

## **December 2023**

### **FIREWISE**

Dusty Oaks Firewise was very active during 2023! The committee met 15 times, and a newsletter was distributed once a quarter. Neighbors expended 1174.5 hours of fire mitigation efforts from Jan. 1 - June 31. Hours for the last half of the year have not been tabulated yet. Neighbors also expended \$69,460 in fire mitigation and home hardening projects.

In June, Dusty Oaks Firewise community held its annual public education meeting, which included a BBQ and the SCFSC education trailer. In November the neighbors spent a day cutting brush along Dusty Oaks Trail. This cutting was in preparation for the SCFSC sponsored chipping held on December 5th & 6th. See below for before, during, and after pictures!

The Dusty Oaks Firewise committee board members attended 3 county-wide SCFSC sponsored meetings, and continue to work with SCFSC in pursuit of grant opportunities.

### **CHIPPING**

Dusty Oaks Chipping was a huge success thanks to Bundy Tree Service! See below for all the pictures

### **TIP OF THE MONTH**

A question was brought up about having a wild fire prepared home with certification for insurance purposes. I found the link below on the Fire Safe Sonoma website, and I think it explains the process quite well.

[About - Wildfire Prepared Home - A Program of IBHS](#)

### **KIDS CORNER**

This is a really interesting video on the history of firefighting!! I couldn't get the direct link to work, so copy and paste this into your browser.

<https://sparky.org/videos?playlistVideoId=6237282018001>

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