

Aspendell South Fork Volunteer Fire Department

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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2019

Summer is here and the creeks are running full after our very wet winter and spring (approximately 20 inches of snow in May!). It's time once more to extend our deepest gratitude for your ongoing support of the ASFVFD.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) – and CPR/AED Training

Because of very generous donations to the ASFVFD, we have been able to purchase two new AEDs for use by all community members in time of need. One AED has been installed in the control building at South Fork. The other AED will be installed by ASFVFD volunteers in an outdoor cabinet at the Aspendell firehouse as soon as possible as part of a project to re-route fire engine exhaust. These AEDs are simple to use, with illustrations, voice direction and an instruction manual. But we STRONGLY encourage you to take the online training on CPR and AED use that is available through the American Heart Association. You can take this online training on a schedule that suits your needs. Skills sessions at a local hospital (e.g., Northern Inyo Hospital) are required to complete the training. Be prepared! You certainly do not want to be reading the instruction manual when someone needs your immediate help! There is a cost associated with the online training, and your local hospital may charge a small fee for the skills session. You may also wish to consider the purchase of an AED for your home. AEDs are readily available from Costco, Walmart, Amazon and AED stores (e.g., AED Brands, AED Superstore). Having an AED in your own home, and taking the training necessary to use it and to perform CPR, are wise investments of your time and money.

Some of you participated in CPR/AED training provided last year at the Cardinal Resort by Dr. Michael McBeth (who also serves as one of the ASFVFD Board members). We plan to offer another such training this year and will keep you apprised of the schedule. Please check the ASFVFD website (asfvfd.org) for notices regarding this training.

Volunteer Training and Equipment Purchases

The ASFVFD volunteers continue to train on a bi-weekly schedule and to maintain First Aid/CPR/AED certificates so that they can respond to emergencies as Good Samaritans. Your generous donations have made possible the purchase of needed equipment and personal protective clothing. With your support, we anticipate the purchase of additional equipment, including more fire shelters and harnesses so that each volunteer is properly equipped to participate in wildland fire response. Each shelter/harness set costs on the order of \$500-700. Your continued generosity is enormously appreciated.

Our Caretakers

Our caretakers, Patrick Rizzo and Lauren Newey, continue to be wonderful assets to our mountain communities. In addition to caretaker responsibilities, including the monitoring of engine and firehouse maintenance needs, they have joined, on their own accord, our firefighting volunteer ranks. As Good Samaritans, both have responded to medical emergencies as well. If you have not had the opportunity to meet them, be sure to stop by the Aspendell firehouse to introduce yourself and get to know them!

Financial Summary

Below please find summary statements of ASFVFD finances for the past two years. Current projects that will be paid for in the very near term include a new exhaust system for the apparatus bay (approximately \$5000) and the purchase of a new generator and battery backup systems (\$10,000) for the Firehouse. These are important safety systems to protect our volunteers and maintain use of the siren and communications during more frequent SCE power outages expected. Please feel free to contact us at asfvfd@asfvfd.org with questions and comments.

Budget Year 7/1/2017-6/31/2018

7/1/17 balance	Deposits	Personal Prot. Equip.	Utilities	Rent	WC Ins	Insurance	Equip.	Services	CTQ/ Misc.	Total Expense	6/30 /18 balance
5236	35453	449	1874	3600	13799	2269	1463	833	8161	32509	8194

Budget Year 7/1/2018-6/31/2019

7/1/18 balance	Deposits	Personal Prot. Equip.	Utilities	Rent	WC Ins	Insurance	Equip.	Services	Misc.	Total Expense	6/30 /19 balance
8194	38,529	6140	3099	3600	1395	3401	3311	491	823	22,260	24463

Once again, the ASFVFD is entirely dependent on your continuing donations and commitment to support training and equipment purchases, and the "routine" expenditures associated with running the Department (rent, utilities, insurance, etc.).

We have also attached a supporting membership donor stub and enclosed an envelope to simplify the donation process. Checks can be made out to the ASFVFD and mailed to us at 111 Columbine Drive, Bishop, CA 93514. We offer our most sincere thanks in advance. *We'd like to acknowledge those thanks publicly; if you are willing to be identified as a contributor, please initial the "yes" blank on the donation form. Otherwise, please initial the "no" blank.*

Volunteers Still Needed: We still need volunteer firefighters, particularly in the South Fork area. We also need volunteers engaged in administrative, committee, fundraising, grant solicitations, and web page design activities. If you have ideas for fundraisers or especially if you are willing to help to set-up/oversee such an event, please email us at asfvfd@asfvfd.org. If you have other skills you would like to offer, again, please email us. We also welcome your comments and recommendations.

With our sincere thanks, the ASFVFD Board of Directors: President, Roy Harthorn; Vice President, Michael McBeth; Treasurer, David Woody; Secretary, Joanne Schneider, and Carl Jarecky, Member at Large.

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Donations: Checks can be made out to the **Aspendell South Fork Volunteer Fire Dept.** and sent to us at 111 Columbine Drive, Bishop, CA 93514. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you!
\$100 ___ **\$200** ___ **\$500** ___ **Other \$** _____ **SCE outage generator \$** ___ **Other training \$** _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Aspendell – South Fork Address: _____

I am willing to be listed as a contributor to the ASFVFD in mailings to the community: **Yes** _____ **No** _____ (the amount will not be identified)
 (initial either yes or no)

I am interested in volunteering in the support of ASFVFD (note expertise) _____