

# HUNTINGTON LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Letter from the Chief

### Summer is upon us!

Each year the Huntington Lake community faces unique and special challenges. This year proves to be no different. As many of you already know, the extraordinary winter has left its mark on our roads and cabins.

As we write this newsletter, Huntington Lake Road is closed at Line Creek due to a washout/erosion that took out a significant section of the road and is likely to remain closed to through traffic until repaired by the County. The result is that our lake community is "split in half" so to speak. The time frame for repairs to the road is still unknown.

In order to provide protection to our HL Community west of the washout, we secured another fire engine from Arrowbear Lake. This vehicle is now in our possession and getting a quick check up and updating of its logos.

Our plan is to keep this rig near the west side of the washout. HLVFD has been cleared to drive our lightweight 4 wheeler across the washout to reach it. The responders will then get into the new "Engine 362" to respond. Our response times will be a little

slower, but we will be able to provide protection to the west end of the lake.

**Intensive Training "Retreat"**  
HLVFD continues to conduct a three day comprehensive training for our firefighters in June which will augment our regular Saturday and Wednesday training in order to offer both additional training and alternative training times for our busy volunteers. As always, our goal is to maintain Firefighter I and II status as well medical certification for all our responders.

This could be a very busy year for fires in the mountains. **We encourage you to be very careful with fire. We continue to depend on your donations to make all this work!** It is highly likely that the Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction will not be as well attended this year with the road closer. Let's all get creative and come in boats, kayaks, canoes, sailboat, and paddleboards if possible. The Annual

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

**JULY 2nd 2017**  
**7:00am—11:00am**  
**Lakeshore Resort**

The Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department (HLVFD) **Pancake Breakfast** will be held in conjunction with the **Seventh Annual Silent Auction!** The event will be held at Lakeshore Resort from 7 A.M. to 11 A.M. on July 2nd and will benefit the HLVFD. While the collapse of

Huntington Lake Road at Line Creek is certainly problematic for the west end of Huntington Lake, we have hope that the County will establish one way traffic prior to the July 4th weekend!

Once again Lakeshore will host this event where you may enjoy great pancakes and fabulous shopping at the Silent Auction. The HLVFD Apparel table will sport new designs and requested HLVFD legacy logos. And of course gifts and crafts from Huntington Lake, Shaver Lake, and Fresno residents & businesses will be auctioned off. Get your Holiday shopping done early! We have another special Carved Bear, more fabulous wines, artwork and Fresno Grizzly tickets. The Kid's Corner is back. The list of fun stuff goes on and on....

Despite the incredible amount of rain and snow of the winter of 2016-2017, the fire danger is still incredibly high reflecting the number of diseased and dying trees in the Huntington Lake Basin. This event is a major contributor to the HLVFD's ability to protect you, your families, and your homes. It is also an opportunity to say thank you to our incredible

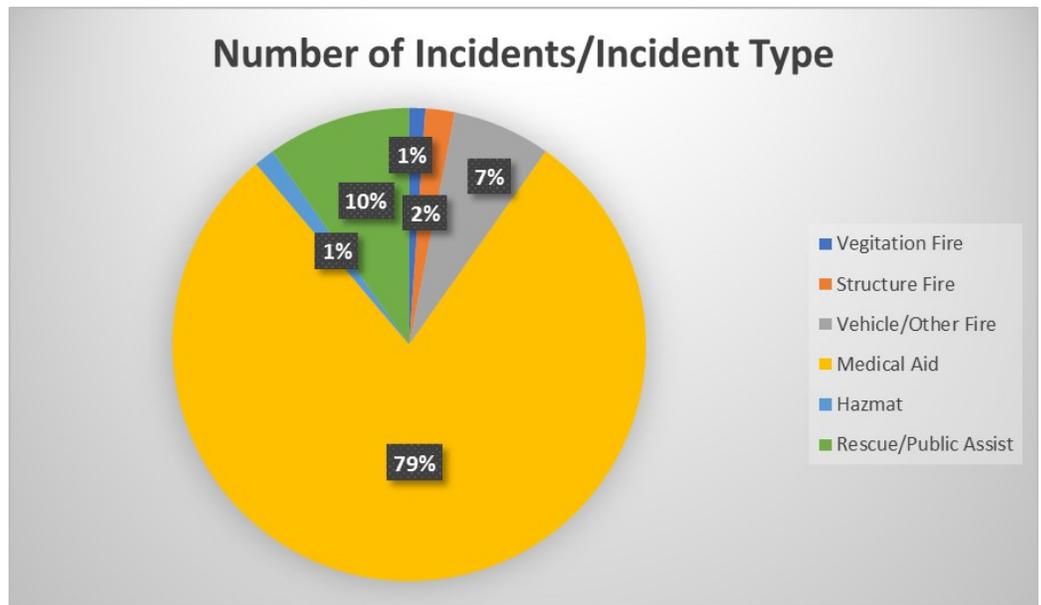




### A Message from the Board of Directors

We hope all community members enjoy their summer and help protect our mountain paradise. The heavy winter was hard on our cabins. Please check your fireplace for damage prior to using it for safety. As always we will try to attend Association and Tract Meetings so Department representatives can answer any questions you may have. Please let us know the time and place of your meeting by

### Number of Incidents/Incident Type



HLVFD is here to protect you, your property and your loved ones not only here at the lake but in the back country. We average 60-75 calls a year, most of those in the summer months. As with other Fire Departments, 80% of our calls are medical. Many are life saving incidents such as people suffering from cardiac arrests, punctured arteries, rattle snake bites, severe burns, traffic accidents and other severe injuries. We have been successful in providing life saving care before transportation or life flight to hospitals.

In the last few years we have used CPR in conjunction with defibrillation to save the lives of 2 people in cardiac arrest. Success was due to repeated training and fast response of our members. In addition to the medical calls, we are the first responders to drownings, the unfortunate body recoveries, missing persons, flash floods, propane leaks, winter snowmobile accidents and other hazmat calls. We respond to winter accidents and medical issues. All this and of course cabin, forest, campground, kitchen, commercial fires, vehicle, propane fires and so much more.

We work hard to protect you and all we ask is for your financial support so we can continue to provide the excellent protection we always have done.