

MISSION STATEMENT



The purpose of the San Benito Fire Safe Council is to provide education, implement and fund projects in accordance with the National and California Fire Plans, mobilize citizens and agencies to reduce costs and losses from wildfires, exchange information and foster fire prevention, fire safety, and overall public health and safety within the County of San Benito.



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A special thanks to a few of our local agencies!

Please join the San Benito Fire Safe Council!

- Volunteers are needed for many positions within the council!
- Come to our monthly meeting and find out how you can help!

SAN BENITO FIRESAFE COUNCIL

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**PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE PARTNERS
WORKING
TOGETHER**

**TO CREATE A
“FIRE SAFE COMMUNITY”**

WHAT IS THE SAN BENITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL?

The San Benito Fire Safe Council (S.B.F.S.C.) is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization based in San Benito County and coordinated by a coalition of public and private sector organizations that share a common, vested interest in reducing losses from wildfire.

The San Benito Fire Safe Council was established to promote community awareness by working together to solve the problems related to wildfires: prevention of the loss of lives and structures, protection of the habitat and needs of wildlife, and preservation of the natural landscape.

Our mission is being fulfilled through the combined expertise, resources and distribution channels of the San Benito Fire Safe Council members.

The San Benito Fire Safe Council Objectives are as follows:

- Unite council members to speak with one voice on fire safety issues.
- Use marketing expertise and communication channels of council members to increase distribution of fire prevention material.
- Discuss and evaluate legislation pertaining to fire safety.
- Empower grass roots organizations and individuals to create fire safe communities.
- Approach, discuss and solve local fire safety issues and problems using the expertise and resources of council members.

SAN BENITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



ONGOING PROGRAMS & COMMITTEES

Public Education

A main focus of the San Benito Fire Safe Council has been to provide educational materials and information to homeowners, businesses and public agencies to increase awareness of fire safety in San Benito County.

In 2001 The San Benito Fire Safe Council started a residential chipper program. The homeowner cuts and removes brush and the S.B.F.S.C. provides a crew and chipper to chip the brush. This project has widespread support throughout the community and is essential in reducing hazardous vegetation in neighborhoods in the county.

Also, the S.B.F.S.C. in conjunction with two local landscape designers has developed a fire-safe demonstration garden for the Hollister Fire Station at Union Road and Airline Highway. The public will have access to these gardens as well as a comprehensive list of "fire safe" plants.

The S.B.F.S.C. has also formed a committee of members in the San Juan Canyon area of San Juan Bautista, due to the high risk of fire in that area.

The San Benito Fire Safe Council meets monthly, on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Hollister Fire Station #2. For more information please contact *Cindy Reeves* at the S.B.F.S.C. office at 831-623-1677 or sbfscc@garlic.com.

The San Benito Fire Safe Council would like to thank the following organizations for their continued support:

- Bureau of Land Management
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- National Park Service
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- San Juan Bautista Fire Department
- Hollister Fire Department
- Aromas Fire Department
- San Benito County Board Of Supervisors
- San Juan Oaks Golf Club
- Community Foundation of San Benito County
- South Valley Fleurs Garden Club
- San Juan Canyon Fire Safe Committee



San Benito County Fair

