

2019 was a busy year for the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District. We were fortunate to have had no major fire events, but the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff was a sharp reminder that we live in an area at risk for wildfire. The mission of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District is to safeguard our community through the delivery of professional, efficient and effective services protecting life, property and the environment. These services include fire suppression, medical and transportation services, risk and hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness and public education programs. Consistent with our reputation as a Marin County leader in fire prevention and preparedness, the District undertook the following activities in the past year to accomplish our mission.

We continued to provide the funding for our community fire protection serving as voting members of the Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD)

We continued to provide state-of-the-art Advanced Life Support emergency medical and ambulance services as a voting member of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA).

We adopted the latest Fire Code consistent with the rest of the Ross Valley.

We met all requirements through our strategic activities and projects to maintain annual certification as a FireWise® Community

We expanded the Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator project to include over 40 block captains now covering most of Sleepy Hollow. Many of the captains held a safety event in their neighborhood which we expect to become an annual event.

We funded maintenance of the ridge top shaded fuel breaks and expanded our defensible space behind homes through the goat grazing program in partnership with Marin County Open Space, San Domenico School, Triple C Ranch, Rocking H Ranch, and other public agencies.

In partnership with San Domenico School, major fuel reduction work has been done on the campus creating a safe refuge in the event of a wildfire and reducing potential fire spread.

We maintained and/or restored strategic fire roads.

We again funded four Chipper Days, including onsite pickup, with record-setting volumes of vegetation cleared.

We conducted the annual evacuation drill in partnership with Cascade Canyon in Fairfax.

We published regular articles on fire safety in the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association newsletter and posted them to our website (shfpd.org).

We helped develop and support the “Living with Fire” publication that was mailed to 70,000 homes in Marin including all of Sleepy Hollow.

We funded and maintained the sand bag station in front of the Community Center.

We worked with the Sleepy Homes Association to ensure that the redesigned Community Center will include critical safety components including emergency power, robust and redundant communication systems, heat, medical and other emergency supplies such as flashlights, hand tools, portable

generators, food/water, cots, etc.