

June 14, 2020 – Village Smoke Check Net Activated (Shingletown Emergency Radio):

Cal Fire Radio reported a large blanket of smoke in the Village. Village Ch 1 Smoke Check was activated.

Within about 7 minutes (or less) the Village Radio Team had 9 Station reports from stations located at various locations throughout the Village, AND ALL STATION REPORTS WERE MAPPED ON FORMAT ROMEO 21 - VILLAGE. With the Lead Station conducting the Net, that was 10 Radio Stations participating on Frequency.

It is fair to say that the Village Radio Team had completed mapping and had a situation analysis completed before Cal Fire had arrived at the Village (it takes time to get heavy equipment from the fire station to the scene). The importance of this needs to be stressed, as such situation analysis can be relayed to Cal Fire (as it was during this event) and save valuable time.

Again, thank you to all who were on frequency and reported in.

The station reports included the far east end of Shasta Forest Village, and all the way across to the West end of Thumper. All stations reported no suspect smoke, fire or embers. Exceptions: (1) T3 reported smoke, but advised it was from a neighbor's fireplace; and (2) B3 reported (and gave supplemental reporting) that the neighbor to South East (off of highway 44, on Kaysie Rae Court, or next door to the East of that), had a burn pile, which was being watched by the neighbor, and that neighbor had been burning all day (a permissive burn day). [In Follow up the next day, B3 advised that the Village Radio woke her up. And she had to get dressed and go outside. At that time, she observed the flames being about 5 feet high.]

This Village Radio Reporting Team summary information was relayed to Cal Fire - 911.

At about 22:18 hours, Cal Fire had completed its work in the Village.

Thereafter, K6PDS drove to the Cal Fire Station on Highway 44, and was advised that they had multiple calls as to smoke on Bambi Drive. The Fire Engine had attempted to call me using their Cell phone; however, the fire truck did not have cell reception. However, the reports from the Village Radio Operators had been relayed from 911 to the Fire Engine (including the

location of Kaysie Rae Court). Cal Fire determined the source was the burn pile on Kaysie Rae Court. Another lesson point – Cal Fire uses Radios and Radio worked, Cell phone didn't.

GREAT JOB TO ALL OF THOSE VILLAGE RADIO STATIONS WHO RESPONDED ON THE RADIO AND GAVE REPORTS. THE REPORTS OF SMOKE AND NO SMOKE ARE VITAL FOR TRACKING DOWN THE ESTIMATED LOCATION OF FIRE / SMOKE.

PLEASE GET YOUR NEIGHBORS INVOLVED. AND, IF YOU ARE ONLY LISTENING, YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUT BY GIVING A REPORT (UNLESS YOU HAVE A MEDICAL SITUATION ETC...). DON'T WAIT UNTIL A FIRE IS AT YOUR BACK DOOR, OR YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Recommendations:

All stations are to state wind in MILES PER HOUR, with wind direction (where wind is coming from). Use Compass and advise whether your bearing is Magnetic or True North.. Do not use the word "calm" to describe the wind. We will use Format Tango 4M for neighborhoods. Have the form printed out and at your radios. Have questions? Call 474-3267.

All other areas / Neighborhoods should practice these procedures on their Channel 1.

GREAT JOB TO ALL VILLAGE RADIO TEAM STATIONS!

73 VILLAGE FOXTROT 1 / K6PDS

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