TWAIN HARTE AREA CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

MONTHLY UPDATE

October 2026

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteer news, emergency preparedness, and community updates for Twain Harte.



THFD C-Shift Training with Twain Harte Elementary School 8th Graders

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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

THFD: Multiple Life Safety Awards

Three Awards, One Mission: THFD Recognized!

Final Blood Drive of 2026

Help Twain Harte Finish Strong!

Building Skills, Saving Lives

Essential CPR, AED, and First Aid skills from Twain Harte Fire Engineer Cory Payton.



Twain Harte CSD Shines with Tourism Award

A Community Effort Worth Celebrating!

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me / Fluttering from the autumn tree."
- Emily Brontë



THCSD GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Tom Trott, THCSD General Manager

GM REPORT

October 14, 2026

ADMIN ACTIVITIES

- Skate Park Planning – Possible Donation
- Fixed Assets/Depreciation Reconciliation
- Closing of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Books
- Fiscal Year 2025-26 Audit Preparation
- Designation of FY 2025-26 Fund Balances
- County Roads Collaboration

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

9/10	TCSD GM Assistance Kickoff
9/16	CARB Advanced Clean Fleets Training
9/28	Labor Relations Law Training
10/14	Workplace Violence Prevention Train
10/14	Local Agency Formation Commission

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Eproson Park Solar Light Replacement

Budget: $93,500

Procurement of solar lights and solicitation of a contractor is underway for a grant-funded project to replace streetlights in Eproson Park. Anticipated project completion in spring 2027.

Cresta Sewer Replacement/Relining

Budget: $325,000

Replacement of 955' of high-risk sewer line between Cresta Drive and Oak View Drive is complete. The remaining 1,550' of sewer line has been repaired and is anticipated to be relined in spring 2027.

Twain Harte Dr to Marquis Sewer Repair/Relining

Budget: $160,000

Repairs to prepare for relining of 900' of sewer line between Twain Harte Dr. and Marquis Dr. are being planned. Relining is expected to be performed with Cresta Drive relining in spring 2027.

Cedar Pines Pressure Zone Upgrades

Budget: $700,000

The District is in process of obtaining a consultant to design this project that improves pressure zones, eliminates an aging tank and pump station, and replaces deteriorated, undersized water lines.

SCADA System Improvements

Budget: $645,000

The District is waiting on grant funding to begin a SCADA project to provide remote monitoring/control of the treatment plant, pump stations, tanks and sewer lift stations. A radio survey has concluded that radios can provide reliable communication between the sites.

PLANNING PROJECTS

Activation of Latent Powers

Based on citizen request and strategic plan goals, staff is exploring activation of its powers to provide lighting services to downtown Twain Harte. This requires LAFCO approval and a study showing the District can sustainably provide services long-term. Staff/LAFCO have initiated discussions to begin this process with anticipated completion in FY 26/27. If approval is this calendar year, there is a possibility that grants may be used to procure solar lights.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Sonora Area Foundation - $36K
EV Fire Response / AWARDED

California Fire Foundation - $15K
Wildland Hose / AWARDED

FEMA Public Assistance - $90K
Storm Response / AWARD: Fall 2026

FY 26-27 VFC GRANT - $38K
Radios / AWARD: Fall 2026

Energy Efficiency Grant - $94K
Eproson Park Solar Lights / AWARDED

HUD CDBG Grant - $525K
SCADA System / AWARDED

To learn more details, join us at our monthly THCSD board meetings.



TH FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Neil Gamez, THFD Fire Chief

Life Safety Award: August 5th

On August 5, 2026, Engine 722 was dispatched to a medical aid for a patient in cardiac arrest with CPR in progress. Engine 722 arrived at the same time as the ambulance, with Engine 771 already on scene. The C-Shift crew immediately joined Engine 771 and ambulance personnel to provide advanced resuscitation. After approximately 15 minutes of continuous CPR and coordinated lifesaving care, crews achieved Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC). Engine 722 and Engine 771 personnel then assisted with packaging and loading the patient for transport. Recognizing the patient's critical condition, Engine 722 assigned two firefighters to accompany the ambulance and continue care en route to Adventist Health Sonora. During transport, the patient suffered a second cardiac arrest. Fire and EMS personnel immediately resumed resuscitation and successfully achieved ROSC for a second time. The patient arrived at Adventist Health Sonora with a pulse. This incident underscores the importance of teamwork, training, rapid intervention, and seamless cooperation between fire and EMS personnel. This call was especially significant for Intern Firefighter Dickens, as it was his first CPR incident. His ability to perform alongside experienced personnel during a critical emergency demonstrates the value of training and readiness for the realities of the fire service. In recognition of their actions, professionalism, and contribution to a successful lifesaving outcome, Captain Mark Slater, Engineer Kaleb Trine, Intern Firefighter Ethan Rowe, and Intern Firefighter Dickens are presented with the Life Safety Award. Their collective actions directly contributed to giving this patient the best possible chance of survival.



Life Safety Award: August 14th

On August 14, 2026, Captain Neftali Orozco, Engineer McNeal, Intern Firefighter Rowe, and Intern Firefighter Minard responded aboard Engine 722 to a reported CPR-in-progress in the Ridgewood Estates area. Upon arrival, the crew worked alongside Mercy Ambulance to provide lifesaving care and CPR. Through their coordinated efforts, the patient regained a pulse and spontaneous respirations. The crew's teamwork, professionalism, and lifesaving actions demonstrate their dedication to serving the community and warrant recognition through the Life Safety Award.



TH FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Neil Gamez, THFD Fire Chief

Life Safety Award: September 7th Pediatric Medical Emergency

On September 7, Engine 722 responded with Mercy Ambulance to a critical medical emergency involving a two-year-old child with an unknown breathing status. Engine 722 was staffed by Engineer Payton, Intern Operator Castle, and Intern Firefighters Menard and Dickens, with Reserve Captain Grant responding in Utility 722. Upon arrival, crews found the child in critical condition, requiring immediate Code 3 transport to Adventist Health Sonora. At the Mercy Ambulance paramedic's request, Engineer Payton accompanied the patient and assisted with care throughout transport. Intern Operator Castle, a qualified ambulance operator, drove the ambulance Code 3 to the hospital, allowing the ambulance crew and Engineer Payton to remain focused on the patient. The incident demonstrated strong coordination between Twain Harte Fire and Mercy Ambulance personnel, as well as the department's ability to quickly adapt to the needs of a critically ill pediatric patient.

Fleet

The Union Democrat ran a story on New Engine 726. Thank you to Captain Slater, Engineer McNeal, and Intern Firefighter Row for the interview.



Facilities

Thank you to Engineer Trine and Intern Firefighter Ethan Row for completing the station paint project. The station has a new, more modern look.



August By the Numbers

Training Hours: 122

INCIDENT RESPONSES

Twain Harte: 18%
Tuolumne County Fire: 77%
Mi Wuk Fire: 5%

STAFFING

Full-Time Captains: 2
Full-Time Engineers: 3
Intern Operators: 1
Reserve Firefighters: 2
Intern Firefighters: 6

7 Fire Incidents

3 False Alarms

36 EMS Incidents

5 Public Service Assists

4 Emergency Standby

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Engineer Jesse McNeal and his longtime girlfriend, Chloe, on their recent engagement!





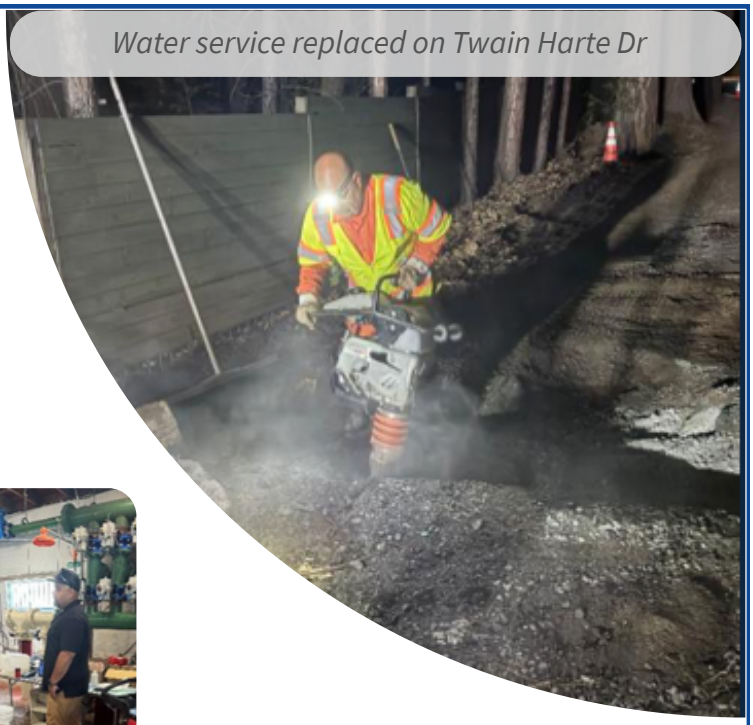
THCSD WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Lewis Giambruno, THCSD Operations Manager



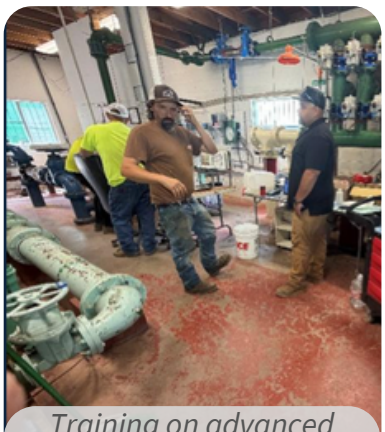
Maintenance done on emergency backup generators

Water service replaced on Twain Harte Dr





Rick and Eric with happy customers



Training on advanced jartesting procedures



The jetter filled from the new water fill station



The reel on the jetter was replaced

Other Completed Projects

- Black Oak Pump was aligned, and the Shadybrook pump underwent vibrational analysis.
- Sludge was removed from the backwash sludge tank.
- Mark Twain sewer bench was smoke-tested.
- Dogwood Dr. sewer line was repaired.
- Eproson Park parking lot is in the process of being crack sealed.
- Window repaired at the Ballfield Snack-Shack.
- Twain Harte Homeowners funded and worked on trail improvements.
- Sewer line repair on Sequoia Dr.
- PG&E Open House at the Community Center discussing the planned summer 2027 undergrounding work.



WINDS OF CHANGE AT THA-CERT

A Little Staff Shuffle, a Lot of Appreciation

Mike Mandell, THA-CERT Team Leader & President

THA-CERT thanks Mary for her service and welcomes Carol as the new Finance Section Chief.

The autumn wind has blown more than just leaves through Twain Harte this season—it's also stirred up a little change in our THA-CERT staff.

For the past two years, Mary Dearborn has served as our Finance Section Chief with the kind of steady reliability that makes everyone else's job easier. She has now stepped aside to focus on her other responsibilities around town. We cannot thank her enough for the support, hard work, and quiet competence she brought to the role. The good news? Mary remains part of our CERT team. With her Program Manager training newly complete, we fully expect she'll continue lending her talents to our community, our firefighters, and CERT as a valued volunteer.



Mary Dearborn

As sorry as we are to see Mary step back from the finance desk, we're equally pleased to announce that the position has been filled by someone many of you will recognize, Carol Hallett. One of our founding members and longtime Program Manager, Carol is returning to the staff as Finance Section Chief. She wanted to rejoin the team in a more limited capacity, and this role felt like the right first step. We're glad to have her back where she can help us move forward and continue growing the team.



Carol Hallett

I'll just say this: I am surrounded by strong, hard-working women. Color me lucky.

Here's to Mary's continued contributions, Carol's return, and the dedicated people who keep THA-CERT ready for whatever comes next.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR CHAMBER

Celebrating Community and Good Food Coming Together

Carol Hancock, Owner - The Harte of the Kitchen

The Twain Harte Area Chamber of Commerce and The Harte of the Kitchen come together to celebrate community and local flavor.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Roddie Photography

We had a fantastic Thursday night at our Sips n Snacks. A huge thank-you to our local Chamber of Commerce for your support and partnership — we truly appreciate everything you do for us & our community.

Thank you to the Chamber Board for preparing a delicious Lasagna dinner for our Thursday Happy Hour and all the hard work you did to make this evening a huge success. We cannot tell you enough what that means to us.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Roddie Photography

And to all the customers who joined us, you made the evening unforgettable. Your support and loyalty mean the world to us. We're grateful to each of you. We appreciate you all.





CERT AFTER DARK: TRAFFIC CONTROL

Fresh from CHP training, CERT volunteers put their skills to the test after dark!

Mike Mandell, THA-CERT Team Leader & President

CERT volunteers safely directed traffic during water line repairs until the job was completed.

This news item may sound similar to a recent one, but it isn't. We were doing traffic control in the dark! Luckily for us, we just received formal traffic control training from the California Highway Patrol on September 27th, so we got to put all that new learning to immediate use.



On September 30th, Chief Gamez contacted me at 1400 (that's 2 pm for landlubbers), and I pulled together two other people, Bob Schreiner and Lise Lemonnier. I picked up our CERT truck and met my fellow CERT volunteers at 1600. Miguel of the District's Water Department gave us our instructions so that we could direct one-way traffic while the service people repaired the line. Luckily, most of the digging was off the street, so our job mostly consisted of slowing the traffic down. Very occasionally, we had to close one lane for the equipment to get in and out. Once it started getting dark, we turned on lights, but we quickly realized that our signs were not reflective! By 2100, the job was finished, and it was time for us to clean up our equipment.

Another good deployment, and this time in the dark!



LAST CHANCE TO SAVE LIVES THIS YEAR!

Cookies, Community, and a Call for Donors: Let's Finish Strong!

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager and Finance Section Chief

This is the final Blood Drive in Twain Harte until 2027, and we need you.

Monday, November 16
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Twain Harte Community Center

Our dedicated volunteers are ready. The Red Cross is ready. The only question left is: Are you signed up?

We host these drives from March through November each year, so Monday, November 16th will be our last opportunity in 2026 to make a difference right here at home.

As a special thank-you, several community members are bringing homemade cookies for every donor. And this year I'm aiming higher than ever: I'd love to see more Power Red donations than we've ever had. **We still have 2 Power Red appointments and 21 whole blood appointments available.**

In addition, the Red Cross is offering:

- **Free A1C Test:** In recognition of National Diabetes Awareness Month, all donors who successfully give blood, platelets, or plasma November 1–30, 2026, receive a complimentary hemoglobin A1C test to screen for prediabetes and diabetes (no fasting is required).
- **$10 Amazon Gift Card + 500 Bonus Points:** Donors who come to give blood or platelets between October 19 and November 22, receive a $10 Amazon Gift Card via email plus 500 bonus points through Blood Donor Rewards, which can be redeemed for an additional $10 e-gift card (totaling $20 in value).

Please claim a spot and help us finish the year strong. Every donation counts. Sign up today and be part of something that truly saves lives. **https://www.redcrossblood.org Enter: *twain harte***



WHEN CELL SERVICE FAILS, RADIOS DELIVER

TCARES helps residents build confidence in radio communication when it matters most.

Brad Menary, Co-owner Buisness First

TCARES hosted a hands-on radio class teaching community members practical skills for staying connected during emergencies when cell service and internet access are unavailable.

Using Handheld Radios During Emergency Situations was the topic of a late-September Sunday afternoon class hosted by TCARES, the Tuolumne County Amateur Radio and Electronics Society.

Open to the public, the well-attended free session included Amateur radio operators (HAMS) along with FRS (Family Radio Service) and GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) users and enthusiasts. The class opened with a presentation and discussion on emergency preparedness, focusing on situations when cell service and internet communication are unavailable, and radio may be the only option. The class was able to be hands-on, checking out what a portable DIY radio emergency "grab and go" waterproof kit could look like. In the kit were detailed emergency radio use instructions tailored to the individual user. My takeaway is that the emergency procedure and operation instructions are as important as the radio.

During an emergency, it is important to be able to get the best performance possible out of a handheld radio, often referred to as a walkie-talkie or HT (handy talkie). The presentation included a demonstration of add-on longer antennas for HAM and GMRS, radio power settings, battery condition and the importance of spares, how to stand, and how to hold radios for efficiency, using repeaters if possible, and why getting to higher ground may increase range. An outdoor hands-on simulation of emergencies followed. That was fun and quite eye-opening! It became apparent to me that in a rush situation with several radios and multiple tasks to deal with, it is easy for chaos and confusion to develop. My takeaway is that radio practice is important!

The Q&A session as the meeting was drawing to a close was quite interesting. It evolved into an enthusiastic class discussion with an expressed desire for TCARES to plan to host more radio classes!

The TCARES radio club has an informative website: **www.tcares.net**. The club is available to answer radio questions about GMRS, FRS, or HAM radio.

Brad Menary Ham - KN6ERF GMRS - WRWU678



THA-CERT HOSTS SUCCESSFUL CPR/AED/FIRST AID TRAINING

Learning to save lives with Twain Harte Fire & Twain Harte Area CERT

Mike "Griff" Griffin, Training Officer

THA-CERT hosted a hands-on CPR/AED/First Aid class, empowering local community members with lifesaving skills led by Twain Harte Fire Engineer Cory Payton.



On October 17, THA-CERT hosted a CPR/AED/First Aid training class at the Twain Harte CSD offices. Twelve community members signed up, and ten attended. Eight participants requested certification.

Attendees learned proper CPR techniques for adults, children, and infants, with a primary focus on CPR and AED use. The class also covered essential first aid skills. Our instructor, Twain Harte Fire Engineer Cory Payton, delivered an informative session that struck an excellent balance between clear instruction and hands-on practice.



TWAIN HARTE CSD RECEIVES TOURISM ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Grateful for the Recognition, Proud of Our Community

Kim Silva, THCSD Human Resources | Executive Coordinator

Twain Harte Community Services District received the 2026 Tourism Advocate of the Year Award for its efforts to improve local parks, recreational facilities, and visitor experiences.

The Twain Harte Community Services District (THCSD) has been recognized by Visit Tuolumne County with the Tourism Advocate of the Year Award, honoring the District's efforts to enhance Twain Harte's parks, recreational amenities, and visitor experience.



General Manager Tom Trott attended Visit Tuolumne County's Tourism Summit and Industry Awards on October 15, 2026, at Chicken Ranch Casino Resort to accept the award on behalf of the District.

A wooden award for "Tourism Advocate of the Year" presented to Twain Harte Community Services District in 2026.
Visit Tuolumne County selected THCSD for its leadership and efforts to support tourism through improvements to Twain Harte's parks and recreational facilities. The District's recreational offerings include the area's distinctive clay tennis courts, amazingly popular pickleball courts, a playground nestled among the pines, and bocce ball courts. Eproson Park's outdoor stage also hosts concerts and community events throughout the year, bringing residents and visitors together.



Twain Harte Meadows Park adds another unique experience, combining local history, recreation, and environmental education. The park features interactive learning areas that demonstrate how simple landscaping techniques can capture and reuse stormwater, improve water quality, and support a healthier environment. Meadows Park provides opportunities to explore, learn, and enjoy the outdoors while showcasing what makes Twain Harte such a special place to visit.

The District is honored to receive this recognition and grateful to the staff, Board of Directors, community partners, volunteers, and residents who help make these improvements possible. THCSD remains committed to caring for local parks and facilities and enhancing the experience of everyone who visits Twain Harte.

Thank you to Visit Tuolumne County for recognizing the District's work and for supporting the people and organizations that make Tuolumne County such a wonderful place to visit.

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NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

CAL FIRE Urges Californians to Power Up Their Devices with Fire Safety in Mind

Sacramento – CAL FIRE is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to support Fire Prevention Week. This year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," focuses on the simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in.

Many devices used in our daily lives - phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters—run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If they are damaged or charged the wrong way, they can overheat, start a fire, or even explode.

"The way you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can make a difference in helping prevent home fires," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "By making safe charging a daily habit, we can all help prevent fires and protect our homes, families, and communities."

- Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.
- Charge devices on a table, desk, or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat.
- Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.
- Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.
- When on a plane, keep your device where you can see it while charging. Do not charge devices in overhead compartments. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to respond quickly.

CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal (CAL FIRE - OSFM) is helping Californians stay safe by sharing free Fire Prevention Week resources and promoting California's battery safety regulations at the **Fire Prevention Week Toolkit**. To support safer communities, CAL FIRE - OSFM leads statewide efforts to improve lithium-ion battery safety. Through code development and collaboration with industry experts and fire agencies, CAL FIRE - OSFM works to reduce the risk of battery-related fires in homes, businesses, and energy storage sites across California.

CAL FIRE – OSFM's newly established Battery Energy Storage Systems Workgroup brings together specialists from across the state to study emerging hazards, recommend best practices, and strengthen firefighter training and public safety messaging. Their work helps make sure California stays ahead of evolving battery technology, and the risks that come with it.
By making safe charging a daily habit, we can all help prevent fires and protect our homes, families, and communities.

To learn more about lithium-ion battery safety, visit **fpw.org.**



CHAMBER UPDATE

by Glen Cantrell, President, Twain Harte Area Chamber of Commerce

Well, That Was Timely.

In last month's CERT newsletter, I wrote about preparing for unexpected interruptions. I even mentioned a fall power outage as an example.

Oops.

As I write this, we're coming out of a multi-day Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). A couple of days without power exposes the difference between being prepared in theory and being prepared in practice.

The Difference Between Having a Plan and Using One

Most of us know the basics. Flashlights, batteries, charged devices, extra supplies, and a way to keep food safe.

Does your generator start (mine took a couple of tries)? Do you have enough fuel (I did not)? Can you safely connect the equipment you need? Does your backup internet connection support the work you need to do?

And how long can you maintain those arrangements?

A backup plan that works beautifully for six hours may become considerably less useful after two days.

What I Saw Along Highway 108

During the outage, I braved the winds (!) to check in with businesses throughout downtown Twain Harte and along the Highway 108 corridor. Some never lost power. Some did and were forced to close. Others were operating on generators, sometimes with limited services.

A generator might keep the doors open, but at considerable expense. A restaurant could still lose inventory, and some did. A lodging business might lose reservations that can't be recovered once the lights come back on. For households that depend on medical equipment, refrigerated medications, or reliable communications, losing power can quickly become more than an inconvenience.

Preparedness Is More Than Supplies

Do you know where to get reliable updates? Does someone know to check on a neighbor who might need help? Can your business reach employees and customers when its usual systems aren't working? PG&E's Community Resource Centers offer device charging, Wi-Fi, and basic supplies. Useful resources, certainly, but only if people know where to find them.

Neighbors helping neighbors, businesses sharing information, and volunteers stepping in are a form of emergency infrastructure, even if they don't appear on a utility company's map.

Preparedness Doesn't Mean Accepting the Status Quo

Residents and business owners have questioned why widespread shutoffs were necessary when conditions where they were appeared relatively calm. A shutoff can affect communities beyond the area experiencing dangerous weather. That doesn't eliminate the need for clear explanations and accountability.

The Chamber is documenting the outage's economic consequences and working with local elected representatives to seek answers about the infrastructure limitations affecting our communities. Preparing for outages doesn't remove the need for a more reliable electrical system.

Before the Next One

Pick one thing that fell short during this outage and improve it before the next one. Maybe that means improving backup power (top of my list), updating contact information, checking on neighbors and local businesses, or simply keeping a little more fuel on hand.

Maybe next month I'll try writing about something less likely to become an immediate practical demonstration.

Take care,
Glen



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Shared by Casey Headrick

Cranberry Brie Bites

12 Servings Level: Easy

10 min prep / 25 min total

Buttery crescent dough, creamy melted Brie, tangy whole berry cranberry sauce, and a touch of fresh rosemary come together in these irresistible bites. They're simple to make, elegant enough for any gathering, and always one of the first appetizers to disappear.



Elegant, easy, and always a crowd-pleaser.

INGREDIENTS:

- ☐ All-purpose flour (for dusting the dough and cutting board)
- ☐ 8-ounce crescent dough sheet
- ☐ 8-ounce wheel of brie cheese
- ☐ 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce (not jellied)
- ☐ 2 fresh rosemary sprigs

KITCHEN TIPS:

- Cutting the rind off of the brie isn't necessary, but feel free to remove the rind to your taste preference.
- A 24-count mini muffin tin is recommended. If unavailable, use a 12- or 18-count tin and work in batches.

Want to share a favorite family recipe? Email us at TwainHarteCERT@gmail.com for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a 24-count mini muffin tin with cooking spray. Dust all-purpose flour out onto a cutting board, then roll out an 8-ounce crescent dough sheet.
2. Cut the crescent dough into 24 equal-sized squares and place the squares into the muffin tin slots.
3. Cut an 8-ounce wheel of brie cheese into small pieces and place inside the crescent dough squares.
4. Top each with a generous spoonful of whole cranberry sauce and add a small piece of fresh rosemary sprig to each.
5. Bake for 15 minutes or until the crescent dough is a light golden brown.
6. Serve warm.



SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

John Buckingham, Safety Officer

Hello Fall! TIME TO FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY

CLEAN
CHECK
PREPARE
STAY SAFE

Now that summer has passed and we are firmly in fall and preparing for winter, it's a great time to take some fire prevention measures.

AT HOME

- **Check your heating system and replace filters.** Make sure you keep combustible items at least six inches from your vents.
- **Continue to keep your property clean and remove combustible debris away from your home.**
- **Replace batteries in your smoke detectors and check to ensure they work.**

FIREPLACE SAFETY

- **Get your chimney cleaned to prevent chimney fires, which can easily spread to your home.**
- **Never leave your fireplace unattended while in use.**
- **Do NOT use flammable liquids to start a fire in your fireplace.**
- **Keep the area around your fireplace clear of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.**





If you need new smoke detectors, please contact CERT for **FREE** replacements and installation.

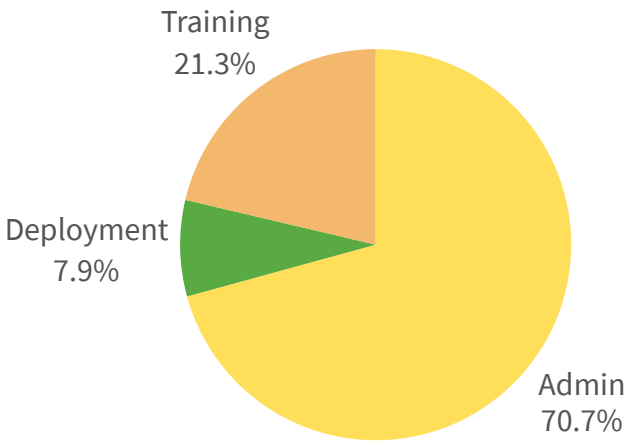
Be fire-safe and enjoy a cozy Fall! ♡



WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief

Every hour donated strengthens our community's emergency readiness.

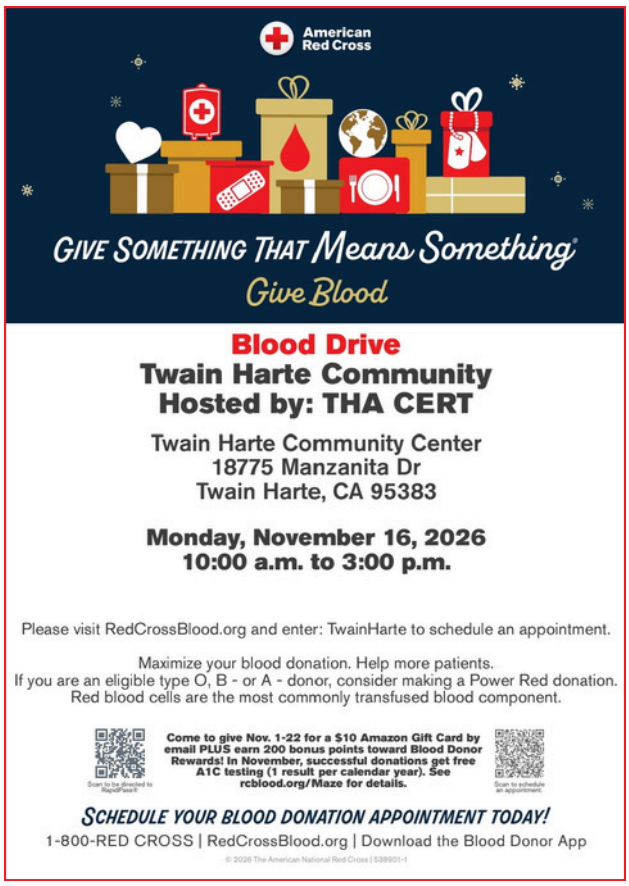


TOTAL Volunteer Hours for the Month!

258

20.5	55	182.5
Deployment Hours	Training Hours	Administration Hours

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

















MORE TO DO!

Visit Tuolumne County: Events

Chamber of Commerce: Events

GET INVOLVED! *There are many ways to help make our community safer.*

Communications

Join a weekly Twain Harte Area Neighborhood Radio Watch

What if you lived in a remote area of Tuolumne County and the cell towers went down? Could you still get help for yourself, your family, and your neighbors?

Only if you prepare in advance. In higher elevations, forested areas, and near the Stanislaus National Forest, Yosemite fringe, or some locations like along 108, cell coverage is already limited or spotty. When towers fail due to fire, storms, power outages, or damage, regular phones become useless. Tuolumne County has seen real outages from fiber cuts that disrupted phone service and 911 routing. Landlines help, but many rural homes no longer have them.

The practical solution is radio. Practice with radios when there's no emergency so you're confident when it matters. In one real incident, a ham operator heard stranded people calling for help on the radio, relayed their location and needs to the Sheriff's Department, and help arrived.

Relying solely on a cell phone in remote Tuolumne County is a serious vulnerability.

Join a radio net:

Wednesday Evening
6:30 PM. Cedar Ridge Repeater
Contact: Lee Smith 209-988-8832

7:00 PM. FRS/GMRS: Channel 18
Contact: Brad Menary 209-352-1442

Sunday Morning
9:00 AM. FRS/GMRS: Channel 18
Contact: Lise Lemonnier 209-770-4210



Community Meetings

THCSD Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12th, 2026 9:00 am
22912 Vantage Point, TH, THCSD Mtg Room

THA-CERT & Fire Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12th, 2026 1:00 pm
22912 Vantage Point, TH, THCSD Mtg Room

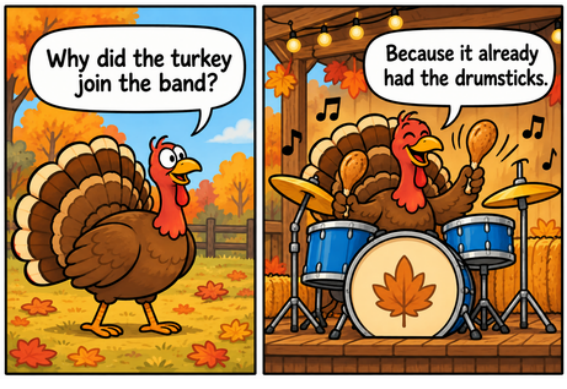
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