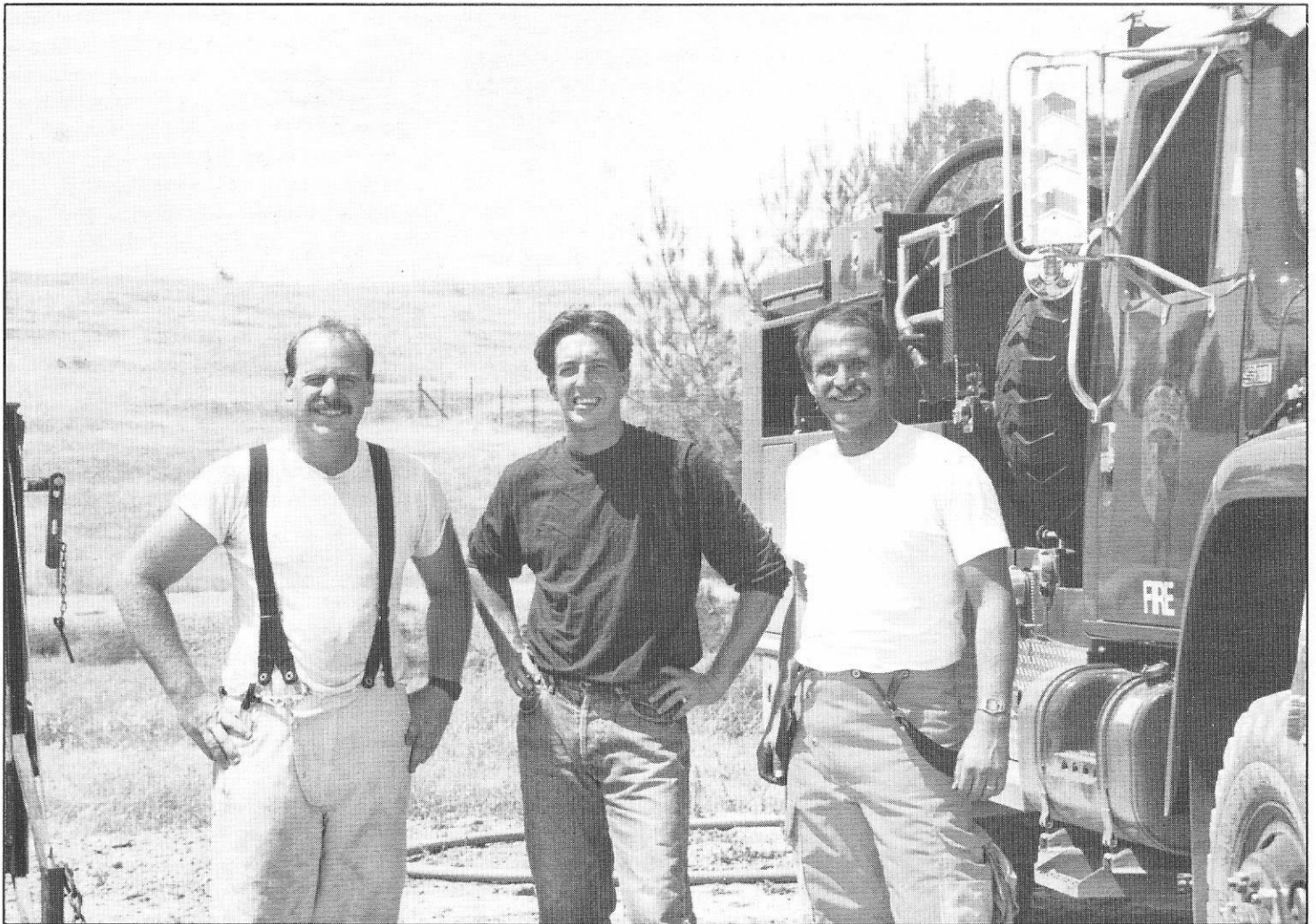


# Communique

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION



*From left to right: Fire Captain John Craney, reporter Ron Reagan, and Fire Captain Keith Larkin pose for a photo after going through the burning structure at the Fire Academy. Good Morning America sent Reagan and a crew to the Academy on July 21 to see how our wildland firefighters are trained. (See page 4).*

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# Forestry features

## Madera-Mariposa adopts new county

by Laurel Goddard

CDF's Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit has signed a cooperative fire protection contract with Merced County on July 1, 1988.

"We now have a fully integrated, coordinated fire department which includes volunteers, and paid professionals, cities and CDF, into a large fire department that is economical to all taxpayers," said Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit Chief Gary Gilbert.

The contract incorporates CDF's Los Banos station in Merced as well as 21 Merced County Fire Stations, plus surrounding CDF forces by realigning the Region I and Region IV boundaries. The combination now includes 61 fire stations, one hazardous materials response unit, 242 employees and more than 800 volunteers.

The Merced County Fire Department will utilize both paid call and career firefighters. The fire protection contract is basically the same as other CDF contracts, i.e., Riverside, Tulare, San Bernardino and Butte counties, (one paid firefighter on duty per station supplemented by paid call firefighters).

The Merced County Fire Department will continue to be a full service fire department, providing fire protection, fire prevention, emergency services and hazardous materials services.

"It's a very good deal for the citizens of Merced," said Bob Taylor, Ranger Unit chief, San Benito-Monterey, who helped coordinate the project. "The county is getting a far better depth of fire protection." In addition, the merger is expected to save Merced county taxpayers \$200,000 the first year, and \$350,000 the second.

"It's going to be an interesting experience for both sides," Bob said. "We're getting new people who have-

n't been in a large organization for a number of years--new personnel with good ideas." The merger includes the conversion of 88 Merced County Fire Department employees to CDF employees.

Under the three-year contract, the county of Merced is provided with a higher level of service in the areas of administration, fire prevention, training, Emergency Command Center, field operations and support services.

The merger was initiated by request of Merced County Board of Supervisors, which requested a feasibility study in October 1987, including a survey of tax funds and economic base. The actual proposal was finished in January 1988. It was then presented to Director Partain and staff for approval, then filtered through personnel negotiations. The Schedule "A" contract was signed by the county June 21, 1988.

On top of the monetary savings and improved fire protection, the joint effort has "added greatly to training opportunities of employees and volunteers," said Gary. "This fire protection contract will provide an extensive and integrated structure and wildland fire protection system. It will enhance CDF's primary wildland system and Merced County's life and property system and will provide cost savings to the public and taxpayers as a whole."

## Chief Banghart helps nab arsonist

A strange thing happened on July 26 when Region II Chief Don Banghart was on his way to dinner at Chief Deputy Director Dick

Ernest's house. It would later lead to the arrest of two individuals are suspected of arson. Chief Banghart was fortunate to see a person in a vehicle with his arm out of the car holding a road flare as though it were to be thrown. Instinctively he turned his vehicle around and began to follow the vehicle with the two people in it until one of them did throw a lighted flare alongside the road. The flare caused a one acre fire.

Chief Banghart reported the grass fire to local authorities and continued after the suspects' vehicle until he had a vehicle make and license number to report to the local 911. By Friday, July 29, the two suspects were arrested by Deputy State Fire Marshal Howard Godfrey and Fire Captain Specialist Steve Lumley of the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit.

Charges included 451c penal code, willfully and maliciously setting fire to grassland and 453 penal code possession of explosive devices.

Good work chief!

## \$5,000 awarded

by Laurel Goddard

Arson is a hot topic in California, and CDF is offering cold hard cash to those who help stop it.

On September 16, 1987, Leonard Ostrom, a Sacramento delivery driver, flagged down State Forest Ranger Jim Hoffmier who was responding to a wildland fire on Bowman road in Auburn. Ostrom told SFR Hoffmier he had seen a suspicious man next to the field where the fire later started. He also said he had seen the man quickly peddling away on his bike. Hoffmier apprehended the man, Linley F. Mikesell, while Fire Prevention Officer Jim Richardson, who had also responded to the fire, scouted the fire scene, finding an incendiary device. (cont. on next page)

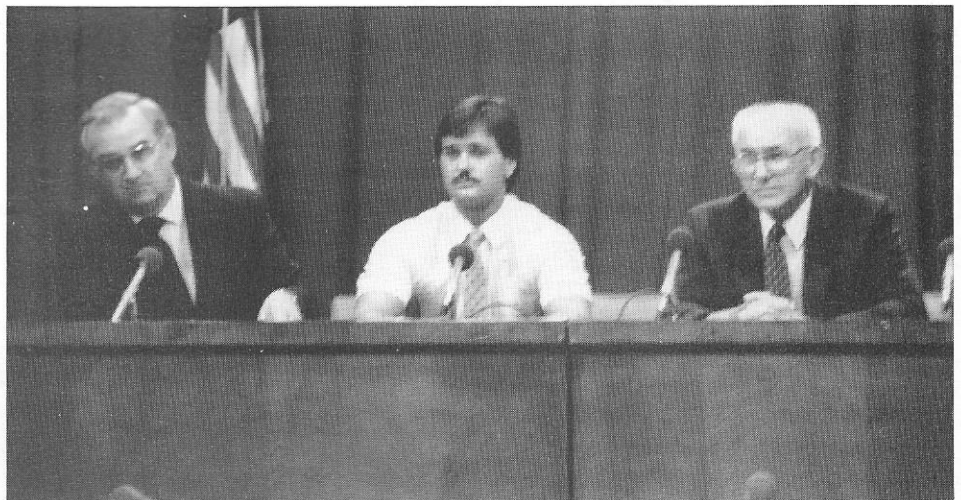
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Mikesell emptied his pockets, revealing the necessary materials for building that device.

Subsequently, Director Partain awarded a check for \$5,000 to Ostrom for his help in apprehending Mikesell, at a press conference at the State Capitol, Wednesday, August 10, 1988.

Nearly 50 percent of wildfire damage in California is caused by arson fires. With this in mind, CDF has started an aggressive campaign against arsonists, including cash rewards for information leading to their arrests. Between CDF and the USFS there have been 16 arson arrests this year for wildland fires. Ostrom is the first reward recipient for 1988.

"Arson has become quite a problem in California over the years," said CDF's Chief Law Enforcement Officer Loren Poore. He added that we've been relying on "good ol' honest police work" until now, but we also need the



*Loren Poore, chief law enforcement officer for CDF, and Director Jerry Partain sit on either side of Leonard Ostrom who received \$5,000 for providing information that led to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist.*

help of concerned citizens.

Director Partain agrees that a more public campaign may be more effective in stopping arson.

"Anything that can be reported to us can be helpful," he said during

the conference. "We ask that caring citizens keep their eyes open for suspicious activity and write down any pertinent information that can help us arrest and convict wildland arsonists."

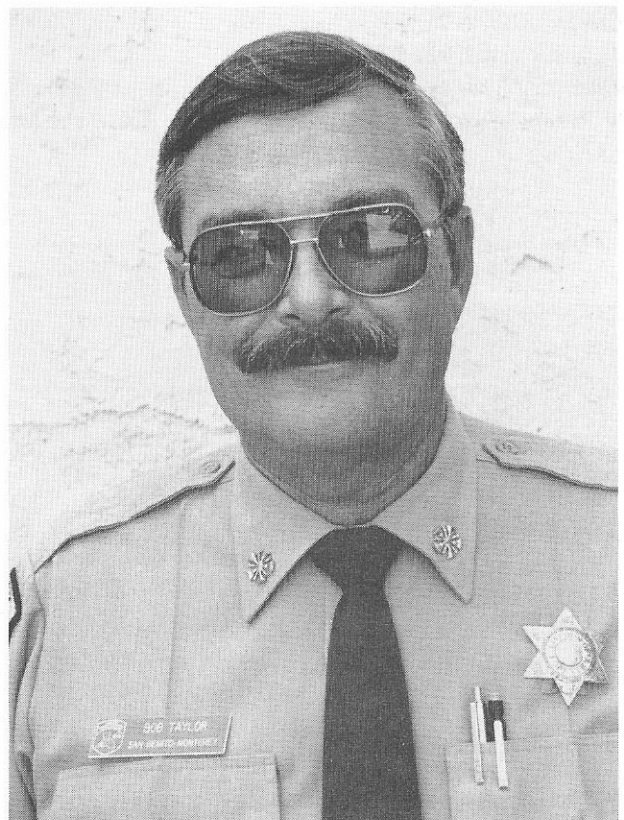
## Bob Taylor takes over in San Benito-Monterey

State Forest Ranger IV Bob Taylor was recently appointed by Director Partain to the position of ranger unit chief, San Benito-Monterey. He replaces Roy Perkins who retired.

The San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit protects 2 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) and 79,000 acres of Local Responsibility Area (LRA). The ranger unit has 124 permanent employees in six battalions, one conservation camp, one helitack base, one air attack base and several Schedule "A" contracts. Taylor will be responsible for administering all of CDF's varied fire protection and resource management programs within San Benito and Monterey counties.

Taylor is a graduate of Humboldt State University. He began his career with the U.S. Forest Service and worked on the Plumas and Lassen National Forests.

In 1969 he was hired as a graduate trainee in Region II. He promoted and moved throughout the state serving in many CDF administrative units including, Tehema-Glenn, Latour State Forest, San Diego, Orange, Region VI (now III) Headquarters, and Fresno-Kings. Most recently Taylor was the deputy chief in charge of camps and engineering in Region IV. Taylor is married with two grown children. He and his wife Joyce plan on relocating to the Salinas area.





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# National coverage for the Fire Academy

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Good Morning America (GMA) recently sent reporter Ron Reagan (President Reagan's son), and a camera crew, out to the CDF Fire Academy in Ione to tape and participate in the rigors of wildland firefighter training.

Reagan, who is a full-time correspondent for GMA, began the day by donning Nomex and flying out with the Alma Helitack Crew to the Railroad Incident in Calaveras County for some first-hand observation of a firefighter's life on the fireline.

He was then helped into a turnout and a breathing apparatus and entered the burning structure used by the Academy for training. He was accompanied by Fire Captains Keith Larkin and John Craney, both Academy instructors.

The GMA crew also observed some of CDF's technological advancements in the form of computerized wildland firefighting. The Automatic Lightning Detection System (ALDS) and the California Fire Economics Simulator (CFES)



*Dressed in Nomex and ready to go, Ron Reagan prepares to take off with the Alma Helitack crew in copter 106.*



*Ron is wired for sound by the GMA technician.*

have become an integral part of the department's capabilities.

A sapling dedicated recently to all those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty also drew the GMA crews attention. Reagan emphasized the danger firefighters face with the sapling as a back-drop.

Reagan ended his day with in-depth interviews of Director Partain and Acting Academy Administrator Jim Marchio.

The four-minute piece aired on Good Morning America on Friday, July 29.

## 88' fire season stats



(Numbers are for SRA through September 3, 1988.)

	Fires	Acres
1988	7,802	51,884
1987	7,988	56,419



## Riverside Ranger Unit participates in burn relay

by Fire Captain Brenda Seabert

The Riverside Ranger Unit/ Riverside County Fire Department participated for the first time in the California Firefighter's Burn Relay benefiting the Alisa Ann Ruch California Burn Foundation.

A total of 72 fire departments participated in the three-day event in June. The relay consisted of transporting Dr. George Fischbeck, noted TV weatherman from KABC Eyewitness News, from fire department to fire department in a variety of vehicles ranging from in-service fire engines, working antiques, helicopters and even fire boats. At each transfer point Dr. George received a contribution that had been raised by the local fire agency for the Burn Foundation.

Dr. George arrived in the Riverside Ranger Unit at the Ryan Air Attack Base on June 22 via a Lifelight helicopter. As approximately 100 spectators looked on Staff Services Division Chief Larry Benson handed Dr. George two checks totaling \$2,600. The money was raised by Riverside County Fire Department employees and the Riverside Chapter of CDFEA; a total never before achieved by one department.

Contributions benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation to



Dr. George Fischbeck displays checks totalling \$2,600 from the Riverside County Fire Dept. and the Riverside Chapter of CDFEA.

provide education in burn prevention, assist California burn survivors and their families, and support research for burn treatment and care. The Foundation is a memorial to Alisa Ann Ruch, who was fatally burned in a backyard barbecue accident at the age of eight, and to California firefighters who are concerned about the prevention and proper treatment of burns.

## CDF on display

by Laurel Goddard

CDF Air Attack is impressive, as Smokey pointed out to interested guests at an exhibit held at Mather Air Force Base in June.

The air attack display was part of a fire protection/prevention exhibit put together by Fire Captain Charlie Jakobs from Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit, with the help of Smokey, Fire Prevention Assistant Barbara Easter and three mini Volunteers in Prevention-- Jimmy, Tammy and Bobby (Charlie's kids). "Sometimes kids



No, it's not ET, it's one of Smokey's helpers aboard a U.S. Air Force Crash Unit, another fire fighting machine.

can send the message better than adults," especially to other kids, Charlie said. VIP Don Schnoor was responsible for the "expert graphics," without which the display would not be possible, said Charlie. In addition to distributing fire prevention materials, the exhibit displayed the various aircraft CDF uses and has used over the years.

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*Smokey shows passers-by the wonder of CDF Air Attack.*

## Father of CDF Terra Torch recognized



*Forester Jim Carter accepts a special recognition award from Region III Chief Jim Dykes.*

California's successful Vegetation Management Program has pioneered a number of new advances in wildland fire fighting techniques. One piece of technology has gained a great deal of interest in the form of a modern day flame thrower -- the TERRA TORCH.

Much of the success in making this piece of equipment affordable and available lies with Forester James "Jim" Carter of Region III. For the last two years, Jim has been actively overseeing the construction of 24 TERRA TORCHES for CDF ranger units

and a number of contract county fire agencies.

Recently, Richard Petersen, chief of Santa Barbara County Fire Department, initiated a special recognition award for Jim in appreciation of his dedication, cooperation and assistance in the construction of this affordable firing unit.

Region III Chief Jim Dykes had the privilege of presenting Jim with the special recognition award at the request of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

## Smokey's message at the summit

One of Smokey's fire prevention messages is seen by more than 30,000 people a day on Highway 17 in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The sign, which sits on the summit between San Jose and Santa Cruz, displays Smokey and the simple but poignant message, "IF NOT YOU, WHO?"

San Mateo/Santa Cruz Ranger Unit's Fire Apparatus Engineer Dave Bolster was responsible for hand painting the four by six foot sign duplication, one of Smokey's more popular posters. Although Dave has done several original signs, he felt the simple poster design would make more of an impression on motorists travelling at high speeds through the area. The sign is professionally painted with a brief statement that is easily observed and thought-provoking.

Highway 17's high traffic flow is comprised of commuters from Santa Cruz County traveling over the hill to the Silicon Valley and back. It is estimated that 39 percent of the Santa Cruz County workforce commutes each day into the Silicon Valley. This creates a unique opportunity for high exposure fire prevention messages.



# Mobile again

Management Services Technician Paul Knott has been working in the Accounting Office here in Sacramento for over two years now. You may remember reading about him in the *Communique* awhile back. He was a Fire Apparatus Engineer with the department until an auto accident left him paralyzed and in a wheel chair. It's been a long time but Paul's back behind the wheel in a completely customized van.

The van has been tailor-made for Paul. Everything is at his fingertips -literally. All of the van's controls are located near the steering wheel. Paul's wheelchair locks in place in front of the steering column.

There is a lift that Paul activates with a control panel on the side of the van allowing Paul and "Bear" access to the vehicle at all times.

It was a two year process - first acquiring the van and then having it tailored to fit Paul's needs. Paul



*Paul and his companion "Bear" were happy to show off their new wheels.* contacted the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation which, after exhausting all other means of getting a vehicle, provided Paul with a van themselves. That procedure took over a year. It was then another six months work by a private vendor to customize the van for Paul. After about half a dozen trips to the vendor, during which Paul was fitted to the van just as you would be for a tuxedo, it was finally ready to go.

By late June 1988 Paul was once again able to get around without having to rely on other people. The van will soon be signed over to Paul lock, stock and barrel, making this independence permanent.

## Turkish foresters extend thanks

Dear Mr. Partain:

I am writing this letter to express my thanks for the hospitality you extended to me and our visitors from the country of Turkey. On June 14, Mr. Sukru Yasar Yuksel, the General Director of Resources and Engineering; Mr. Huseyin Sop, the Director of Forestry; and myself visited your Fire Academy for a tour.

John Brayton provided us with an interesting and informative program. Along with the educational overview, Ranger Brayton gave us indepth information on training procedures in dispatch, fire behavior training using the sand table, and an inspection of some of the engines you have on hand for training. We were also treated to a driving demonstration which was fun as well as informative.

The gentlemen from Turkey

were in California for a four month visit spending two weeks on several National Forests in the state. This is their first visit to the United States, and the Eldorado National Forest was their first stop. The tour of the Academy, and a visit to a Forest Service fire training session, provided them with a good understanding of the degree of training our firefighters receive. It is highly likely that during their visit they will witness how effective this training is when they actually see it being aggressively employed on a wildfire.

As if the tour wasn't enough, you really dazzled them with the lunch you provided us at the Academy! Sukru and Huseyin asked that I thank you again for a very informative day. They were very impressed by the training, equipment, and technology that our fire

suppression activities display. This has also provided us with a tremendous opportunity to learn about their country, and they seemed to drive great satisfaction in sharing and comparing information with us.

I appreciated the time you spent discussing agency-media relations, and look forward to working closely with CDF throughout this busy fire season. Thank you again for your hospitality.

**Patricia Ryan**

Fire Prevention Specialist



# Project Learning Tree joins CDF

by Forester I Jim Geiger

Know what a tree cookie is?

Over 10 million youngsters do, according to Kay Antunez, the new Project Learning Tree (PLT) Coordinator for California. Kay and PLT joined CDF's Urban Forestry Program in May, 1988. Kay is an educator and came to us from the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

PLT is funded by a grant from the California Department of Education's Environmental License Plate Fund. CDF joins the team of the Redwood Regional Conservation Council, and the Sacramento Science Center and Junior Museum in a statewide effort to implement this award-winning environmental education program.

Nationally, PLT is co-sponsored by the American Forest Council and the Western Region Environmental Education Council. It is a source of educational activities for teachers and others who work with youngsters in the kindergarten to 12th grades. PLT-trained teachers use the forest as a "window" into the natural world to help youngsters learn about their environment and their role in it.

Written by classroom teachers 12 years ago, PLT is now used in 48 states, Canada, Sweden and Finland. The program offers more than 175 action-oriented activities that supplement science, math, language arts, social studies and other subjects. Educators gain experience with the PLT activities through participation at special six-hour workshops. Arranged and presented by PLT-certified facilitators (volunteers who are educators, foresters and resource people), PLT workshops focus on encouraging teachers to approach learning and teaching from an environmental perspective. Teachers are prepared to use the PLT materials and are

introduced to resource personnel and other who share information. Foresters and forest industry staff are encouraged to lend support to PLT as co-facilitators by sharing insight on forest management practices, forest resources, and products.

In areas where PLT has been used, there have been significant gains in awareness, knowledge and more balanced attitudes toward natural resources. A major benefit children receive from PLT is learning how to think and make decisions about issues involving the environment. The students discover how subjects and skills taught in classrooms relate to the world around them. They also develop skills in creative problem solving, critical thinking, evaluation and research, and they have fun while learning.

Still wondering what a tree cookie is?

## VIP news

### Fire Safe along the highways

by Fire Captain Brenda Seabert



A tree cookie is a round cross-section slice of a tree used in a variety of PLT classroom exercises. A history teacher, for example, asks students to count growth rings back to the period of time the class is studying. Students in a science class examine a particular ring to determine if there was a drought or forest fire that year.

To find out about PLT workshops or for more information, contact Kay Antunez, PLT Coordinator, CDF Headquarters, Sacramento at ((916) 323-2498.



In keeping with the spirit of Fire Safe, California!, the Riverside Ranger Unit Fire Prevention Bureau developed and implemented a program to help the public become more aware of "defensible space", through the use of roadside signs.

Typical of each ranger unit, Riverside has its areas where the threat from wildfire to property and wildland poses a greater threat. A few of these targeted areas are Gavilan Hills, the San Jacinto Mountains and the area southwest of there, between Hemet and Anza.

With the talents of Volunteer in Prevention Anna Smith, and Fire Prevention Technician June Maner, several "Fire Safe" signs were displayed in these communities. The four-foot by eight-foot signs were set up at a local post office and at

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grocery markets. One set of Burma Shave style roadside signs were displayed along R-3, the main road between Hemet and Sage.

The signs have prompted many positive remarks from cooperating agencies within the Riverside Ranger Units as the educational value of "Fire Safe, California!" reaches more and more home owners.

## HAM operators have come a long way in Humboldt-Del Norte

by Fire Prevention Officer Wes Shamblin

Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit's Volunteers-in-Prevention HAM radio operators have come a long way in the last year. The group which numbered only six last year has blossomed into a unit of 24 dedicated men and women prepared to do their part when ranger unit communication systems are stretched to the limit.

The organization, also known as the Redwood Amateur Radio

Club, meets monthly at ranger unit headquarters. They discuss operational problems and procedures so as to be better prepared should their services be required. Coordinating the efforts of the group is Heavy Fire Equipment Operator Les Reinke an avid HAM radio operator for many years.

The HAMS now have in place equipment that provides voice and digital data capabilities throughout the ranger unit.

The HAM VIP's are currently looking at expanding their operational capabilities by placing a base station at ranger unit headquarters. This coupled with one additional mountain-top repeater, will provide even better communications in areas where topographic features make coverage marginal.

The group has some ambitious plans. They are currently investigating the possibility of acquiring a mobile communications van that can take their equipment to any location.

Plans are also being made to explore the possibility of incorporating an amateur television system into their operation.

The HAM VIP's hope to staff a

show and tell display for thousands of Humboldt County Fair-goers in August. Their program is planned to promote additional interest in their organization, its relationship with CDF, the VIP Program and our fire prevention mission.

They are prepared and stand ready to respond at a moments notice. According to Gene Whitten, ranger unit ECC chief, the VIP Amateur radio program offers us a valuable communications system for both voice and computer data. It will work from extremely remote areas where phone service is not available and it doesn't tie up CDF communications equipment. It is also available to the U.S. Forest Service dispatchers in the joint command center operation. The ranger unit and Six Rivers National Forest are looking forward to using the HAM groups expertise.



## Your health and safety

### Johns Hopkins University to conduct firefighter study

by Manuel Roman Jr.

Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health, an institution which has long been associated with an interest in the health and safety of fire fighters, will be conducting a health study of CDF's wildland fire fighters. Region II has been selected as the area for conducting the study, which was slated to begin by mid-August.

The study will measure pulmonary function, and the accumulation of smoke and combustion products in the blood. The approach

will be as follows:

1. Prior to exposure, volunteers will complete a specially designed questionnaire, a venous blood specimen will be drawn, a urinalysis will be submitted, and a sample lung function test will be administered.
2. Two days later, a repeat urinalysis will be conducted.
3. Approximately one week later, the initial tests will be repeated.

The study will be under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Rothman of

Johns Hopkins and will also involve Patrice Sutton and her colleagues from the State Department of Health Services, Occupational Health Surveillance and Evaluation Program in Berkeley.

We look forward to the results of this study and encourage CDF personnel to actively participate. As soon as a report of findings becomes available, a future Communique article will be published summarizing specific findings and recommendations.

# Camp log

## Oak Glen CC: Keeping busy

Oak Glen Conservation Camp is located in the San Bernardino Mountains at an elevation over 5,000 feet. It sits near the southern boundary of the San Gorgonio Wilderness area about 10 miles north of Beaumont near the apple growing community of Oak Glen. The camp takes up 27 acres of leased U.S. Forest Service land within the San Bernardino National Forest on a special permit for a fire control facility. The San Bernardino - Riverside county line divides the camp about equally between the two counties. Access is by a two-mile private road (USFS right-of-way) that is maintained by the camp personnel.

Oak Glen was established in 1945 as a tent camp. The original buildings were constructed by inmate labor, out of material salvaged from the U.S. Army, Camp Hahn. Many different agencies provided manpower to Oak Glen Camp, but CDF has been here since it opened. Oak Glen operated as a California Department of Corrections Camp until 1963 when CDF operated it as a Youth Camp. In 1964 it was converted to a Job Corps Center which was terminated in 1969 when the CDC Don Lugo Camp at Chino moved to Oak Glen. Due to a lack of manpower from the CDC, the camp was converted to California Youth Authority Wards in September, 1972.

The current 130 man camp has seven fire crews. In 1984 a new 80 man barracks was completed. In 1987 the kitchen and Mess Hall were refurbished and a new Youth Authority Warehouse and Maintenance Building and an additional Equipment Building were constructed. Most of the electrical utilities to the 12 major buildings were put underground and a new

150 kilowatt emergency backup generator was installed.

The strategic location of Oak Glen in the San Gorgonio pass provides the camp with a high number of fire responses in Riverside and San Bernardino Ranger Units. The camp has six regular grade crews and one crew that is designated as a fly crew. This crew is hand picked and does extensive fireline and physical training along with the helicopter training for the captains. The incamp wards make up an eighth crew when other resources are drawn down to critical levels. During the 1987 Fire Siege all grade eligible wards were placed on crews to make a total of nine crews on the firelines from Oak Glen.

Oak Glen crews do extensive fire defense work. They maintain nine fuelbreaks and truck trails in San Bernardino County and eight in Riverside County.

Camp crews have also done extensive right-of-way clearing for CalTrans, San Bernardino County and some in Riverside County. This includes 66 miles of CalTrans right-of-way on Highway 38 within the San Bernardino National Forest.

Oak Glen crews seem to be getting into the concrete business in

a big way the last couple of years. They have poured concrete parking lots, driveways, sidewalks and curbs in nine fire stations and Ryan Field Air Attack Base. In the last two years Oak Glen crews have poured over 2,000 cubic yards of concrete.

San Bernardino County Flood Control has also received assistance from the camp crews in clearing debris and vegetation from flood control channels.

One Oak Glen crew works eight months of the year at Lake Perris State Recreation Area for the Department of Parks and Recreation. They do trail work, campground maintenance, fire hazard reduction, vegetation management and numerous other projects. Oak Glen crews also do work for San Bernardino County Regional Parks and Riverside County Regional Parks.

Oak Glen Camp currently has 17 CDF employees, one state forest ranger II, one SFR I, 13 fire captain "b's", one heavy fire equipment operator, and one office technician. The CYA has 41 fulltime employees including the camp superintendent, asst. superintendent, Youth counselors, group advisors, school teachers (the camp has a school with three teachers for continuing education of the wards), cooks, parole agents, and clerical staff.

Oak Glen also has some additional residents, over 20 California Brown Bears make their home in the immediate vicinity of the camp. The playfully scavenge around the camp on a daily basis.





# Personnel Transactions

## COAST REGION

**Transfers** - FC "A" Anthony Richardson to Region I Hdqts.; SFR II James Mierkey to Humboldt-Del Norte; SFR II Fred Imhoff to Mendocino; For. I Jim Bawcom to Sonoma.

**Promotions** - Joseph Hughes, Jr. to FC "A," Santa Clara; Alfred Takaoka to FC "A," Santa Clara; Michael Hudson to For. II, Humboldt-Del Norte; Carl Burton to SFR I, Mendocino; George Williams to SFR II, Mendocino; Leonard Shepherd to SFR I, San Mateo-Santa Cruz; Leslie Parr to SFR I, San Mateo-Santa Cruz.

**Appointments** - Debbie Davis to OA II (T), Region I Hdqts.; Gloria Pirak to OA II (T), Region I Hdqts.

**Retirements** - FAE Thomas Bertsch, Lake-Napa.

## SIERRA CASCADE REGION

**Transfers** - SFR II James Mower to Nevada-Yuba-Placer; SFR II Ashley Dunham to Shasta-Trinity; SFR II James McCollister to Region II Hdqts.; FAE James G. Diehl to Shasta-Trinity; FC "B" Terry Reeve and John Boddy to Susanville Training Center.

**Promotions** - Gerald Geissler to SFR III, Region II Hdqts.; Robert Togstad to SFR I, Shasta-Trinity; Steven McLean to FC "B," Antelope.

**Appointments** - Francis Owens to PA I, Tehama-Glenn..

**Retirements**-For. Pilot (helicopter) William Bell, Lassen-Modoc; SFR III Donald Domke, Region II Hdqts.

## CENTRAL REGION

**Transfers** - For. II Dan Seamount to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FC "B" Derek Smethurst to Vallecito; FC "B" Paul Graham to DeWitt Nelson; SFR II Dave Ortesel to Tuolumne-Calaveras; FAE Edwin Hutchison to Fresno-Kings; HFEO Dan Perkins to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FAE Leslie Andrade to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FC Marvin Merrill to Madera-Mariposa-Merced; FAE Lu Liberty to Mad-

era-Mariposa-Merced; FC Bruce Ensman to Madera-Mariposa-Merced.

**Promotions** - Robert Taylor to SFR IV, San Benito-Monterey; Ted Turner to SFR III, Region IV Hdqts.; Stein Willis to SFR II, Pine Grove.

**Appointments** - Dale Geldert to SFR II, Madera-Mariposa-Merced; Del Albright to SFR II, Tuolumne-Calaveras; Michael Davis to HFEO, Madera-Mariposa-Merced.

**Separations** - Steve Darr from Tuolumne-Calaveras.

## SOUTHERN REGION

**Transfers** - HFEO Michael Johnson to San Luis Obispo; FC William Zimmerman and Larry Martinez to San Bernardino; Paul Conner to San Diego; Michael Sowards to Riverside; David Donley to Region III Hdqts.; Michael Witherell to Rainbow; James Fogle to Norco; Jose Torres to Bautista.

**Promotions** - Dwaine Martin to SFR I, Fenner; Robert Lewin to FC,

San Luis Obispo; Roy Adams to FC, McCain; Robert Alvarez to FC, La Cima; Mark Hotchkiss to FC, Fenner; Timothy Etcheverry to FC, Owens; Edgar McKenzie, Jr. and James Yazloff to FC, Oak Glen; Rodney Delgado to FC, San Bernardino.

**Separations** - FC John Matthews, Owens Valley.

## SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

**Appointments** - Rene Caraballo to OA II (typist); Janet Devalk to PA; Raymond Schiever to PA; Debbie Eddy to OA II (typist); Rosemarie Boschen to Acct. Clerk II; Debby Dugger to Acct. Clerk II; Kathleen Williams to Acct. Tech.

**Separations** - Sup. Civil Eng., Resources Agency Bob Everett; OA II Peggy Bayliss.

**Reinstatements** - Office Tech. Karen Mayer; Sr. Acct. Clerk Sandi Tom; OA II Robyn Lawton.

## EXAMINATION CALENDAR

### Upcoming Examinations

Title	Exam Base	Final Filing Date
Civil Engineering Assoc.	Promotional	Oct 27
Regional Admn. Officer I	Prom-spot (Riverside)	Oct 20
Office Asst. II (G) & (T)	Promotional	Oct 27
Data Process. Manager I & II	Promotional	Nov 3
Personnel Asst. II	Promotional	Nov 17
Acct. Technician	Promotional	Nov 17
Civil Eng. Tech. II	Prom-spot (Region I & II)	Dec 8
Assoc. DP Anal.	Promotional	Dec 22
Assoc. Programmer Anal.	Promotional	Dec 22

### Examinations in Progress

Title	Status
Forestry Equip. Manager	Interviews anticipated Oct/Nov
Fire Captain/	
Fire Captain (Paramedic)	Interviews anticipated in Dec
Forestry & Fire Prot. Administrator	Interviews anticipated in Oct/Nov
FAE/FAE (Paramedic)	Written test Nov. 19
Fire Prev. Officer II	Interviews anticipated in Jan
Forester II	Interviews anticipated in Jan

# Mark your calendar

**Roy Perkins**, ranger unit chief, San Benito-Monterey is retiring. If you would like to attend or help out with his retirement bash on October 15, 1988 contact Rod Musgrove at (408) 385-5412.

The annual meeting of the **California-Nevada-Hawaii Forest Fire Council** will take place October 26 and 27, 1988 at the Peppermill Inn, Reno, Nevada. The theme this year will be "A Concern For The Future: Firefighter Health and Safety". More information will be available during the last week of September.

## **Fire Captain (Spec.)**

**Harold D. Spaulding** of the Riverside Ranger Unit has retired. Join him to celebrate on Friday, October 28, 1988 at the March Air Force Base Officers Club. It all starts at 6 p.m. with happy hour followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.. For more information contact Joanne Evans at (714) 657-3183.

**State Forest Ranger I Ron Hawkins** is also retiring. Join him on Saturday, October 29, 1988 at the Black Bart Inn in San Andreas to say goodbye. Contact Forestry Train-

ing at Sierra Conservation Center for more information. P.O. Box 637, Jamestown, CA., 93710, (209) 984-5291, ext.4323.

## Kudos

To all the firefighting groups, police units and the numerous other organizations who so successfully cooperated to fight the three major fires in Calaveras County the week of July 17. From the Ebbetts Pass Property Owners Council, Arnold, California.

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

**Fire Captain "B" Dwaine Martin** of the Miramonte Conservation Camp in Fresno-Kings

**Fire Captain David Akers** of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

**Fire Captain Andrew Varrillaer** of the Sonoma Ranger Unit

**Fire Captain Chris Felix** of the Lake-Napa Ranger Unit

**State Forest Ranger IV Dick Clanton** of the Santa Clara

Ranger Unit

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