

LAW AND BORDER

Campo Minutemen Report

While Gadget Dan continues to clean the highway on a near daily basis, a group of the Campo Minutemen cleaned up Buckman Springs Road on Memorial Day Weekend, removing 200 gallons of trash. They had a BBQ dinner at position 141 and "lit up" La Gloria Canyon using flash lights and car head lights.

G-man reports that it has been very busy at his location with at least two groups every 24 hours and sometimes three to four with six to eighteen per

group. He is not getting much sleep because the crossers are coming through at all hours. In one 24 hour period alone he reported 47 who were later apprehended. His year to date is now 337.

A documentary film crew from www.borderstories.org spent two days and one night at the border. The Campo Story is not yet on their website, but several other interesting stories are posted. Photos are available on the Campo Minutemen website. The film makers were fairly impressed that

the Campo Minutemen, who they could not see, spotted them long before they reached the camp.

On the 4th of July, the Campo Minutemen will join other Border Watch Groups for a Bar-B-Que at Camp Vigilance in Boulevard, CA.

The days events begin at 9:00 am. Speakers include Monica Ramos (wife of Border Agent Ignacio) Ted Hayes, Tony Dolz and Jamiel Shaw's family (Jamiels Law) will be joining us as well.



Music will be provided by Ruben Media and America Union!

For more information contact: bdaz01@cox.net.

RATTLESNAKE WARNING

The warm weather can bring with it an unseen danger ... the rattlesnake. Usually hidden in rocks or bushes, it can strike out when disturbed. CAL FIRE cautions hikers, campers, joggers and everyone to be extra careful this time of year. Watch where you step and do not reach under bushes or rocks. Don't put your hands into any area that you cannot see into. You should also wear hiking boots and protective clothing when using the backcountry trails. If you are bitten, stay calm and get medical attention promptly.

FIRE WATCH

Deerhorn Valley Fire Station Open House

Deerhorn Valley – Joe Desio, a resident of Deerhorn Valley, and his wife Linda, who are both active members of the Local Volunteer Fire Company, are hosting a practice day for an EMT class from one of the local collages at Deerhorn Station (2383 Honey Springs Road –

Thomas Brother Map Page 1294 D6) on Sunday, June 22nd. The class will be practicing their skills in the morning followed by a Bar-B-Q at 12:00.

In addition to a Bar-B-Q, the Volunteer Fire Station will be hosting an Open House, displaying fire and

emergency equipment from the various agencies in the area that are utilized in the local community, CAL FIRE will also have equipment on display and the San Diego County Sheriffs Department have agreed to one of their helicopters being on site.

Joe hopes to showcase the cooperation between CAL FIRE, Rural Paid Firefighters, local volunteers and other cooperators. He also hopes to generate some new volunteer/reserve interest in the current program.

Slater-Price garners support for fire-fighting issue

Board Approves Board Letter to Work with CalFire on Night-Flight Policy

SAN DIEGO – The Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's recommendation to work toward resolving the state's CalFire policy prohibiting night flying to fight fires.

The legislation, co-authored by Vice Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, directs Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Walt Ekard to work with CalFire, the U.S. Forest Service, and the San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association to establish a local agreement to allow aerial firefighting assets to fly at night in the state and federal responsibility area, which comprises more than half of the land in San Diego County.

CalFire's current policy precludes pilots from flying

a half hour before or after sunset, depending on the situation, to a half hour before sunrise.

"Not being able to fight fires half the time ties one hand behind our backs," Slater-Price said. "We cannot afford to settle for status quo in a county that has experienced two catastrophic fires in four years. In the event of a wildfire, we must have the ability to use every asset in the county – period. And that means at all hours – day or night."

In May, the County Board of Supervisors voted to lease two fire-fighting Bombardier CL-415 Superscoopers and a command plane for the upcoming fire season at about \$3 million. Annually, the County of San Diego spends \$8.53 million on fire protection.

Nearly all fire agencies in the state prohibit fighting fire by air at night, which a few exceptions – such as the large fleet operated by

Los Angeles County.

"We owe it to those who struggle to rebuild their homes today and those who shouldn't have to face that pain tomorrow," Slater-Price said.

Other measures sought in the legislation direct the CAO:

To work with the County's legislative advocates to

pursue any necessary CalFire policy changes; To work with the County's legislative advocates to urge retrofitting or replacement of CalFire's helicopter fleet for night flight capabilities; and To work with the Sheriff's department and CalFire to explore the feasibility of converting the two County-owned firefighting helicopters for night flight capabilities.



Photo Courtesy of Canadiar/Bombardier

CAL FIRE Proclamation

PROCLAMATION SUSPENDING BURNING PERMITS AND OTHER USES OF OPEN FIRE

All RESIDENTIAL "DOORYARD" (FORM LE-62) BURNING PERMITS within State Responsibility Areas and Local Responsibility Areas under contract to CAL FIRE in the counties listed above will be SUSPENDED beginning 16:00 hours June 21, 2008. Previously issued "Dooryard" permits will no longer be valid.

Agricultural, forest management, hazard abatement and other industrial-type burning is

suspended.

Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property are allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent the campfire from spreading to the wildland vegetation.

This suspension will continue in place until formally cancelled by me.

This PROCLAMATION is issued in Fresno, California, this 21st day of June 2008.

By:

Candace Gregory
Southern Region Chief
CAL FIRE

KEEP A DEFENSIBLE PERIMETER AROUND YOUR PROPERTY WITH A 100' CLEARANCE!

Sunrise Powerlink Update

Sierra Club's Smart Energy Solutions Campaign

The San Diego Smart Energy Solutions campaign to protect Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the Cleveland National Forest and local communities from SDG&E's unnecessary, destructive Sunrise Powerlink received exciting news yesterday! California Public Utilities Commissioner (CPUC) Dian Grueneich and Administrative Law Judge Steven Weissman have ordered a re-circulation of the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Sunrise Powerlink.

What does this mean in English? SDG&E has experienced another setback. The company's ill-conceived Sunrise Powerlink proposal is delayed yet again, with

the final CPUC decision now expected at the end of the year instead of the end of the summer. And, the public will gain more critical information about the environmental impacts of this harmful proposal, as well as more information about smarter alternatives. This is an important victory in our battle to secure a clean, renewable energy future for our region.



Be safe on Independence Day

Your Independence Day celebration can be ruined if fireworks injure one of your family or friends.

CAL FIRE reminds everyone that all fireworks are illegal throughout San Diego County. Their use, transportation or possession

could result in a fine or jail.

CAL FIRE also advises anyone causing a fire with fireworks would be responsible for the damages. Fireworks last only a few seconds, but the burns and other injuries they cause, can last a lifetime. So don't



celebrate the Forth of July in the hospital. Be fire safe, not sorry!

