



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

MONTHLY UPDATE

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We hope you enjoy this month's issue. Our goal is to provide information to the community, focusing on preparedness, safety and health. If you have a suggestion for future articles, please contact twainhartecert@gmail.com for consideration of the topic by the board.

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



January, a new year begins, which to me means new beginnings with a moment of retrospect and then planning. This year is no different.

The moment of looking back was actually enjoyable. Remembering that all the preparing was really utilized in the beginning of 2023. I was thankful for all the food in the pantry and the freezer. It made the weeks of staying home due to snow easier. We learned what was needed and what we had to add to make this year even better/easier.

Spring and Summer almost didn't happen but it was a delight just the same... we certainly got the rain. Fall as usual was beautiful. When harvest came I was scurrying around to fill my pantry and freezer again.

We go through the same process with CERT. Planning our upcoming trainings and events. Ensuring we have plenty of supplies to help our community. Deciding which events we will participate in and then how we will pull them off.

Working with the fire chief to decide what they need that their budget does not cover. This year our focus for THFD will be to replace their AEDs. Your donations through the year will go to good use.

We wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

TWAIN HARTE FIRE DEPARTMENT CORNER

by Neil Gamez, THFD Fire Chief

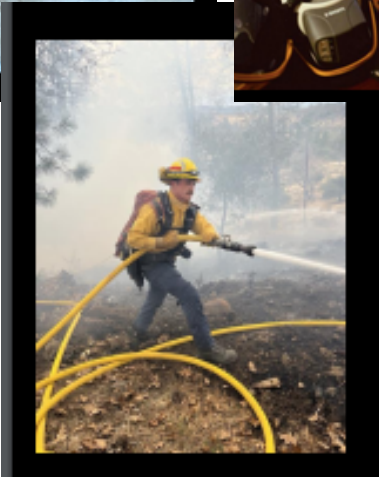
125 TRAINING HOURS

THFD STAFF

- Full Time Chief - 1
- Full Time Captains - 3
- Seasonal Engineers - 3
- Relief Captains - 4
- Reserve Firefighters - 4
- Intern Firefighters - 2

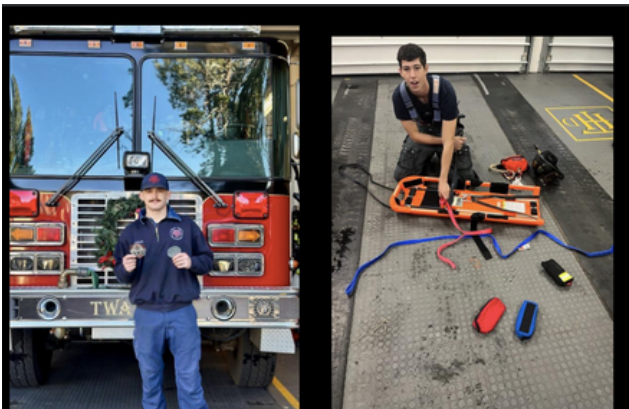


Thank you to Sonora Sunrise Rotary for dropping off care bags for emergency incidents that involve children. These bags come with a stuffed animal and blanket.



28 REPSONSES

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Drew Giglio and Jesse Hart-McNeal on passing their six-month evaluation test.



Congratulations to A-Shift Intern Aaron Dahl on completing the Columbia College Fire Academy.

THCSD GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

by Tom Trott, THCSD General Manager



GM REPORT

January 10, 2024



ADMIN ACTIVITIES

- Finance Officer Responsibility Re-Assignment
- Mid-Year Budget Adjustment
- TH Meadows Park Construction Management
- Median Household Income Survey
- Skate Park Senior Project Design
- FEMA Storm Damage Reimbursement Coordination
- Records Retention Reorganization

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- 12/12 Community Rate Increase Presentation
- 12/14 Tennis Court Cali-Clay Assessment
- 12/20 County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 12/27 TH Meadows Additional Grant Funds
- 1/4 LAFCO – Staffing Option Analysis

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Motor Control Center (MCC) Upgrade

Budget: \$185,000

Construction submittals to replace the MCC at the water treatment plant have been reviewed and approved. Manufacturer delays will push installation to March 2024 during low water demand months.

Twain Harte Meadows Park

Budget: \$3,000,000

The majority of grading and underground utilities for the new, grant-funded community park is complete, as well as the pavilion foundation and some planting. Planting, pavilion and underground work will continue this month dependent on weather. Project completion is anticipated in early fall 2024.

Million Gallon Tank #2 Rehabilitation

Budget: \$1,275,000

All major work for this grant-funded project is complete.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Improvements

Budget: \$310,000

Design of pickleball courts expansion using a sport grid surface and tennis court resurfacing with clay is complete and construction contracting is in process. Construction is anticipated in spring 2024.

Community Center Improvements

Budget: \$74,000 Fire / \$74,000 Park

Kitchen remodel, ADA bathrooms, flooring and exterior repaint is complete. Front doors and entryway will be improved to meet ADA requirements. Parking lot is anticipated to be complete by spring.

PLANNING PROJECTS

Water System Evaluation/Analysis

Budget: \$777,151

Hydraulic model, water loss analysis, condition assessment and identification of priority capital projects is complete. Design of Sherwood Forest water lines replacement is almost 90% complete.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SONORA AREA FOUNDATION GRANT - \$15,000
Pickleball Expansion Project / AWARDED

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - \$24,000
Median Household Income Survey / AWARDED

PROP 1 STORMWATER GRANT - \$1.75M
TH Meadows Park / AWARDED

STATE REVOLVING FUND - \$4.5M
TH Pipeline Project / Award: Spring 2024

MULTI-BENEFIT DROUGHT GRANT - \$1.275M
MG Tank #2 Rehab / AWARDED

PROP 68 RURAL RECREATION - \$1.25M
TH Meadows Park / AWARDED

PROP 68 PER CAPITA - \$178K
Tennis & Pickleball Improvements / AWARDED

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

CO ISSUE RESOLVED

by Mike Mandell, Team Leader



A few weeks ago, I received a call from an 82 year old woman. She had two smoke detectors that needed to be replaced. She also had a Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector that needed the batteries replaced so I replaced them at the same time.



I always tell people that if their smoke alarm goes off, grab your cell phone, if it is safe, go outside, close the door behind you and call 911.

If your CO detector goes off, grab your cell phone, if it is safe, go outside leaving the door open behind you and call 911.

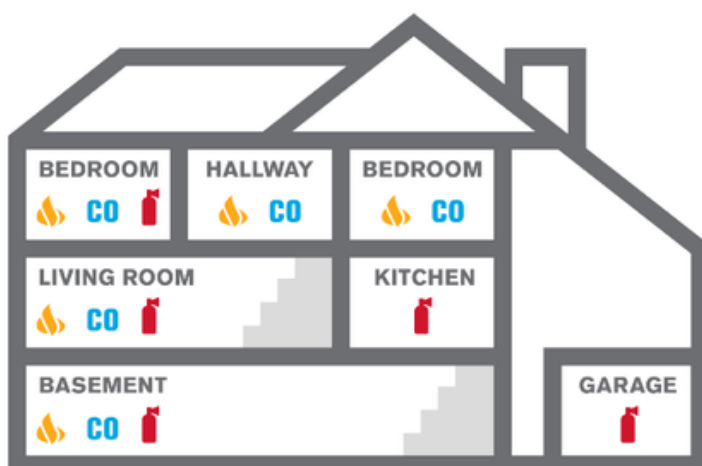
Two days later, at 5 am, the CO detector went off. She remembered the instructions, grabbed her cell phone and went outside leaving the door open behind her and dialed 911.

The Fire Department (FD) responded, checked the house with a gas meter and found no gas leak. So the FD replaced batteries in CO detector. She called me and told me what happened. I told her that if it goes off again, call me and I will replace her CO detector.

The next morning, at 6:30 am, she calls and said her CO detector was going off again. I returned, replaced, and relocated the CO detector. I have not heard from her since so I surmise that all is good. I am glad I was able to solve her problem.

We normally don't provide CO detectors but we have installed them for people many times, gladly. A person donated six CO detectors recently, so we will donate and install them while they last, just let us know.

I know of two families in 24 years of installing smoke alarms for free, that were able to get out of their burning house safely because of a working smoke alarm.



Smoke Alarm

One on every level and in every bedroom



Carbon Monoxide Alarm

One on every level and in every bedroom



Fire Extinguisher

One on every level, plus kitchen and garage

SO MUCH TRAINING SCHEDULED

by Margaret Lawrence, Training Officer



We are very excited to present some amazing training this year for our CERT volunteers and the community members. I sure hope you were able to attend the fantastic January training class (see the recap below).



In February, we are presenting a FEMA-certified class on Firefighter Rehab. We will have many qualified instructors all volunteering their time to help us be more prepared. Participant prerequisites include completion of CERT Basic Training and FEMA ICS-100, Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS). This is a great refresher for those who have taken the class before and an addition to

those who have taken basic training and are looking for more training.

Then plan to join us in March for Fire Behavior with the Twain Harte Fire Department. You will learn the fundamentals of fire behavior and how to be safe when a fire erupts. This will be hands-on and a very informative training.

For those who are wondering when you can get certified as a CERT volunteer, the wait is over. We are planning this training in April. It will be Twain Harte Area CERT's 10th Anniversary. This comprehensive, hands-on, and thought provoking training is important to take whether you plan to be a CERT volunteer or just for your own preparedness. Plan on attending, bring a friend.

JANUARY TRAINING - AMAZING

In January we had a great presentation from two special guest speakers. First we heard from Will Harris – PG&E Public Safety Specialist. With his background in the fire service and his knowledge with PG&E safety, he was a perfect presenter for our community. He handed out spiral quick guides that will be invaluable.



Next Michelle Wagner - CERT UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Team Lead took over. Michelle is a great trainer and presented a comprehensive overview of the need for UAV in



our community and how CERT can be utilized in this growing technology. We want to thank both of them for spending their Saturday morning with us.

The prep time put in for the training was greatly appreciated. There were ten people in attendance at this training, including CERT members and the local community.



Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this training a success.

FUNDRAISING FOCUS 2024

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager



Each year I sit down with the Chief Gamez to determine what the fire department needs that is not within their budget. We take into consideration not only what will help the fire department but also what will help our community. That helps us to focus on what would make a good fundraising goal for the year.

As it turns out, the high end AED's that are required for the fire service to use has a life span and THFD's equipment needs to be replaced. This will help our firefighters do their jobs, helps to save lives and is good for our community. You got to love it when we get a win-win situation.

The cost for the required equipment (3 AED's) will be \$11K so that is our goal for 2024. This includes:

- A Graphical display with rechargeable battery, one carrying case and two pair quik-combo redi-pack electrodes.
- Infant/Child reduced energy defibrillation electrode
- Soft shell carrying case with shoulder strap
- Non-rechargeable battery replacement kit
- Electrode kit



So this year, when you attend our fundraisers and/or if you just want to make a donation to the cause, all of the money goes directly to purchasing these items for Twain Harte Fire Department which in turn will be utilized for our residents in our community.

You can send a donation to:
THA-CERT & Fire Association
22912 Vantage Point Drive
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Or to:
Twain Harte Fire
22912 Vantage Point Drive
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Or give at local stores,
donation cans at:
TH Market, TH Liquor, & The
Harte of the Kitchen Store.

SMOKE DETECTOR PROJECT

by Bob Wagner, Finance Officer



Don't wait until your smoke detector is smoking to replace it. We installed 66 smoke detectors in 2023. I keep a spreadsheet to account for how many more we can install. We have the funds to keep this project going this year too.



Smoke detectors can only save lives if they are installed and working properly. We have a crew available to install detectors, batteries, and check your system. This program is available to disabled residents, and seniors, and we do it for FREE.

To contact us, send a note to twainhartecert@gmail.com or call Mike at: 208-770-2674



Shrimp Marinade



Party Time



5 min prep

30-60 min marinade

approx. 6 min BBQ

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 pounds fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Skewers

NOTES

Even people that do not love shrimp will love these. You cannot make too many.

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, stir together the garlic, olive oil, tomato sauce, and red wine vinegar. Season with basil, salt, and cayenne pepper. Add shrimp to the bowl, and stir until evenly coated.
2. Cover, and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour, stirring once or twice.
3. Preheat grill for medium heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard marinade.
4. Lightly oil grill grate. Cook shrimp on preheated grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.

Recipe shared by: Carol Hallett

WHATS THAT SMELL?

by John Buckingham, Safety Officer



What to do if you detect a gas leak. If you smell gas:

- Extinguish all smoking materials and open flames IMMEDIATELY. Do not operate any appliances, lights, phones, or cell phones. Do Not adjust thermostats, turn lights on or off, or try to repair the leak yourself
- Leave the Area Immediately and get everyone out of the area. Leave all doors closed
- Shut the gas off at the tank. Close by turning to the tight (clockwise) at the main gas supply, if safe.
- Report the leak from your safe location by calling 911

DO NOT:

- Do Not return to the area until a qualified professional has determined the area is safe



ignite any matches, lighters, cigarettes, or e-cigs.



use a telephone of any type.



operate any light switches or electrical devices.



- Have your Propane System checked by your propane retailer on a regular basis

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO A SPECIAL PERSON

Mary Schreiner has been our PIO (Public Information Officer) for 3+ years. A PIO presents your identity to the public through all your publications, it can make or break your image. Mary was in charge of our Facebook page, created our flyers, posters, and notifications, but most importantly created and maintained our newsletter for the past three years.



Mary is going to take a back seat for a while. We will miss her in our planning meetings, her advice and ideas have been invaluable. She has done a fabulous job for THA-CERT. She will still be volunteering when she is able to, which is good news for all of us. We love you Mary! Yes, we are looking for a new PIO.

If you are interested, let us know at: twainhartecert@gmail.com.

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief

The total THA-CERT volunteer hours for January are:

Administration =	191
Training =	34
<u>Deployment =</u>	<u>0</u>
Total hours =	225



WHAT'S NEXT?

Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

<https://www.visittuolumne.com/events>

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.twainhartecc.com/events>

Save The Date!



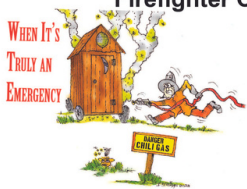
PRESENTS



THE WORLD CLASS TWIN HARTE OUTHOUSE RACES

June 1, 2024

Parade at 9:00 AM - Race 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Epronson Park, Twain Harte, CA
(AKA "Flushing Downs")



Firefighter Challenge-Perpetual Trophy
Wine, Beer & Margaritas
Local Food Vendors
Craft Vendors
Tot Pot Races

For more information:
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(209) 481-5790

For vendor information:
mountainmeadowproductions@gmail.com

This fundraiser benefits: Twain Harte Volunteer Fire Department (THVFD) & THA-CERT.

TWIN HARTE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Small Business Showcase

February 13th, 2024
5:30 pm - 7 pm

NETWORK DIVERSIFY
CONNECT EXPAND EVOLVE

Twain Harte Golf Course

Meetings

THCSD Board Meeting, 22912 Vantage Point, TH

<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>

Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024 9:00 am

Training

Firefighter Rehab

FEMA Course

Date: 02/24/2024

Time: 09:00-1300

Location: 18775 Manzanita Dr., Twain harte, CA

Firefighter Rehab Training

Come learn all about what is involved with Firefighter Rehab.

- The physiological threats to firefighters
- Firefighter gear demonstration
- Participate/Observe an incident
- Learn about the Rehab area and the rehab process that firefighters go through
- Practice the skills on each other- intake process, taking oxygen levels, blood pressure, nutrition for the firefighters.

You will walk away with many skills, knowledge and a certificate of completion.

PARTICIPANT PREREQUISITES

Participants must have completed CERT Basic Training and FEMA ICS-100, Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS).



NEIGHBORHOOD
RADIO WATCH
WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER™

Join the weekly:
Twain Harte
Neighborhood
Radio Watch
Wed: 7:00 PM
Sun: 9:00 AM
FRSM: ch 18



FEBRUARY

TWIN HARTE AREA



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

We are pleased to have a number of highly qualified and engaging instructors volunteering their time from THFD, PHI, retired Fire Chief, a retired Fire Captain, and THA-CERT volunteers to teach this class.



CERT Firefighter Rehab Vehicle



THA-CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting
Community Center, 18775 Manzanita Dr, TH
Thursday, Feb 1, 2024 9:30 am

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE WIN THE GOLDEN PLUNGER

PERPETUAL TROPHY

**THE WORLD CLASS
TWIN HARTE
OUTHOUSE RACES**
June 1, 2024

Parade at 9:00 AM - Race 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Eproson Park, Twain Harte, CA
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THE CURRENT WINNER AND LOCATION FOR
THE FIREFIGHTER'S GOLDEN PLUNGER IS
WITH TWIN HARTE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
CAN YOU WIN IT AWAY FROM THEM?



TO WIN THIS COVETED TROPHY FOR YOUR FIRE
HOUSE, BUILD A CART AND WIN THE RACE.

To learn more: twainhartecert@gmail.com or call 209-481-5790

Last year, the Twain Harte Fire Department took home the Golden Plunger Perpetual Trophy. We are sending out a call, an opportunity for the other fire houses to come and challenge them for the trophy. We can help you with the rules, specs, and entry form for the event. We have a couple of chassis to help if it is needed.

Do you think you can win?

