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## New man in charge at the Academy



*New Academy Administrator Dan Francis had his chance in front of the cameras several times during Media Day, including this interview with Rich Ibarra of Channel 3 in Sacramento.*

Dan Francis has already presided over three class graduations and faced the television cameras on Media Day since taking over as CDF Fire Academy Administrator in January. Of course these are really just minor aspects of a job that requires overseeing the operation of the departments' world reknown firefighter training facility.

"It's definitely different from the field," was Dan's first comment. In the field the emphasis is on fire protection and you know what to do and who to deal with to get a job done. "As a program administrator, there are so many different people to deal with and you have an impact on the entire department's training program." That's fine with Dan though, one of the reasons he applied for the Academy position was to "try something different and challenging."

Competition for the Academy position, vacated by Jim McFadden last July (he is currently the ranger unit chief in San Luis Obispo), was stiff. An impressive background in CDF management and policy making positions earned Dan the job.

Dan's been with the department since 1966 when he began as a firefighter I in the Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit. After four years he promoted to fire apparatus engineer and spent time both in Tuolumne-Calaveras and within the Tulare Ranger Unit.

In 1974 Dan headed to Region III and a promotion to fire captain. While there he worked as a station captain, managing up to 25 firefighters; was the planning and engineering officer, conducting fire and panic safety inspections, and checking for compliance of fire codes;

and was a fire captain specialist in the FIRESCOPE Program.

Dan was selected as a field trainee in 1977 and assigned to Region III Headquarters working under the direction of the program administrators to gain insight into department policy and procedure. Dan also spent time at the Pilot Rock Conservation Camp where he was a fire captain "B", responsible for the supervision and custody of up to 20 inmates.

In 1978 Dan Promoted to state forest ranger I within the San Bernardino Ranger Unit. As a field battalion chief he was responsible for the administration of three state and two county funded fire stations. He also filled the administrative assistant position during this time.

From 1981 to September 1985 Dan spent time in the roles of administrative and operations officer in San Bernardino where he was responsible for the overall management and supervision of the fleet manager, fire prevention supervisor, training officer and fiscal section of the unit. He also coordinated field operations for the eastern and western divisions of the ranger unit.

When he promoted to SFR III in 1985 Dan moved into the Deputy Chief position within the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit. In this capacity he had a wide range of supervisory and management responsibilities, including acting on the ranger unit chief's behalf in his absence.

As the Academy Administrator, Dan has already compiled a list of projects he'd like to push, everything from obtaining new classrooms to emphasizing physical fitness in the JAC Program. Dan also wants to see the Academy offer more hands on "management" courses, and

computer and satellite based training for employees. With the help of an inmate crew from the new Mule Creek Prison, the Academy will also be receiving a sort of facelift in the form outward appearance improvements. One other project Dan mentioned was installing computers in all of the bedroom at the Academy. Students will then be able to do their reports on them as well as gain valuable computer experience.

Dan says he would like to stay with the Academy for five years or so, and remain with CDF in that general area of the state. He's done a lot of moving around during his CDF career and is ready to settle down.

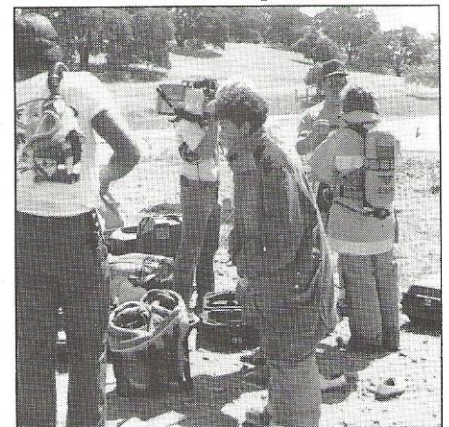
Dan, his wife Patti and daughter Michelle are still living in the Fresno area, (Dan gets home on weekends) but plan to be relocating closer to the Academy in the VERY near future.

## Media Day 1989

CDF annually calls together some 5,000 firefighters to battle wildland fires throughout the state. We already know they are among the best in the world and in an effort to spread the word, the department sponsored its Third Annual Media Day at the CDF Fire Academy on May 3, 1989.

The Academy opened its doors at 9 a.m. to an enthusiastic group of about 35, representing television, radio, newspaper, and the Associated Press wire service.

On this warm, humid day Fire Captain "A" Keith Larkin had his crew waiting for willing reporters who were stuffed into firefighting gear, from heavy boots to breathing apparatus. Words like "sauna" and "claustrophobia" could be



*Getting into all the gear was half the fun, as Sandra Rodriguez of the Yucaipa News-Mirror found out.*

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heard in conversations as reporters were led into the smoke filled burning structure to get a taste of the real thing. Over 184 Academy students go through that structure every year learning safety and tactics that will keep them alive in their chosen profession.

The Fire Academy Christmas tree, which creates a 50 foot wall of flame that reaches a temperature of 2000 degrees, provided an additional challenge. Shielded by a wall of water, and led by Battalion Chief Mike Barnes, reporters were able to see and feel what it would be like to face raging flames and extreme heat.

Those who came out of these two exercises eager to continue, headed for the Emergency Vehicle Obstacle Course (EVOC) where under the guidance of Battalion Chief Frank Frates they drove a 13 ton fire engine through a series of maneuvers. While we wouldn't want to see these "novice" engine drivers roaring down the freeway after just one lesson, the only casualties were a few crushed orange pylons set up on the course.

By now the comments coming from the assembled media included "they couldn't pay me enough to do this", and a healthy respect was growing for the instructors taking them through each challenge.

A well deserved break in the form of the usual delicious Fire Academy lunch was followed by helicopter water



Photo by David Morris, Sacramento

Union. and foam drops on the Academy grounds. With sirens wailing copter 406's crew, led by Fire Captain "A" Bob Wirtz flew in and dropped their load right on target.

Fire Prevention Officer II Don Eichman's Firing Range was a popular

place towards the end of the day. Over 441 CDF employees are peace officers trained to handle a wide variety of firearms. Reporters tested their aim with the M16, the weapon of choice, for the day. Pending legislation placing restrictions on the M16 and its kind in California, made this possibly a once in a lifetime chance.

The sand table, a miniature community where CDF firefighters learn the strategy of fighting wildland fires was as close to a classroom as the group got, even though Academy students will get up to 540 hours of classroom instruction. Media volunteers arrived with spray bottles of water, tomato juice as retardant and replicas of engines, air tankers and bull-

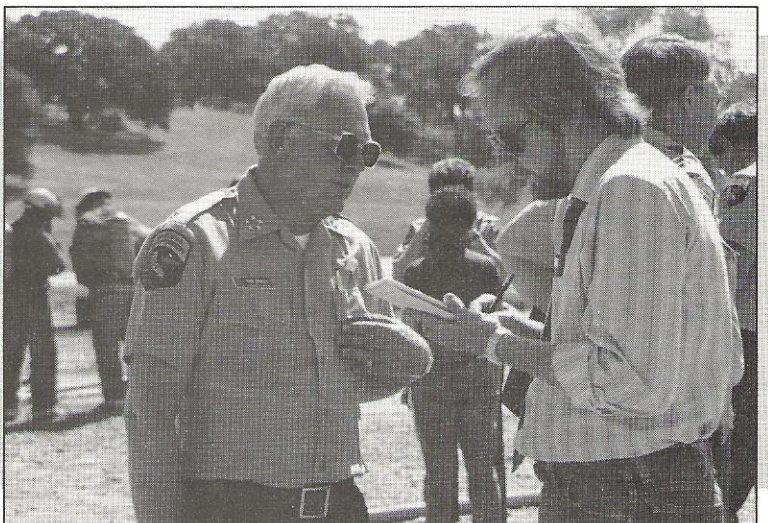
dozers to extinguish the blaze set by CDF Instructors Fire Captain "A" Aaron Bullock and Division Chief John Brayton.

At the end of the day, a tired and dirty bunch of reporters were rewarded with "I survived the Fire Academy" t-shirts, and more videotape and notes depicting the training of CDF firefighters than they would ever have airtime or print space for.

With another long hot summer just getting started in California some of the states media now have a heightened knowledge and appreciation for the job of the wildland firefighters.



Students, instructors and media get up close, and down low, to extinguish the Academy Christmas tree. (Photo by David Morris,



Director Ernest gives Associated Press' Steve Geissinger the scoop on the upcoming fire season

## ON THE COVER

A lone firefighter enters the smoke filled building used to teach structural fire fighting at the Academy. (Photo by David Morris, Sacramento Union)



## Smokey museum hits the road



The Mobile Smokey Bear Museum was parked outside of CDF Sacramento Headquarters for part of Wildland Fire Prevention Week in May.

Due to the hard work of Tehama-Glenn's Administrative Officer Rich Just and VIP Dave Dougherty, the CDF Mobile Smokey Bear Museum is a reality. Full of priceless Smokey memorabilia, the trailer, (U.S. Forest Service surplus), will travel about 171 days out of the year to fairs throughout California. Rich figures that it will take about three years for the museum to cover all the fairs in the state.

With the help of VIP's from each region, and Dave when he can squeeze it into his schedule (Dave's also a lookout at the Pattymocus Lookout in Red Bluff), the museum will provide fairgoers with a complete history of Smokey and the fire prevention message he stands for.

Most of the memorabilia belongs to Rich, the result of years of collecting,



Smokey memorabilia from one end of the trailer to the other.



however some items have been donated. Rich is currently asking for your help in expanding the collection. If you have more than one of some item of Smokey memorabilia that you would be willing to donate to the Smokey Museum, Rich would love to hear from you. Donors will not only have the satisfaction of contributing to a one of a kind exhibit, but their names will also be engraved and placed within the trailer for everyone to see.

If you'd like to donate or find out more about the museum contact Rich or Dave at (916) 527-2213.

## Promoting the fire prevention message

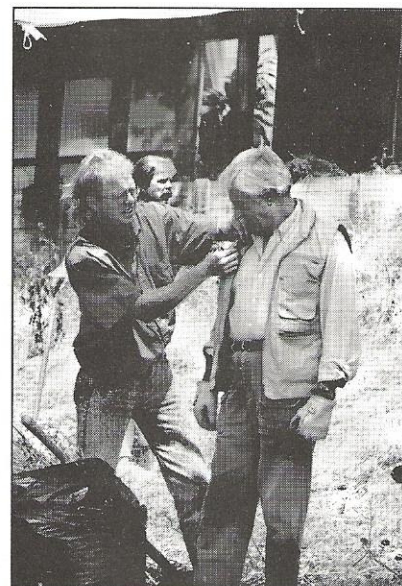
Public service announcements featuring various celebrities have been very successful for CDF in promoting fire prevention awareness. The two most current announcements feature actor/comedian Dick Van Dyke who completed a public

service announcement (PSA) for CDF in April to promote the "Fire Safe, California!" campaign. It was anticipated that this PSA would be released to television stations throughout the state sometime in June. Van Dyke has been active in promot-

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Dick Van Dyke accepts a plaque from Smokey as Jim Bliss, deputy chief education officer looks on. The plaque was presented in appreciation for Van Dykes' time and effort in doing the PSA.



Wired for sound.



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ing public awareness of fire prevention in years past through projects such as the children education films - Child Fire Safety, and Stop, Drop and Roll. Both programs are still used today and have been very successful in fire prevention education. "We feel very fortunate to have received his support and he has indicated that he would like to continue doing these spots, so we anticipate more programs in the future." said Bruce Turbeville, assistant education officer in Sacramento.

Los Angeles Dodger Kirk Gibson also recently filmed a 30 second fire prevention PSA with "you are the most valuable players against wildfires" as the theme. This is just one of many promotions with sports figures done as part of the Smokey and the Pro's Program. Smokey and the Pro's is a cooperative effort between CDF, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.



Kirk Gibson of the Los Angeles Dodgers teamed up with Smokey and friends to do a PSA and a poster.

## # 110

by Battalion Chief Mike Schnarr

Basic Fire Control Class #110 graduated from the Fire Academy on April 28, 1989. Academic competition was intense throughout the course, the final class standings were remarkably close.

Pictured are the top three graduates. From Right to Left are FAE Jeff Letson of the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit who was first in his class with a score of 96.30 percent; FAE Perri Hall of the Riverside Ranger Unit followed with a score of 95.77 percent; and FAE Gene Bach of the Siskiyou Ranger Unit was close



behind with a score of 95.67 percent.

Congratulations to the entire graduating class who met the challenge

and have now joined the permanent ranks of one of the world's finest fire departments - CDF.

## Legislative update '89

by Chris Difani, RAMP

The 1989/90 legislative session has been in full swing since January 3, when the Legislature convened for its first full business day. Since then 4,559 bills have been introduced. CDF sponsored four of these and is closely watching 74 others that may affect the department. The four bills sponsored by the department are as follows:

1) SB 1184 (Mello) which adds an additional 10 working days to the Timber Harvest Plan review period for the purpose of reviewing the public comments that are received. The Senate

Committee on Appropriations currently has this bill.

2) AB 358 (Felando) which will continue the previously authorized (under the SPB and CDFEA stipulated judgment) career credits for seasonal firefighters that take open, non-promotional CDF civil service exams. This bill is in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

3) AB 470 (Farr) which authorizes the use of Forest Resources Improvement Funds for the operation of the Soquel Demonstration State Forest by CDF. This measure is in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

4) AB 639 (Quackenbush) which will allow inmates and wards to work and be transported up to 25 miles outside of California's borders. This bill is in the Senate Committee on Rules.

The departments' position and the status of some of the most critical of the 74 other bills CDF is tracking are as follows:

AB 348 (Sher) would authorize the issuance of \$300,000,000 of bonds (with voter approval) for reforestation, forest resource improvements and urban forestry

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projects. This bill is in the Ways and Means Suspense file. The department supports this bill in concept, however due to the costs, the department opposes this bill.

**AB 579 (Jones)** is sponsored by the Board of Forestry. This bill changes the effective date of the additions (caused by the 1988 passage of SB 1075) to Public Resources Code Sec 4290 from 7/1/89 to 1/1/91. This measure is in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. The department supports this measure.

**AB 1811 (Sher)** which would enact the Forestry and Wildland Fire Protection Bond Act of 1989. This bond act, after voter approval, would provide \$255,500,000 to CDF for forestry and fire protection improvement purposes. This measure is currently in the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. The department has no official position on the measure.

**SB 27 (Campbell)** which moves the FIRESCOPE Program from a matter of voluntary interagency cooperation to a requirement of state law. The Governors' Office has directed the department to take an opposed position.

**SB 186 (Dills)** which will require city and county general plans to identify areas that are subject to wildfires. This measure will also require that protective measures be specified for these same areas. This bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The department philosophically supports this measure but has been directed to oppose it for budgetary reasons.

**SB 201 (McCorquodale)** would clarify the use of certain evaluation and measurement devices during Forest Practice inspections. This bill would not make any changes in the departments' forest practice enforcement authority. This bill is on the last step of the approval process in the Senate. The department has an opposed position on this measure.

**SB 360 (Campbell)** will require CDF to conduct research on Chaparral dieback on brushlands in Southern California. This bill is in the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. The department has an opposed position on this measure due to funding.

**SB 916 (McCorquodale)** will change the penalty for PRC 4291 violations from a misdemeanor to an infraction with specified fines (similar to traffic citations). This bill is in the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. The department is neutral on this bill and has suggested amendments to the author.

**SB 917 (McCorquodale)** will prohibit actual timber operation from starting until 5 days after approval is granted to the Timber Harvesting Plan. It will also require that any plan that violates federal or state soil or water standards be disapproved. This bill is in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. The department opposes this bill.

**SB 1568 (Keene)** would authorize the Director of the Department of Fish and Game or the State Water Resources Control Board to file an appeal with the Board of Forestry on the approval of a Timber Harvesting Plan under certain conditions and it would also limit the scope of judicial review. This measure is currently in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The department has requested approval of a support position on this measure from the Governor's Office.

**SB 1569 (Keene)** would create the 'Old Growth Timberlands Task Force'. The task force would be required to present a report and recommendations with respect to threatened or endangered species that will be impacted by the commercial harvesting of old growth timber. This report would be presented to the Legislature, Board of Forestry and The Fish and Game Commission. This bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The department has requested approval of an oppose position from the Governor's Office on the bill.

**SB 1655 (Nielsen)** would add 'regional economic vitality' to the values that must be considered within the confines of the 1973 Forest Practice Act. This would also exempt timber harvest operations which are conducted on state park lands from provisions of the Timber Harvest Regulations. This bill is in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The department is seeking a support position on this bill from the Governor's Office.

If you have any questions, or are interested in other legislative issues, please call Carol Williams Bryant in the CDF Legislative Office at (916) 445-6441.

## Behind bars



Our politicians aren't the only ones behind bars. Here our own Legislative Program Manager Carol Williams Bryant was jailed to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Although there were some comments about leaving her "in" - thanks to Sacramento Headquarter CDFers and some friends - Carol was sprung.

(Photo by Milissa Douponce)



## "Partnership" kick-off



Deputy Chief Keith Metcalfe and Smokey Bear present a newly designed bumper sticker to Mary Ruth Dargis, President, California Federation of Women's Clubs at a recent conference in Ontario, Ca. The bumper sticker theme is "Partners in Wildfire Prevention".

## 25 Year Club Meets

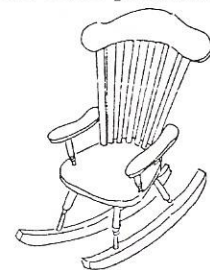
The El Rancho Motel in Santa Rosa was headquarters for the 1989 25-Year Club meeting. An impressive 410 members and guests attended the afternoon hospitality and evening dinner dance on April 14.

Charter members who attended included Ray Clar, Fran and Ruth Gowell, and Roy and Irene Neil. Associate Life Members Bernice Campbell, Freida Jacobs, Mickey Keepers and Muzelle Raymond were also present, as well as presidents and their spouses.

Newly appointed Director of Forestry and Fire Protection Dick Ernest assisted President Ron Thomas in presenting "Rocking Chairs" to 43 CDFers attending for their first time. The year shown indicates their year of eligibility: 1976 Felix Addor; '77 Doug Sparling; '80 Dan Krader; '84 Ben Franklin, Wayne Hunter, Carl Vogt; '85 Dave Folmer, Allan Gradek, Blaine Moore, Paul Schaden, Harold Rose; '86 Bob Beilage, Barbara Glavich, Neil Logan, Bill Montgomery, Paul Schaden; '87 Chuck Menne, Jerry Murphy, Lonny Ragsdale; '88 Bob Burkett, Chris Felix, Karen Harper, Bill Imboden, Ron Lynch, Walt Prather, Oscar Stout; '89 Mel Butler, Bud Covington, Jim Gahagan, Dennis Green, Ray Jackman, Glenn Koehl, Ron Matteoli, Darrell Mead, Roy Pike, Sherdean Swift, Gary Vogel, Bea Walls, Walt Walton, and Dale Wierman.

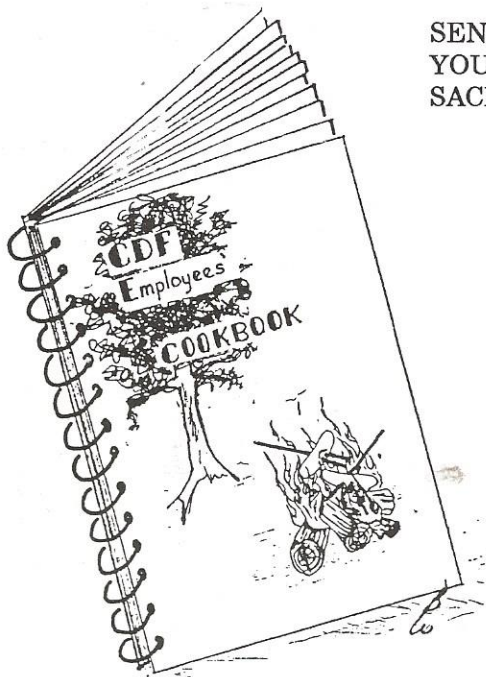
Officers and Board of Directors elected for the ensuing term were: President Bob Jackson, Vice President Duane Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer Frank Quadro, Directors Hud Banks, Walt Bolster, Charles Rothgarn and Jr. Past President Ron Thomas.

The 1990 annual meeting will be held in Indian Wells, (near Palm Springs), April 21 and 22, so plan now to attend.



## The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Employees **COOKBOOK**

Help us put this "cookbook" together -  
Share some of your favorite recipes with your fellow workers . . . .



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# Antelope Camp :

**Efficiency through teamwork or, a funny thing happened to me on the way to the project**

by Jack Osborn, fire crew captain

Antelope Conservation Camp is located approximately 85 miles northwest of Reno, between the beautiful high Sierra and the desert of Western Nevada, 9 miles east of Susanville at an elevation of 4200 feet. The camp is on the same grounds as the California Correctional Center and was established in 1963. The crews were originally housed within the correctional center's walls and later moved outside into single story dwellings. The California Department of Corrections portion of the camp currently consists of seven 18 man dorms, a hobby, weightlifting, and day room, a visiting room, a kitchen, a laundry, and a food and clothing warehouse available for the camp inmates. The CDF portion of the camp consists of sleeping quarters and a kitchen for forestry personnel, administrative offices, a garage and shop where the camp crew carrying vehicles are kept and maintained, and a warehouse for fire supplies and equipment. Antelope's canvas shop and it's personnel also work within this warehouse.

Because of the close proximity of two National Forests, several state highways, and plentiful recreation areas in Lassen and Plumas counties, the need and use of Antelope Conservation Camp's five fire crews is extensive. Per capita, Lassen county is currently one of the fastest growing counties in California. The influx of recreationists into the area during the summer months becomes greater every year. This growth has a direct impact on the various state, federal, county and city agencies in the area. With the growing use and expense of maintaining a beautiful environment without a great deal of incoming revenue, it is necessary for these agencies to look to an efficient yet inexpensive alternative to maintain this environment. Antelope Camp fits this description perfectly!!!!

The crews at Antelope Camp are used by various agencies in Lassen and Plumas counties on a year round basis

with a total of 25,800 person days expended in 1988. The United States Forest Service from the Lassen and Plumas National Forest has used Antelope Conservation Camp on projects such as fire rehabilitation work involving sandbagging creek beds, constructing check dams, removing dead and down trees, meadow restoration, and tree planting. Maintenance and cleanup of campgrounds surrounding the many lakes in the area, and the building of fish barriers at the streams feeding Eagle Lake to keep those trophy trout in the lake for anglers who want to catch the big one, are also part of Antelope's projects.

If you are a motorist driving through Lassen County you can observe some of the Antelope crews work. The crews clean around the rest stops in the area, pick up highway litter, remove brush and dead trees along the roads and generally enhance the beauty and enjoyment of a leisurely ride through the area. The brush and tree removal also improves motorists vision in the event there are deer or other wildlife preparing to cross the highway ahead of them.

The United States Bureau of Land Management has utilized Antelope Camp crews in the maintenance of the very popular Bizz Johnson Trail, an old railroad route 23 miles long that runs between Westwood and Susanville and is a favorite of bicyclists, joggers and hikers. The crews remove large rocks that fall onto the trail and keep the brush cut back from it. Antelope crews recently completed two bypass trails around some condemned railroad tunnels so that the trail could remain open. Antelope also built several large corrals and two hay barns for the bureau's wild horse and burro adoption program.

This past winter, some of the Antelope crews have been constructing fenceline for the California Department of Fish and Game at the local wildlife refuge, more to keep grazing cattle out than to keep wildlife in. No one is going to tell you that building fenceline in 20 below weather is fun, but it can be done. Ask Captain Tony Guerra and Antelope Crew 2. They built 4 1/2 miles of fence paralleling Honey Lake during last February's cold spell. Antelope Conservation Camp, as all the camps in the department work no matter what the weather.

By the time you read this article Antelope Camp will have completed

replanting 20 acres of land with 10,000 trees just outside the city of Portola in Plumas county. This is part of the reforestation of the Powerline Fire that endangered the town in late August of 1988.

Some of Antelope's other projects include helping our own Department of Forestry and Fire Protection with snow removal at the stations, assisting putting new roofs on station structures and digging trench for a ground cable system at our Roof Mountain repeater site. One recreation area that is gaining popularity is the local Coppervale ski area that is run by Lassen College. Antelope Camp crews have improved the runs by removing brush and some of the trees making the area an excellent facility for both the beginner and the advanced skier.

Another of Antelope's great sources of pride is the camp canvas shop that operates within the warehouse portion of the camp. The canvas shop usually employs 10 to 12 inmates who also make up fire crew #5. The person who is responsible for supervising these people, maintaining a high quality product, receiving orders and shipping them back to the department's personnel in the field is Captain Steve Emory. The products made are varied, ranging from garment bags, canteen holders, nomex hoods, cloth pump covers, backpacks and over 30 other products, all available to our CDF personnel through Antelope Camp's Canvas Shop Catalogue and ordered through our MRT system.

In addition to Antelope Camp's many project hours it also logged a total of over 70,000 person hours on fires during the 1988 fire season, responding to such incidents at the Mason Fire in Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, the Campbell Fire on the Lassen National Forest, the 49er Fire in Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit, the Hermit Fire on the Shasta National Forest, and the Flea, Fields, and Sterling fires that burned in late December in Butte county.

Antelope Camp's Division Chief is State Forest Ranger II Arthur Zumwalt. He has been the camp's chief since June of 1987, coming from Tulare Ranger Unit, and bringing with him over 30 years experience with CDF. The majority of the CDF personnel, six captains and one heavy equipment mechanic at Antelope Camp, were interviewed and personally

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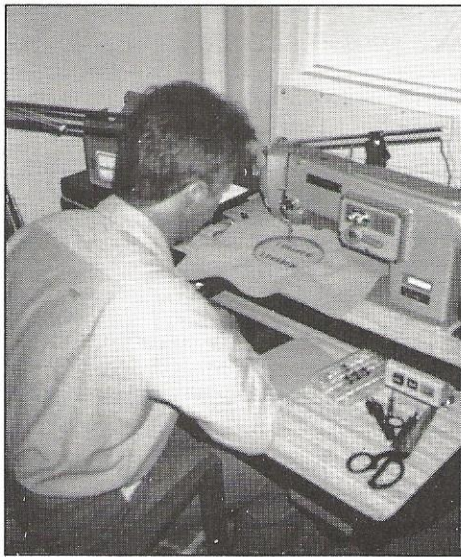
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selected by Chief Zumwalt. Many of the personnel may be new to Antelope Camp but they are not short on fire experience, the ten captains at Antelope have a total of 160 years service with CDF. One person who is irreplaceable at Antelope Camp is Steno Mary Krumm, assisting the new captain's with relocation paper work, doing inmate payroll, keeping track of the camp finance records, answering the questions of those camp personnel who enter the office with that blank stare on their face, and doing the everyday tasks that keep the camp running on even ground.

One of the keys to the high morale and success of Antelope Camp has

been CDF's close working relationship with the CDC personnel. Through the efforts of Chief Zumwalt, with assistance from Camp Administrative Captain Ed Locke and Camp Commander Lieutenant Les Dickinson and his assistant, CDC

officer of the year Sergeant Al Inslee, the personnel from the two agencies have blended together to make Antelope Camp a shining example of efficiency through teamwork.



The canvas shop pantagram machine is used for name tags.



Highway 36 roadside improvement.



This crew planted bitterbrush for the BLM on the Clark Burn.

## YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Anything You Can Do . . . . .

#### Women are drinking at same levels as men

Single, well-educated young women are seeking treatment for alcoholism and are at greater risk of developing chronic alcohol-related diseases earlier than their male counterparts, according to a new study by the Association of Junior Leagues.

Alcohol treatment centers report that 30 to 40 percent of the people they treat are women. Dr. Sheila Blume, a psychiatrist who is a medical director of alcoholism and chemical dependency programs, said young women are seeking to ease social pressures and turning to alcohol, "But because of their greater sensitivity to alcohol, they are going to have bigger

problems, and sooner, than men", she said.

Researchers attribute this rise in alcohol consumption to the growing number of women in the workforce and the myriad of new pressures. They also acknowledge the dismissal of the stereotype that women who drink are promiscuous. Although young women may no longer feel social pressures because of their drinking, researchers do know they are at a greater physical risk than men their age with the same habits. Because women usually weigh less and have less muscle tissue, they suffer from more unpleasant side effects. A 1987 report from the Na-

tional Council on Alcoholism found that because of their smaller body mass, women drinkers develop cirrhosis of the liver at an earlier age than men who drink at higher levels of consumption. Once the liver has been injured, women have a higher risk of dying. A 1983 study conducted by Dr. Edith Gomberg, a psychologist at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, found that 43 percent of women in their 20's with drinking problems began drinking heavily in their teens. Dr. Ruth Engs, a professor of health science at Indiana State University at Bloomington, who has studied the drinking habits of college students, said

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that 12 percent of all college women are heavy drinkers.

Reseachers blame the liquor industry for capitalizing on the new female role model, a though, aggressive, assertive, and independent woman. "Liquor ads show beautiful warm photographs of successful corporate women, surrounded by a group of admiring men, drinking the hard stuff," Kevin Bellows, an expert on alcoholism

and former director of the Alcoholism Council of Greater New York, said. "The message is that women can do everything like a man, including drink like him. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Researchers say the one difference between men and women drinkers is women are more likely to seek help sooner. Treatment is basically the same for both sexes; it centers on abstinence and then

counseling. Young women, however, need to come to grips with more fundamental issues.

"It's the recognition that they may have genetic susceptibility to alcoholism and the self-inflicted, inward troubles and self-doubt that women must learn to deal with," Eng's said. "It's not the job, the boyfriend or the boss."

## VIP NEWS

### A phone call away - San Benito-Monterey VIPs

Heard but not seen. That's how the VIP's in San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit can be described according to Fire Captain Specialist Cliff Williams, VIP Coordinator, for the unit.

This, of course, refers to the fact that most of the VIP's are ham radio

operators who provide additional communications during large incidents. When a large incident goes down one phone call is all that is needed and the VIP's are in position and operating in a matter of just a couple of hours. Operating out of the fire prevention offices in King City and from mobile units in the field, they provide logistical communications for the unit during large incidents. During the Morse Fire in Pebble Beach the hams donated over 800 hours of their time.

In addition to the ham operators, the ranger unit has another dedicated group of VIP's who assist with fair displays, fire prevention programs and the California Air Show. Again all that is necessary is a phone call and the group goes into action. Drawn from the local rural fire district volunteers and a local Fire Explorer Post, this group of VIP's is always available for whatever is needed. Our hats are off to the VIP's in the San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit.

## IN FLIGHT

### "Duke" school

Air Operations Officer III Don Rominger and Air Operations Officer II Ron Hale spent a week in Wichita, Kansas during April attending "Duke" school. Actually, they were learning the ins and outs of the Beechcraft Duke, the plane CDF acquired in 1987 through the Federal Excess Program (see your December 1987 Communique').

Beechcraft contracts with Flight Safety International to provide this training for their clients. Don and Ron now know the intricate systems of the plane they have been flying. "If anything goes wrong we can analyze it and make better decisions," Don said, adding that the training went well beyond the operating manual instructions for the aircraft.

It's not that Don and Ron didn't know how to fly the Duke prior to this training, but the Duke is a much more sophisticated machine than the department's Barons or Skymaster. This detailed training just furthered their piloting skills, an important factor at 25,000 feet.

Don and Ron flew the Duke to Wichita, where they received hands on

training in the plane, as well as classroom and flight simulator instruction. Don noted that the jetstream was with them on the trip to Kansas allowing them to reach a speed of 370 mph. By comparison the Barons and Skymaster fly at speeds of 200 and 150 mph respectively.

The Duke is not only faster, but it is also larger. It is expensive to operate, but more than makes up for it by carrying larger loads and getting it there faster. "It's a very efficient airplane," Don said. He expressed hopes that sometime in the

future the department will be able to purchase an even larger and faster plane. Even at a cost of around \$1.7 million this new plane would provide cost effective transportation, in a department where there is a definite "need to fly".

It's nice to know that CDF's Aviation Management pilots are provided with the best and most thorough training available - keep that in mind if you find yourself a passenger in the Duke sometime in the future.

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A  
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(Photo by Bruce Turbeville, asst. fire prevention education officer)



**COAST REGION**

**Promotions** - Lorinda Butler to For II, Dutch Elm Disease.

**Appointments** - Wanda Smith to OA II (T), San Mateo-Santa Cruz; and Lee Ann Creasey to Office Tech, Mendocino.

**Separations** - OA I James Chapman, LAMRC.

**Retirements** - FC "B" Ronald Filippi, Chamberlain Creek.

**SIERRA CASCADE REGION**

**Transfers** - FC "A" Jesse Sisneros to Tehama-Glenn.

**Promotions** - Marian Jakez to M&SSI, Region II Hdqtrs; Laura Tellesen to Office Tech, NYP; and Rich Just to Ranger II, Tehama-Glenn.

**Separations** - OA II (T) Helen Donner-Kastler, NYP.

**Retirements** - FC "A" David Shiplet, Shasta-Trinity.

**Reinstatements** - Word Proc. Tech Terrena Gilbertson, NYP.

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**Transfers** - FAE Melinda Roden to San Diego.

**Appointments** - Loren Fletcher to FAE, Owens Valley; Larry Kidd, Jr to FF II, Riverside; Keith Westengard to FF II, Riverside; and Mary Mathews to FF II, Riverside.

**Promotions** - Judith Wooton to Sr. Acct. Clerk, San Luis Obispo.

**Separations** - FAE Guadalupe Ramirez, Riverside.

**Retirements** - FC "A" Olga Vogt, Riverside.

**CENTRAL REGION**

**Transfers** - Office Tech. Lynn Reckas to Region IV Hdqtrs; Dispatcher Clerk Linda Ray to Region IV Hdqtrs; FC "B" John Yount to Baseline; FC "B" Norman Andrews to Baseline; FAE Paul Van Gerwin to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FAE Thomas Carroll, Jr. to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FAE John Cooper to Fresno-Kings; and FAE Carlos Aguilera to Fresno-Kings.

**Appointments** - Danielle Rubida to FF II, Fresno-Kings; Fritz Edwards to HFEO, Madera-Mariposa-Merced; and Edward Hurl to HFEO, Madera-Mariposa-Merced.

**Promotions** - Don Cooper to FC "B", Dewitt-Nelson.

**Retirements** - SFR I James McPharlin, San Benito-Monterey.

**SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS**

**Appointments** - Lyn Pitts to Acct. Clerk II; Lorraine Asher to Acct. Clerk II; Sharon Hadler to OA II (T); and Marlene Dondero to OA II (G).

**Promotions** - Carol Kosobud to AGPA; and Fran Henson to AGPA.

**Separations** - OA II Debbie Eddy; Office Tech. Beverly Guyton; and Associate Electrical Eng. Woo Pak.

**Reinstatements** - Bill Barton to Associate Electrical Eng.

**EXAMINATION CALENDAR**

Title	Upcoming	Examinations	Final
	Exam Plan	Exam Plan	Filing Date
Business Services Officer II/III	Promotional	Promotional	FFD delayed
Personnel Asst. I	Promotional	Promotional	FFD delayed

**Examinations In Progress**

Title	Status
Senior Stenographer	Interviews anticipated in July
Personnel Asst. II	Written test postponed until further notice
Accounting Officer	Interviews anticipated in June/July
Sr. Accounting Officer	Interviews anticipated in June/July
Sr. Programmer Anal.	Interviews anticipated in July/August
Staff Programmer Anal.	Interviews anticipated in July/August
State Forest Ranger II	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Forestry Tech./Asst. I/II	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Management Serv. Tech.	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Accountant I	Interviews anticipate in June/July
Forestry Equip. Mgr. II/III	Interviews anticipated in June/July

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To the following CDFers who will complete 25 years of state service this month:

State Forest Ranger II Bruce Turbeville of Sacramento Headquarters

Forester II Dale Wierman of Sacramento Headquarters

Fire Captain Charles French of the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit

State Forest Ranger I Vern Edgley of the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit

State Forest Ranger I Allan Gradek of the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit

Fire Captain "A" William Montgomery of the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit

Fire Captain "B" Sandy Natt Jr. of the Humboldt Fire Center

Fire Captain "B" Richard Owen of the Alder Conservation Camp

State Forest Ranger I Carl Vogt of the Eel River Conservation Camp

Fire Captain Mike Parker of the Humboldt Fire Center

Fire Captain Bobby Franks of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

Fire Captain Eugene Barrier of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

Fire Captain Dennis Green of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

Fire Captain Sherdean Swift of the Amador-El Dorado Ranger Unit

State Forest Ranger I Darrel Mead of the Sonoma Ranger Unit

Fire Captain Richard Patterson of the Mendocino Ranger Unit

To Fire Captain Ken Eller and Firefighter David Hosler for thier patience and professional demeanor in demonstrating the operation of Engine 2000 during the Cal Chiefs Fire Department Instructors Conference in April. From Director Ernest.

To State Forest Ranger I Mike Salfen, and Fire Captains "B" Jim Megerle and Fred Stump and the crews of Owens Valley Conservation Camp for their assistance on an enhancement project to improve the appearance of the Eastern California Museum in Independence. Because of your efforts the museum grounds are cleanest and neatest they've been in the past five years. From Bill Michael, administrator, Eastern California Museum.

Another thanks to Owens Valley for the high quality job you did in building the 20 utilization cages for the Bridgeport Ranger District. From William Can Bruggen, acting district ranger.

To Fire Captain Russ Russell of the Riverside Ranger Unit who was recently appointed, for the second year in a row, as Chairman for the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District. He is also a member of the Junior High School Site Council (Beaumont School District), Secretary of the Cherry Valley Chamber of Com-

merce, and a member of the Cherry Festival Committee. To top it off he is also an assistant coach for the local Junior All American Football team. Talk about "community involvement". It's nice to know that there are CDFers like this out there. Fire Apparatus Engineer Al Pierce let us in on all of Russ' activities.

To Growlersburg Conservation Camp for all the work your personnel and crews have done over the years to maintain and improve the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma. From Matthew Sugarman, park superintendent.

To all of you CDF staffers who helped bail me "out of jail" in the Jail 'N Bail fundraiser for the American Cancer Society! Thanks a lot! From Carol Williams Bryant.

To Fire Captain Specialist Charlie Jakobs, Fire Captain Mike Cole, Public Affairs Officer Lovae Pray Martines, Fire Prevention Officer I Dick Mauldin, Fire Captain Specialist Frank Curry, Fire Captain "A" Walt Williams, Fire Captain Specialist Rod Pedersen, Battalion Chief Mark Brodowski, and Fire Captain Lloyd Johnson who took the time to escort their local media to Sacramento for Media Day. You all made the day a success! From Karen Terrill, CDF Information Officer.

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