

Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health hosts legal training on range of topics - Mono County's Behavioral Health Department is hosting training with Linda Garrett, JD.

Ms. Garrett is well known in the field of Health Care law and is an engaging speaker on just about everything you want to know about HIPAA, LPS law, Elder Abuse law, confidentiality standards, Affordable Care Act, and other critical issues. This training will be an overview of all of the above and there will be ample time for questions. Please feel free to invite anyone who might be interested.

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Law and Ethics in County Health Care

A presentation by Linda Garrett, JD

Come hear the latest regarding Elder Abuse statutes, Laura's Law, Minor Consent, AB23348 and SB1524 (RN's and NP's dispensing medications), the LPS Act, 5150's, HIPAA and the "Collaboration Rule." And, yes, there will be time for questions.

Wednesday, September 18th

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

CAO Conference Room, Sierra Center Mall, 3rd floor

County Administrator's Office

Space is Limited. Please RSVP: 760-924-1740

Sunrise Rotary visit – I attended the Mammoth Lakes Morning Rotary on Wednesday, August 21st. Supervisor Johnston was the speaker and discussed the ongoing efforts to launch a Biomass energy effort in Mono. Energetic Rotary group and they had members who had brought their kids along.

Public Works Management meeting – Attended the monthly management meeting with the Public Works team. Department continues to work on a series of major projects.

High Sierra meeting with Rick Phelps - Had opportunity to sit down with Rick and Pam Staydon and discuss the High Sierra Energy Foundation. There are partnering opportunities possibly available that we should explore as the county looks for ways to save money and energy.

Mammoth Times meeting – Sat down with Wendi Grasseschi and discussed how we can strengthen our communication through the press. We are going to be talking weekly, looking at agendas and ensuring she has access to information with the time in mind to ensure she can write more accurate stories. She has expressed concerns about missing key information and they are restructuring coverage at MT to improve it. The new Board agenda schedule will help them with their deadlines she thinks.

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Health Services

Military Families receive support - Some great news for Mono County Women, Infant and Children (WIC) participants who are military families: The Marine Base Commissary in Coleville was recently approved as a WIC authorized vendor.

This is a convenience to many of these families who had to drive to Gardnerville or Carson to do grocery shopping. Mono County's local WIC agency was instrumental in assisting with the store inspection process that ultimately led to this approval.

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Information Technology

Digital 395 update - Suddenlink has been testing the Digital 395 the circuit this week in Mammoth. The back-office testing has gone well, and as of Wednesday, they were able to meet the demand of the existing customers who are on a 3mbps connection. On Wednesday, they were supposed to be testing higher speeds (30 Mbps) for a few customers – Chairman Hunt may have been a test case.

If all goes successfully with that test, the plan is to provide higher speeds for all of the customers in the Mammoth area by Monday. This would provide existing customers with a 15 Mbps connection, up five times from what they were getting before. At the same time, they will begin taking on new customers. There is a waiting list of about 150 people in Mammoth.

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Town IT service improving – The installation of two new critical servers at the Town is underway. These include a new domain controller, and a new fileserver. Following that will be the installation of new PCs for about 20 staff. Once these highest priority items are complete, we will continue work on their mail server and other back end issues.

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Probation

Mono County Probation scores third in State for initial results in Evidence Based Program Application - The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) announced the tentative results of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted for the Evidence-Based Practices To Improve Public Safety (EBP-TIPS) Project.

An Executive Steering Committee (ESC), comprised of 6 subject-matter experts, read and rated each of the proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP. Based the funding available for this project and the scores recorded by the ESC, the proposals were ranked as follows:

1. Sonoma
2. Contra Costa
- 3. Mono**
4. Mariposa
5. Tulare

The ranked order of proposals, as recommended by the ESC, will be heard by the BSCC Board on September 12, 2013. Please note that this action is subject to approval by the BSCC Board. Upon approval, the BSCC staff will contact grantees to confirm the Board's authorization of the grant awards and provide additional information relating to contract development and the Project Director's Orientation Meeting. The project is expected to start on October 1, 2013 and end on September 30, 2015. The grant could be \$250,000.

Everyone who worked on this application pulled together and looks forward to the results on September 12th.

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Social Services

Social Services starts staff newsletter – Inserted with the Board Update is the Department of Social Services Transitions Newsletter. This is an effort to share with staff of DSS any changes in staffing.

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Sheriff's Office

Update on Springs Peak Fire

Date Started: 8/17/2013

Cause: Lightning

Size: 14,230 acres

Percent Contained: **72%**

Resources: Helicopters **3**; Fixed-wing aircraft **3**; Engines **12**; Crews **10**; Water Tenders **3**; Dozers **1**

Total Personnel: 358

Threatened Residential Structures: 15

Threatened Commercial Structures: 100

Injuries to Date: **1**

Ground Crews Continue Work on the Spring Peak Fire Overnight

MINERAL COUNTY, NV/MONO COUNTY, CA- Ground crews worked hard overnight to obtain containment and perform mop-up. State Route 270 and State Route 167 are open providing the public with access to Bodie State Historic Park. The public is asked to drive slowly in the area and to park in the designated parking lots due to a large number of fire apparatus in the area. Crews will continue to focus their efforts to keep the fire out of the unburned 'green islands' within the fire perimeter in order to protect the bi-state sage grouse habitat. Up to 30 inches long and 2 feet tall, this genetically unique population cannot survive where sagebrush does not exist. Protecting this critical habitat is a fundamental part of the on-going operations.

For the most up to date information visit: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sierra-Front-Wildfire-Cooperators/117659718406346?ref=br_tf.

Smoke in the area is increasing due to the Rim Fire in the Yosemite area. (For additional information on the Rim Fire, please visit: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3660/>) Residents are urged to take precautions to avoid health problems related to the smoky conditions caused by that fire. Examples of

Transitions Newsletter

Mono County Department of Social Services

Francie Avitia appointed new Program Manager!

Francie has been selected as the Department of Social Services Program Manager for Eligibility and Employment and Training, effective September 1st. Francie has worked in the Eligibility Division for 17 years, and served as the Eligibility Supervisor for the past 12 years. She will be filling in behind Mary Stanley, previous Program Manager, who left the post last January. **Congratulations Francie!**



Welcome!

Welcome to **Heather Edwall**, Social Worker I, newest member of the Child Welfare Services Staff. Heather has returned to Mammoth after earning a Master of Social Work degree.

Many thanks ...

Kathy Freeman, Vocational Assistant, left us to follow her passion to Oregon. You can find her at Route 30 Antique Cars and Ice Cream!

Many thanks to **Cathy Young**, Interim Program Manager, for helping us to transition between the old and new Program Managers. Cathy's interim term is up August 26th. Thank you, Cathy!!

Current Job Postings

- **Eligibility Supervisor**
Closes August 28th
- **Vocational Trainee**
Closes Sept. 4th

See flyers in front office

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ACA Open Enrollment starts 40 days from today!

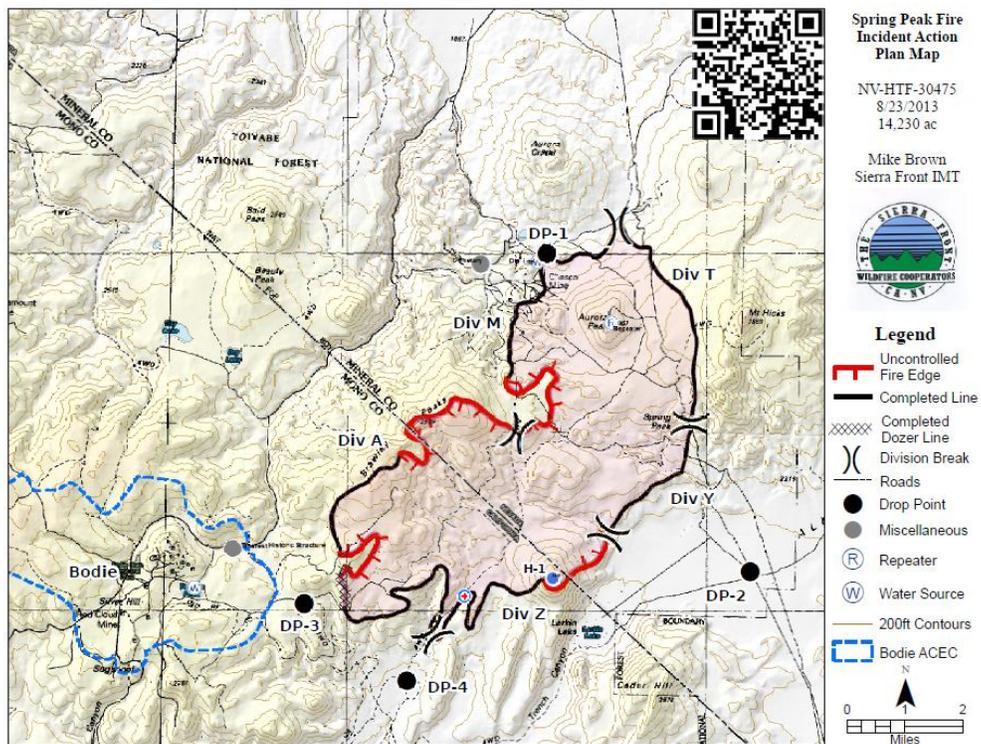
"The pessimist complains about the wind; the Optimist expects it to change; the Realist adjusts the sails."
William A. Ward



precautions include: limiting outdoor activities and remain in an air-conditioned environment if possible; if you do not have an air conditioner and if smoke is likely to get inside your house, leave the area until the smoke is completely gone; avoid activities that put extra demand on your lungs and heart; contact your medical provider if you are concerned or your health gets worse. Smoke may worsen symptoms for people who have heart or lung disease, or other pre-existing respiratory conditions such as respiratory allergies, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). When smoke levels are high enough, even healthy people may experience some of these symptoms.

The Sierra Front Cooperators, led by Incident Commander Mike Brown, have been managing the incident after taking over the fire at 0600 on August 19, 2013. Throughout the week, the participation of cooperators throughout northern Nevada and California has been essential to the success of firefighting efforts. Cooperators include U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, National Guard, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, CalFire, California State Parks, Reno Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Carson City Fire Department, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection, Storey County Fire Department, Mason Valley Fire Department, Central Lyon County Fire Protection District, East Fork Fire Protection District, California Highway Patrol, and local law enforcement agencies.

Rim Fire Informational Website: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3660/>



Interagency cooperation efforts continue - The Sheriff's Office is currently working with both the United States Marines Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTTC) and Douglas County Sheriff individually to update MOU's between our agencies. These MOU's ensure effective public safety services throughout northern Mono County.

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