

DESCRIPTION OF THE VILLAGE 2026 FIRE – ON BAMBI (7/25/2026).

This is the Fire Net activity that SMITH FCC claims violated FCC Rules by using non-hams briefly during the net.

BEGINNING OF QUOTATIONS ABOUT HOUSE FIRE – SMITH FCC HAS THIS INFORMATION:

“I am providing this to you in case a local Ham (which offered no help) complains.

“7/25/2026 Residential Structure Fire (2 story) in Village (on Bambi). Fully involved structure / total loss. Power off at location (which also appeared to include the Village Water Company nearby.) I assume the backup generator for the Water Company operated since water pressure not reduced. (in the past, the backup generator didn't work and resulted in loss of water which would include the fire hydrants). Multiple Fire engines at scene / Water Tender, etc...
.Explosions heard at incident location. Additionally, apparent fireworks also shooting out of a section of the structure (silver streaks). Flames from fire torching high into the air - estimated at least 50 feet from ground level and surrounded by pine trees (estimated over 80 feet tall / 100 feet tall). Other structures threatened. ...

Used Ham repeaters with non ham to transmit situation. PDS mobile to area of incident. 3 channels under radio plan used. Also, another report of Fire Trucks going down Shingletown Ridge Road (just across Highway 44 from above incident). Another non Ham drove the road and determined UTL. Repeater needed for comms due to very rugged area and out of other radio Ch range.

Above brief summary.

Other Information:

Neighborhood (location of house fire) has approx 400 homes.

All streets merge into one street which is the only way out of the Village onto highway 44 in the event of evacuation. The one street leaving the village is a two way street and I had previously (years ago) addressed the issue of evacuations and using both lanes to evacuate onto 44. Was advised to leave road a 2 WAY so emergency vehicles could enter / exit (thus, such advice to be followed unless otherwise directed by law enforcement at the time). Such will compound any evacuation with 400 homes all merging at one intersection to leave neighborhood.

Elderly in Village, and persons with medical conditions.

My position: use of Ham repeaters appropriate ... immediate safety of life and property...”

Follow up information was also provided to the FCC and ARRL as follows.

“Also, the Cal Fire Radio that I monitor, did NOT tone out for the incident. I don't know why. A Radio relay into the Plan, is what got the Net running. People were monitoring pursuant to the 24/7 plan.”

Further, the FCC and ARRL were also advised:

“Again, this was an actual emergency with a fully involved house fire (totally destroyed) in an area with 400 homes and only one small road for exit. Other homes were at risk. The fire started to spread to vegetation and pieces of burned housing material (approx 6 to 8 inches in length) were found about 3 houses away from the house fire. Please read the facts. You are ignoring the FCC regulations and facts. You are placing lives at risk and you are intentionally violating FCC regulations.”

END OF QUOTATIONS CONCERNING HOUSE FIRE –PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS.

Exhibit AA Village 2026 Fire