



MONTHLY UPDATE

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We're well into summer and things are heating up! Some of us are looking at the coming school year and some of us are still planning our summer get aways. Program Manager Carol Hallett gets us started on some thoughts about summer. We had a surprise deployment for traffic control and a not surprise participation in the Twain Harte Summer Outdoor Market and Gearhead Revival Car Show.

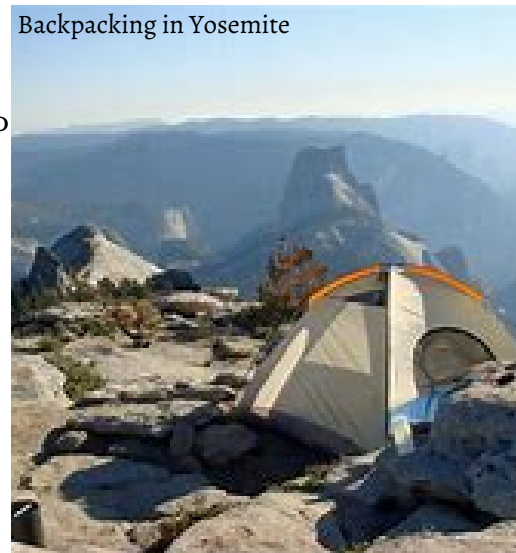
Our July Training featured a guest speaker from the CHP, there was more activity within Firewise communities, and our UAS unit got some new equipment.

As always, we have tips on safety and some upcoming events that we think you will enjoy, such as National Night Out in Columbia, and a Firewise Quickstart meeting in Twain Harte, so be sure to check out "What's Next?" for details..

We hope you enjoy this month's issue. Our goal is to provide information to the community, focusing on safety and health.

If you have a suggestion for future articles, please contact us at: twainhartecert@gmail.com for consideration of the topic by the board.

Backpacking in Yosemite



NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



We are cruising right through summer. The heat of days turning to cool evenings (most nights) with just enough breezes to cool off the house and freshen up the air. When it is too hot to go outdoors it allows time for reflection and that's when I realize how lucky we are to live in the Twain Harte Area.

CERT has been busy this month with lots of different activities. Some planned and some surprise events. We have a great core team that just makes things happen. They work harder than any group I have been affiliated with and I truly appreciate them, as does our community.



My summertime car is a yellow 1950 Buick convertible lovingly named "Flow" by two of our CERT members. You can see me sporting it most days. No matter if I am driving to get something accomplished, going to a meeting or just out cruising with Flow I have a big smile on my face.

SUMMER OUTDOOR MARKET

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



Gearhead Revival Car Show

For the past 17 years, the festival in downtown Twain Harte for has been more than just the street fair; there has also been the Twain Harte Classic Car Show put on by Dennis Scroggs the Barber by El Jardin Mexican Restaurant. Dennis retired from running the show the year before COVID and asked Dave Hallett if he would take it over. We had 2 years of just inviting cars up without being able to do the kind of Car Show we really wanted; well this year we were able to do it right.

Our committee included Tim and Peggy Sheridan, Bob and Johanna Allen, and Dave and Carol Hallett. The six of us had a lot of fun planning the event. We took the liberty to rename the car show to the "Gearhead Revival". It seemed like an appropriate name.

We had 70 cars sign up for the event as well as 5 local auto vendors. We gave out 10 awards. The trophies were handmade by Dave & Tim.



SUMMER OUTDOOR MARKET, cont'd

Gearhead Revival Car Show



Fire Association Swag

Each year at the Summer Festival in Twain Harte the Fire Association premieres their newest T-shirt. This year was no exception. We had our new design for our shirts, mugs, pint glasses and hats. The line was never very long but the items flew off the table pretty fast. In fact, we are going to order more of everything so that people can still buy the items locally in Twain Harte.



Artwork from the back of this year's t-shirt

You can purchase the shirts and hats at the Walk-in Closet starting in August. We will be getting sweatshirts soon.



All our glassware will be sold at The Harte of the Kitchen.

You can get the Pint Glasses and the mugs. Check it out!

We have both right-handed and left-handed mugs.

Power Wagon on display



The original Twain Harte 1951 Power Wagon Fire Truck #3 was on display, Saturday at the Car Show and on Sunday by the sales booths.

The kids had a blast climbing up and posing for pictures. These could be in a magazine, these children were so polite and happy. It was a pleasure to have them around. Thanks to the parents for raising such good kids. It was a fun day for everyone!

SUMMER OUTDOOR MARKET, cont'd

Power Wagon on display

CERT & Fire Association are looking forward to restoring this wonderful piece of our history. We were able to get some donations during the festival that will help us make a real impact. Our plan is to see the Chief and his family driving in a parade with the original badging on display.

If you have pictures of this fire truck please send to: twainhartecert@gmail.com.



HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT



We did it again! This wonderful CERT group came through once again at the Twain Harte Summer Outdoor Market. We volunteered for an event that proved HOT in two senses of the word: the temperature was HOT and so was the event.

CERT members helped keep pedestrians safe by doing our usual cross guard thing. This was really needed as there were many people criss-crossing around town as cars worked their way around detour signs and tried to land a precious parking spot.



Wine, Margarita and "Swag" booths, in front of THFD

A first for us, we sold Margaritas! We had three flavors offering cold and delicious relief from the heat. We did learn that we needed to start the margarita machine by 7AM because it takes a long time to get that good frozen slush especially in hot weather.

We also sold red, white and rose wine, making a really good profit as all we had to supply were the cups. One of our members volunteers at a wine tasting competition, and she is rewarded for her work there with many bottles of wine. As much as she likes the stuff, she simply cannot drink all she gets and has donated wine to CERT as a fundraising opportunity. This year, the fundraising was especially successful.

In addition to the margaritas and wine, THA-CERT also sponsored the beer booth and cooling station at a separate location. All of our booths proved to be very popular.



Cooling Station and Beer Booth

PREPAREDNESS INTRODUCTION VIDEO

by Mary Schreiner, PIO, THA-CERT



In our April 2022 issue, we talked about Access Tuolumne and the series of Preparedness videos THA-CERT will be filming and producing with their help. The first of those videos, "Introduction to Preparedness", is now ready for viewing.

Eventually, we will have the entire series of videos available on our THA-CERT webpage. In the mean time, you can watch it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zGlmFs5-pII7x58GQ7qTJBTNnmrB9I0i/view?usp=sharing>

Many thanks to Jerry Day, General Manager, Access Tuolumne for producing this video. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Access Tuolumne can be seen on Comcast Cable 8, Roku, AppleTV, and [AccessTuolumne.org/live](https://www.access-tuolumne.org/live).

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Please join us at National Night Out, along with the TCSO and several other agencies.

National Night out is an annual national community-building event with activities and demonstrations for the entire family.

It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of our first responders and learn more about how the different agencies serve our county.

We hope to see you there, Tuesday, August 2nd, Columbia State Historic Park, Columbia, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Please join the
Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office

along with other law enforcement officers from:
California State Parks,
California Department of Fish and Wildlife,
California Highway Patrol,
Tuolumne County Animal Control,
U.S. Forest Service, and
Yosemite National Park.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will also be there.

Tuesday, August 2nd
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Columbia State Historic Park
11255 Jackson Street in Columbia

National Night Out is a community-building campaign that is held across the nation each year on the first Tuesday in August as a way to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement under positive circumstances while bringing back a true sense of community. Each year we all look forward to seeing the community at this event.

This is a very family-friendly event. Be sure to bring your kids or grandkids so they can meet some of the officers that serve our community.



The shops at Columbia State Historic Park will be open late, so come join us for National Night Out and explore all that this wonderful state park has to offer. Columbia State Historic Park has lots of shade so don't let the heat stop you from attending.



Hosted by Columbia State Historic Park (209-588-9128)
and the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office (209-533-5866)



TRAFFIC CONTROL SURPRISE

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



There was a group of us pulling things from inventory to prepare for the Summer Festival in Twain Harte when I received a call from Fire Chief Gamez. He said that Rotary was replacing the cable on "the Arch" so that we can once again hang banners. They really needed some traffic control for their safety. Surprise...how fast can you get there? I asked Lise Lemonnier to help me and the two of us grabbed stop/slow signs, high visibility vests and helmets and away we went. Minutes later we were on-site.

When we got to the Arch they were busy setting things up. Marilyn and Rich Knudson had brought some sandwich boards to help close off the road. In assessing the situation it was evident to me that we needed more to make sure the workers were going to be safe. I called over to our crew and asked them to bring some tall safety cones. Mike Mandell was there in a few minutes.

We closed off Joaquin Gully from the Arch to Cedar. Lise was directing traffic to circle around Cedar and I was directing traffic towards Meadow. The Rotarians climbed some really tall ladders and got to work. Rick Ramay, a contractor with Rotary, said to me, "I really feel safe on this job thanks to CERT!"



The second surprise was how cooperative all the drivers were that day. I guess they were glad to see that we could hang banners again.

It is always nice to help the community and to see different groups come together to improve our town is heart warming, or should I say Harte warming!



Rich Knudson was a great help by holding the "Slow" sign while I directed traffic at the 3 way intersection. This is a very busy intersection. And with 7-11 customers it makes

it even more challenging; that said, it all seemed to go smoothly.

The sun was bright and it was a warm day but the job did not take that long. Soon the banners were flying high with information for the community to read about the upcoming events.

When they were done we all worked together to remove the barriers and traffic flow was returned to normal.



Thanks to the Twain Harte Drivers for being so understanding.

FIREWISE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP SUCCESS



by Laura Holdsworth

Wildwood Firewise Shadybrook neighborhood had our first neighborhood cleanup! A group of 11 worked from 9 to 11:30 and cleared 25 cubic yards of debris, downed trees, and branches from the easement along Wildwood and Shadybrook. Thanks to Jay and Julianna Canavan for the use of their dump trailer which made quick and easy work.

Thanks to everyone who came and made it a great time for all!



This clean up actually happened in June but we did not get the story in time to put it in last months newsletter.



Let us know about your projects and we will post them too. It is so great to drive along the roads and see the results of these projects.

Way to go Twain Harte Area!

FIREWISE QUICK START MEETING

by Carol Hallett



We have put the August Firewise meeting on the calendar, August 23rd (see the flyer). By popular demand, we will have an evening meeting. The quick start meeting was created to streamline the process for becoming an approved Firewise neighborhood. We lay out the process in a very concise manner that simplifies it so that you can get down to the real task, working together to make our community more fire safe.

Who should attend this meeting? Anyone who wants to be part of the solution, be a leader of the effort, meet others that are working towards fire safety, or wondering if your neighborhood is already a Firewise Neighborhood. We are focusing on Twain Harte Area which includes: Twain Harte, Crystal Falls, Cedar Ridge and up country all the way to Strawberry.

FIREWISE QUICKSTART MEETING, cont'd

FIREWISE
QUICKSTART MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2022: 6:30-7:30 PM
Location: Community Center 18775 Manzanita Drive
Twain Harte

Would you like your neighborhood to become part of the Firewise Community?



Protecting our homes protects our neighbors and our community.

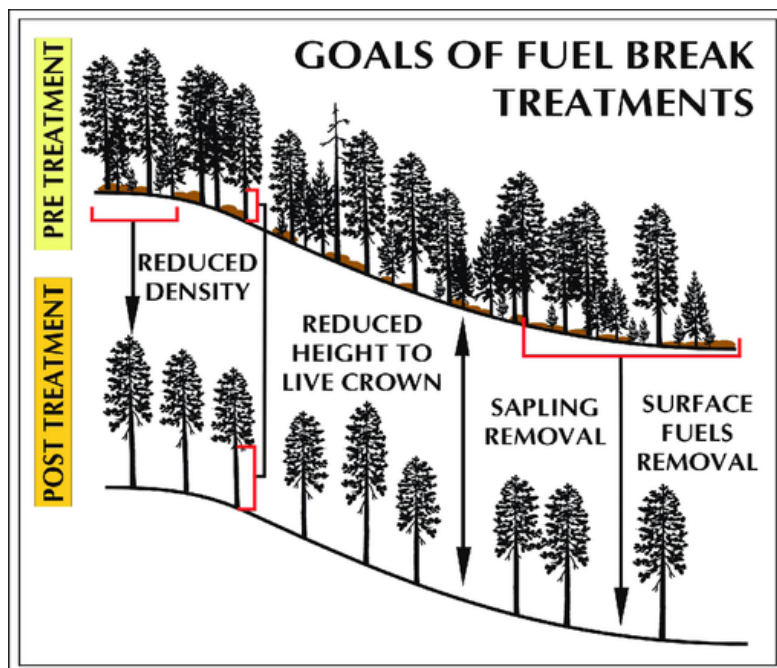


Come join us for a discussion with Carol Hallett and special guest Twain Harte Fire Chief Gamez, and find out about the benefits and the process.



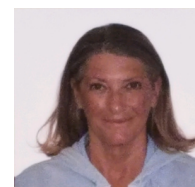
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FIRE SEASON IS HERE!

Please come out and join us to meet your neighbors and see what Firewise is all about!



JULY TRAINING: TRAFFIC CONTROL

by Mary Schreiner, PIO, THA-CERT



Our July training turned out to be one of our most beneficial training sessions to date. About half of the 20 or so people attending, from both Twain Harte and Groveland CERT groups, had little or no previous training on the subject.

We gathered at the newly updated Twain Harte Community Center on Saturday, July 30th. New windows and interior walls, along with acoustic panels help make it a much more comfortable space.



Steve Machado, CHP, talks about traffic control

Many thanks to our guest speaker, Steve Machado, Public Information Officer for the Jamestown CHP office. Steve did a great job of explaining various traffic control scenarios in which we may find our CERT unit being asked to deploy. He did a "classroom" talk, with question and answer period, and then we went out to practice what we learned by directing volunteer drivers from the class through "traffic stops" on Manzanita Drive, outside of the Community Center.

We had two teams directing traffic, one at the community center and the other at the entrance to the school parking lot. Everyone had a chance to try their hand at directing traffic and using our radios to communicate with the other team, and drivers switched out to give everyone a good idea of what is involved in the process.



Margaret Lawrence (left) and Sandra Walker (center) direct traffic, under the supervision of Mike Mandell

IT'S ALWAYS THE RIGHT TIME TO CONSERVE

Yes, we did have an article last month on saving water and here we are again with another one. Guess what? We here in the Mother Lode are always in need of water conservation. For every "wet" year we have, it never seems to compensate for our many dry years. Twain Harte Community Services District have provided us with some great tips on how we can all do small things that add up to big savings in water usage.



Small Changes Can Help Save Our Water

Please Use Water Wisely

As the drought and dry conditions continue to worsen throughout California, Twain Harte CSD is asking all of its customers to work together to help conserve our limited water supply by using water wisely. Here are a few easy ways to improve your efficiency:

Water Only as Needed

- Limit outdoor watering to two days per week (for example, on Fridays and Mondays) with no watering during the daytime between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm.
- Do not Irrigate turf (lawn) on public medians.

Repair Leaks, Breaks, and Malfunctions in Watering Systems

- Making these repairs in a timely manner will help to avoid unintended runoff from all outdoor watering systems.

Fix Leaky Toilets, Faucets & Showers

- THCSO offers free toilet leak detector tablets to help you see if your toilet is leaking. Come by our office and pick one up today!

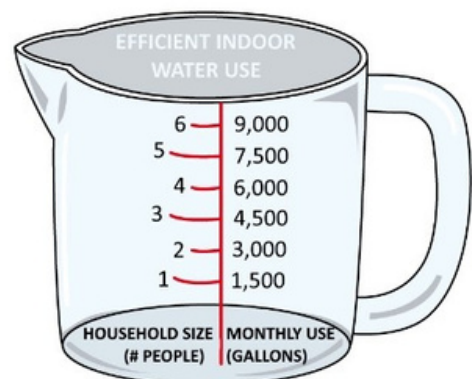
More Simple Ways to Save

- Do not use water to wash impervious areas like sidewalks and driveways.
- When washing your vehicles be sure to do so with an automatic shutoff nozzle.

Are you Using Water Efficiently?

State water experts consider efficient indoor daily water use to be 50 gallons per person. Compare your water bill to the chart to the right to see if your household is using water efficiently.

For more information on water supply and efficient water use, go to: www.twainhartecsd.com/water-supply-information.



VACATION SAFETY TIPS

Summer means vacation time for many of us. With the first day of school suddenly looming in the near future, here are some tips to keep your home safe while you take advantage of a late-summer getaway:

LEAVE YOUR HOME HAPPY AND SECURE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

1 PETS + PLANTS

Write out explicit instructions for your care taker including your pet's meals, needs and routines. Same for your plants!



2 SAFETY

Set the alarm and double check that all the doors and windows are locked. If someone is coming into the house be sure they have the security code and protocol.

3 KITCHEN + APPLIANCES

Check the fridge for anything with an expiration date, unplug all small appliances and set your water heater to vacation mode.



4 KEEPING THE HOUSE COOL

Set the thermostat 4° higher than you usual. If you have control remotely, set to 85° and then cool the house to 70° for a couple hours every morning to reduce moisture.

5 LOGISTICS

Stop all newspapers, mail and packages or have a neighbor pick them up. Make sure all bills are paid.



6 MAKING THE HOUSE LOOKED LIVED IN

Put at least one light on a timer, ask a neighbor to park in your driveway occasionally and schedule someone to mow the lawn so the house never appears empty.

THE CONVERSATION: RYAN CAMPBELL AND CAROL HALLETT

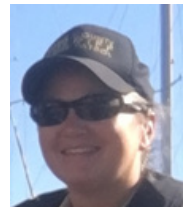
Our fledgling media star, Carol Hallett (also known as the Program Manager for THA-CERT), sat down with Tuolumne Supervisor Ryan Campbell at the Access Tuolumne studio and talked about Carol's favorite subject...CERT!

This is a great conversation and worth listening to, even if you think you know everything there is to know about CERT and what we do here at THA-CERT. Find it here:

<https://media.accesstuolumne.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/5330?channel=1>

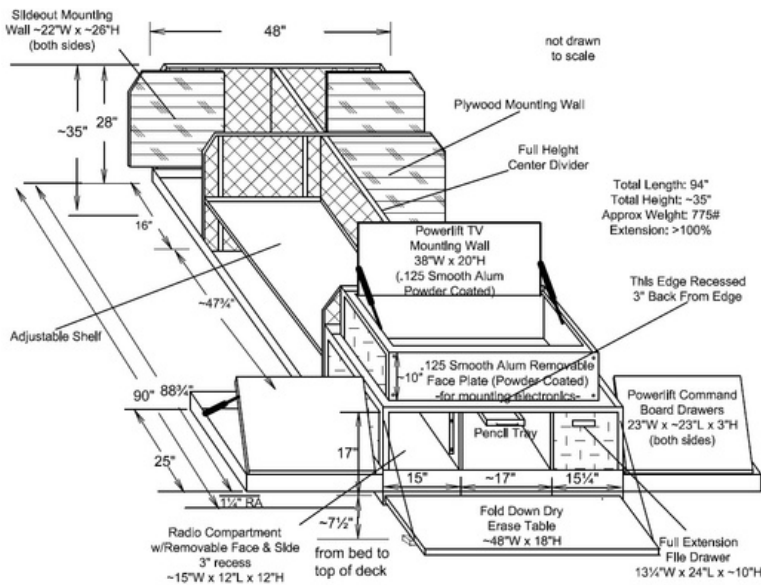
UAS/MOBILE RESPONSE UNIT

by Michelle Wagner, UAS Unit Leader, THA-CERT



Big happenings this month! I am very excited to share with everyone a project that has been in the works for some time. We (Carol Hallett, Mike Mandell, Lise Lemonier, Randie Revilla, and Michelle Wagner) received our new bed insert for our CERT pickup truck and installed it with the help of Miguel from CSD and Captain Nathaniel and his crew from THFD. And we couldn't have done it without them!

Thank you so much, everyone, for the use of the heavy equipment, brute strength, and innovative thinking!



With this bed insert and a new bed topper, we will be transforming our pickup truck into a UAS Response vehicle that can also be used as a Mobile Command Vehicle for other CERT deployments. We will be able to mount a computer, a large monitor for use with either the computer *or* our UAVs. We will have dry-erase boards, desk space, and room to carry all our UAS equipment, including chargers.

We hope to have this project completed with a new topper and wiring for power by fall this year. We will keep you posted!

The funds for this project came from the American Rescue Plan Act, which we are grateful to have received. We are very excited about this project. It will add a whole new level and look to our response capabilities.



(Above) Michelle Wagner unloads the new unit as Carol Hallett (left) and members of THFD look on



Just like our unit, except ours doesn't say "NASA" and "JPL"

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT



The total THA-CERT volunteer hours for July are:

Administration =	415
Training =	36
<u>Deployment =</u>	<u>8</u>
Total July hours =	459



WHAT'S NEXT?

Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

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

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

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

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2nd

6pm to 8 pm

Columbia State Historic Park, Columbia

Firewise Quickstart Meeting

Tuesday, August 23rd

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Twain Harte Community Center

18775 Manzanita Drive

Twain Harte

Save The Date!

Support our Firefighters Dinner & Music

Location: Inner Sanctum Cellars,
22004 Parrotts Ferry Rd,
Columbia

Date, Day & Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6:00-9:00 pm (1800-2100)

Buy your tickets NOW!

Venmo: @CERT_Fire

or email us at twainhartecert@gmail.com

August

Meeting

THCSD Board Meeting

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

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 9:00 am

CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022, 9:30 am

Have dinner with us and support



CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM
SERVING TUOLUMNE COUNTY



FHD
TWAIN HARTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cost: \$45 per person
after Labor Day the price goes up to \$50/person

Your Ticket Includes:

- All you can eat Taco Dinner
- One beverage
- Live Music



Tacos by Sergio



Music by Jill Warren

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6:00 - 9:00 pm (1800-2100)

Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp
22004 Parrotts Ferry Road, Columbia, Ca

Purchase tickets:

- Venmo: @CERT_Fire
- twainhartecert@gmail.com



This event will sell out so get your tickets NOW!

All profits will go towards feeding and rehydrating our firefighters during a fire.