer. This was not a PRVFD call; Abb was just helping a friend in need. It wasn't an easy trip. The victim was very sick on the way down and when I talked to Abb about it, he just shrugged and said, "No problem".

At 0720 hours (7:20 AM) on December 20, 2006, our department received a medical call for difficulty breathing on Cressman Road. Once again

Abb was first on scene. EMS wanted to transport the victim to the hospital, but she wanted to go to her own doctor in Fresno. Abb immediately went home and returned in his Suburban, ready to take

her to Fresno. It turned out that her son was on the way up and he transported her, but Abb was willing and ready, once again, to go the extra mile.

Abb has performed in an exemplary manner during several traumatic incidents, always contributing more than required and is certainly deserving of this award.

Abb is always willing to help our neighbors in any way he can, and is an example of how we should all perform. He has set the bar pretty high. ...

It is truly an honor to award Engineer Abb Adkisson the *Chief's Award* for outstanding service over and above the call of duty".

First Annual Fundraising Bar-B-Q a Success!

by Howard Hendrix



07/07/07 proved to be a lucky date for PRVFD's first barbecue fundraiser. Total income for the event exceeded \$2000, all of which is to be spent on operating expenses -- providing fuel for the fire engines, insurance and the like. Fresno County Supervisor Bob Waterston provided a generous donation to help cover the expenses. PRVFD thanks Bob for his contribution. Our thanks too to Ken Leggett, for allowing us to

hold the event at Cressman's store. Thanks to the Mountain Press, Snowline Times, and Fresno Bee for publicizing the Tri-Tip Bar-B-Q event and helping to make it a successful fundraiser. Our thanks to the community for supporting the PRVFD fundraiser -- and thanks especially to the members of other fire departments



who stopped in to show their support. The event couldn't have come off, however, without the help of PRVFD members themselves. PRVFD folks sold advance tickets, worked publicity, setup, cooked, served, directed traffic, cleaned up, -- and much more. Everything about the event was proof that volun-

teers can get the job done. It has already been decided to hold the event again in 2008. Mark your calendars, so when you see the Independence Day celebration and Shaver Lake fireworks display coming round again, you won't forget to donate or get involved with the Second Annual PRVFD Fundraising Tri-Tip Bar-B-Q. Just contact PRVFD and we'll be happy to help everyone participate in the event.

PRVFD Community Outreach

by Larry Pearsall



The Pine Ridge Fire Department serves our community in many more ways than just putting out fires and meeting medical needs.

Some of the service projects we are involved in are as follows:

- ◆ We burn brush piles for folks that can't do it or don't feel comfortable doing it themselves.
- ◆ We deliver water to folks that are having water well



- ◆ We clear fallen trees off the roads.
- ◆ We make home and property inspections and advise the owners of fire safety areas that need improvement.
- ◆ We utilize our fire engines for flushing out drainage culverts under the roads.
- ◆ We assist in road grading and paving operations by

watering down dirt roads and providing water for rollers.

- ◆ We patrol during *Red Flag Days* (days with extreme fire danger) to advise residents and be on the lookout for fires.
- ◆ We participate in Edison Company Science Days and help educate children in fire safety issues.



- ◆ We patrol during the Shaver Lake fireworks event to help prevent unsafe fire situations and assist the spectators as needed.

We sincerely desire to help our community in any way we can. If you need assistance please don't hesitate to call us. We are there for you!

Featured Firefighter Stephanie Broderon

by Lisbeth Bundli



Although Stephanie Broderon just recently turned 18 and became a firefighter in PRVFD, she has been an active auxiliary member for the last 2 1/2 years. She has participated in training sessions and donated many hours to the department. Part of her training included certification as a medical first responder. One of her biggest contributions to the fire department was creating the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's web site, "pineridgefire.org". Stephanie was born in Toronto, Canada. At the age of 18 months, she moved with her family, to California and in 2002 to Pine Ridge.



ministration with a concentration in Accountancy. **Chief's Note:** When Stephanie became a firefighter, on her 18th birthday, the department wanted to do something special for her so, as a complete surprise to her, a fire engine and two patrols rolled into her yard **Code-3**, red lights and sirens blaring. She was completely overwhelmed. We presented her with her set of wildland yellows (uniform) and officially welcomed her as a firefighter.

Stephanie was **A Very Happy Girl!**



Stephanie graduated from Sierra High School in 2007. She is currently a student at Reedley College where she is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Business Ad-

4th of July Quad Patrol

by Sue Martin



After a long day selling Tri Tip sandwiches at our fundraiser, two members of our Pine Ridge Fire Department, with their quads (ATVs), headed up to Shaver Lake for patrol duty at the fireworks event that night.

Patrolling for illegal fireworks, illegal campfires and generally keeping the peace is one of the community service projects that the fire department has been involved in with Cal Fire and the Edison Company.

The quad riders were headed up by Captain Sue Martin and Lieutenant Lis Bundli. They donned their fire fighting gear and took to the shores of the lake. Sue and Lis patrolled approximately 2 1/2 miles of shoreline with over 7,500 spectators attending. During the



early evening hours, the shiny quads were highly visible as were the riders in their bright yellow wild land gear.

An example of some of the calls responded to were locating a missing child, rendering assistance to a truck that almost overturned in a ditch and making sure the campfires were kept under control.

After the event the riders loaded up their quads on the trailer behind Patrol 68 and headed for home; their mission was complete.

Rich Bagley, in charge of the shores of Shaver Lake, really liked the visibility of the quads and thought their presence was a real help in keeping incidents down to a minimum. He requested the quads back next year.

Station Dedications
by Caryl Clayton



The Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department paid tribute to three of its own this year.

Gene Jundt was lost to us in 2006 and Larry Cobb and Bob Stever passed away in 2007.

They were all good friends, good neighbors and eager workers for our department. Each one brought their particular talents and abilities whenever needed and their very good humor and presence are sorely missed.

To honor these gentlemen, three fire engine locations were dedicated in their names to perpetuate their memory.

Each site was memorialized by the addition of beautiful routed signs made by Abb Adkisson.



COBB STATION

Station #4, at the Adkisson residence, was dedicated to Larry Cobb on September 8, 2007. It is now known as Cobb Station.



STEVER STATION

Station #2, at the Banton residence, was dedicated to Bob Stever on October 13, 2007. It is now known as Stever Station.



JUNDT STATION

Station #3, at the Van Dyne residence, was dedicated to Gene Jundt on May 12th, 2007. It is now known as Jundt Station.

*Farewell dear friends;
You will always be fondly
Remembered.
May God bless you ...*

Appreciation Dinner
by Gary Martin



January 21, 2007 was the annual Pine Ridge Fire Department Appreciation Dinner. Due to the attendance turnout, we had to find a larger facility, and the Shaver Lake Community Center worked out just right. Each year Company 68 holds an appreciation dinner for all the volunteer firefighters and neighboring fire chiefs, to show the department's gratitude and appreciation for all the dedication, commitment and hard work the firefighters put in all year long.

Guests started arriving and social hour preceded the event. Once seated the "Bell

even got into the act with a few of their stories.

Chief Pearsall then awarded Attendance Certificates to the members that participated in the most activities. Lis Bundli took top honors for the second year in a row. Melanie Banton and Gary Howell tied for second and Abb Adkisson, Trudy Colbert and Dory van Loon tied for third.

Chief Pearsall then asked Lis Bundli to come forward.



He

praised Lis for all the work she has done and promoted her to the rank of Lieutenant. He presented her with a red helmet and her rank pins.

Then came the announcement of the "Chiefs Award". This is presented to a member who has demonstrated service above and beyond the call of duty. The award was presented to Engineer Abb Adkisson for his extraordinary efforts and compassion during three serious medical calls. Abb stated that he wasn't worthy of the award and said he was just trying to be a good firefighter and a good neighbor.

After a standing ovation for Abb, the program came to an end and more socializing went on. A great time was had by all, and everyone is looking forward to next year's appreciation dinner.



Ceremony" rang for one of our fallen firefighters, Bob Stever. The invocation was given by Chief Colbert, and the dinner was served.

After a delicious dinner was had by all, it was time for the main program to start. Chief Pearsall kicked off the program with a "roasting" of a few of the firefighters and some memorable moments. CDF Battalion Chiefs Crag Tolmie and Ingrid Penman



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equipment and located it in strategic locales in the city. The idea of volunteer fire-fighting as a vital community service spread to other colonial cities. A number of famous Americans served as volunteer firefighters, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, and Alexander Hamilton. In the early to mid-1800s, even women served as volunteer firefighters -- Molly Williams (New York City), Marina Betts (Pittsburgh), and Lillie Hitchcock (San Francisco), to name a few.

PRVFD has followed in the footsteps of these early volunteer fire departments. Recognizing a community need for on-site fire protection, Pine Ridge residents have joined together, pooling resources of time, labor, and energy in order to serve others. From 8 initial volunteers, PRVFD has grown to a department of 38. Currently, we have 23 trained volunteer firefighters, 6 Road Rangers (including 4 Quad Squad personnel), 4 dispatch-



ers, 2 Advisory Board members, 2 auxiliary members, and 1 honorary member. In 2000, our 8 founding mem-

bers were equipped only with hand-me-down turnouts, equipment, and a refurbished 1953 Ford wildland truck.



Over time, our equipment has expanded, too, through the generous donations of money, vehicles, and equipment from other local volunteer fire departments, Cal Fire, and both Fresno and Clovis City Fire Departments, as well as the financial support provided by many individuals in our community. PRVFD currently owns 3 fire engines, a water tender and 2 patrol vehicles, all staged in strategic locations within our tract and maintained by fire department members. We are an official Fresno County fire department, Company 68.

What does PRVFD do? In our short history, PRVFD has responded to many wildland fires within and around our tract, most notably the Peterson Fire (July, 2004), which burned up to Lower Cressman Road and the fuel break. However, responding to fires is only one part of the picture. As a volunteer fire department, we also respond to medical aid calls and vehicle accidents in the area. Eighteen of our PRVFD members are certified medical first re-

sponders, providing initial medical aid to Pine Ridge residents. Our Road Rangers provide traffic direction for fire and medical emergencies, and our Quad Squad members offer valuable logistical support during fire emergencies, delivering water and food, and patrolling for spot fires. PRVFD has entered into mutual aid agreements with surrounding volunteer fire departments and Cal Fire, as a way of giving back to those agencies who so generously have supported us with donations of time, equipment, training opportunities, and actual response during emergencies such as the Peterson Fire. We provide other fire prevention and educational services, including patrolling the Shaver Lake area during the annual Independence Day fireworks event and participating in Edison's annual Science Days events for local schoolchildren. We are active



in the Highway 168 Fire Safe Council. We provide property inspections and pile burning services for Pine Ridge residents and property owners.

How does PRVFD do what it does? We are a 501(c) (3) organization, and receive no compensation for our services. We are not part of any tax district, and receive no tax

monies. Our volunteers contribute first and foremost with their time. In 2006, this added up to 2049 man-hours. Local professional and volunteer fire departments have been extremely generous in their donations of engines, equipment (tools, hose, pumps, some medical gear), and personal protective gear. PRVFD has been very successful in obtaining grant monies from federal agencies such as FEMA and from private corporations (including Fireman's Fund Insurance) to purchase wildland turnouts and protective gear, medical equipment (including AED units), and other essential firefighting and medical response equipment. Private entities, such as Edison Company Big Creek Hydro, have also contributed funds to PRVFD.

Grant monies have enabled PRVFD to upgrade our apparatus and equipment. However, grant monies are earmarked for equipment, not for operating expenses. To put it simply, PRVFD's operating expenses (approaching \$10,000 per year) are not covered through grants. These operating expenses include the costs of fuel, insurance, vehicle maintenance and repair, and medical supplies. Since PRVFD's inception, these operating expenses have been met primarily through member donations and a few generous Pine Ridge property owners. In this sense, PRVFD is repeating the early history of America's volunteer fire de-

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Engine E468
by Warren Colbert



PRVFD Engine E468 is a 1972, International, 4X4, Type 3, Wildland Truck. It was originally built for the U.S. Forest Service as a model 51. It was based in North Fork, California. As a Forest Service Engine, it was known throughout Sierra National Forest as "Ye Ole Jolly Green Giant"! It was eventually retired somewhere around 1990. We do not have a record of its location between 1990 and 1994, but somewhere along the line it became the property of CDF. In 1994 Retired Chief Gary

Blasingame of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department announced to its members that he had obtained a "New Engine" from CDF. Well, it arrived one day on a bulldozer trailer with most of the major parts tied on top. After several months of diligent work, current Chief Darryl Moore of the Shaver Lake Fire Department brought it back to life and it served as their

Wildland engine until 2003. At that time, Shaver Lake VFD received a new engine, and they offered this engine to our department for a huge sale price of one dollar. Our firefighters quickly came up with the one dollar fee and headed home with our new E468. Having been involved with the setting up and outfitting of all our apparatus, I can safely

say this engine took far less work to get into good operating condition than any of our other vehicles. It has served us well on the Peterson Fire, on many other calls and during training sessions. It is stationed at the Jundt Station (Van Dyne Residence) and is currently in the very capable hands of Engineer Gene Van Dyne. We expect to have it in service for many years to come in spite of being over 35 years of age.



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partments – its members and the community it serves provide the financial means which enable PRVFD members to serve our local residents and property owners. As with those volunteer companies of the past, meeting its operational expenses continues to be a yearly challenge for the present PRVFD.



protecting our homes, our properties, and our welfare from fire. Franklin recognized that fire safety and protection are a community effort, and require community support. Some volunteer their time; some donate equipment; others participate by donating the operating funds which enable neighbors to assist neighbors in times of need. PRVFD members are pleased to serve the Pine Ridge community, and trust that our friends, neighbors and property owners will continue to support us in this rewarding and important work.

In a newspaper article rallying his fellow citizens to engage in fire safety measures both at home and in the larger community, Franklin wrote "an Ounce of Prevention is worth a Pound of Cure" when it comes to pro-

In Search of Grants
by Janet Parr



I joined the PRVFD in January 2007 and have taken on the challenge of acquiring funding for the department by applying for various grants. The good news about these types of funding opportunities is that they are provided by the government, corporations, and/or foundations that support worthy causes. The bad news is that there is a lot of competition for them, and they don't typically supply funding for "keeping the lights on" activities - like operating expenses for gas, vehicle maintenance, insurance costs, etc. So please don't read this article and think that grants are a solution for our fundraising - - because they're not. But they can be part of the solution to acquiring needed equipment and supplies.

In July the PRVFD was fortunate to receive an *Assistance to Firefighters Grant* which enabled us to purchase 23 sets of structure turnouts. With this grant we will be able to outfit all of our firefighters with needed and safer protective gears. We also have two additional grant applications pending: Another federal grant which would help defray the expense of monthly pager service for our volunteers, and a corporate grant to purchase 6 radio pagers. By year-end we will apply for an additional corporate grant seeking a Polaris Ranger 6x6 Utility Vehicle. We will continue to look for grant opportunities to provide needed equipment and gear, and you can check the journal to track our progress.

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PRVFD Website
by Stephanie Broderson



The website for the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was designed to let everyone know about our department. I have heard that several people in other states have seen the website, which lets us know that PRVFD isn't just a locally known fire department.

Our site contains many interesting sections that highlight various aspects of our organization. You will find: A *Roster* with the names of the members, copies of our *Journals* which contain many interesting articles, a *Brief History* of our department, a *Timeline* that

defines the major milestones that have shaped our organization, a *Picture Gallery*, an *Apparatus* section with pictures and descriptions, and lastly, pictures of our "*Road Ranger*" and "*Quad Squad*." organizations

Our site is a work in progress, so feel free to contact me (sbroderson@hotmail.com), as well as the department itself, with any questions, comments, or suggestions on how we might improve our site.

If you get a chance, give us a look; I think you will enjoy it.

www.pineridgefire.org

Folks Who Have Helped PRVFD

Auberry Volunteer Fire Dept.
Bald Mountain Fire
Protection District
Big Creek Vol. Fire Dept.
Cal Fire (CDF)
Clovis City Fire Department
The County of Fresno
Cressman's Store
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fresno County Sheriff Dept.
Fresno City Fire Department
Hwy. 168 Fire Safe Council

Huntington Lake VFD
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Shaver Lake Vol. Fire Dept.
Sierra High School
So Cal Edison Company
Edison Big Creek Hydro
United States Forest Service
Supervisor Bob Waterston
Many Individual Donors

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jurisdiction involved. The Computer Aided Dispatch system, at the ECC, can determine which the closest department is and make the

call. The jurisdictional department will always be called. The object of the *Closest to Scene* call is to provide our residents with the quickest possible response to all incidents.