We believe our work is one of Mendocino County’s best investments. Each dollar spent on wildfire safety work saves many more in recovery costs, as well as helping prevent tragic outcomes.

MCFSC multiplies benefits in other ways too — this year we secured $3.7+M coming into the county for our projects, often based on input from neighborhood Fire Safe Councils; and we partnered with the County Fire Safe Councils; and we partnered with the County

MCFSC also drives community volunteer efforts, supporting the vital wildfire-readiness work of 50+ Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils countywide.

And we deploy the power of collaboration, strategizing with CAL FIRE and local fire districts to reduce risk so they can focus on fires.

Please continue your own safety work, and support MCFSC to help make Mendocino County a safer place for all of us!
A Note from Board President Nancy Armstrong-Frost

As we enter another year of drought in California, our mission to help our Mendocino County neighbors survive and thrive in a wildfire-prone environment continues to grow dramatically. We’re working to increase our capacity and reach throughout the county.

Our new staff County Coordinator has been meeting with community members and listening to what on-the-ground help is needed, from Whale Gulch and Westport to Gualala; from Laytonville to Hopland; from the Western to the East Hills of Ukiah; and from Anderson, Potter, Redwood and Round Valleys.

Our new Micro-Grants helped Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils and fire agencies strategize and accomplish priority projects like improved water storage and access, weed abatement, evacuation signs, equipment purchase, education, local mapping and more.

We’ve expanded our road-clearing and chipping programs to increase fire safety throughout the county. Our home-assessment program is also expanding, showing residents what they can do to best prepare their homes and properties for wildfire.

Anticipating a future with longer fire seasons, we will continue working hard to expand our programs countywide. We appreciate your support of this important work.

Our Board of Directors:
Nancy Armstrong-Frost, President
Joe Zicherman, Vice-President
Anna Garza, Secretary
Lisa Bauer, Treasurer
Charlie Kelly

A Note of Thanks from a DSAFIE Recipient

Just a note of special gratitude and appreciation for your Council and its leadership and organization.

I highly commend your staff, Bobbie (Delgado), as being ever responsive and proactive, ever cheerful and helpful. Your crew was on time, and beautifully cleared and cleaned my yards, gutters and trees. After months of depression over my yards, I came home to a new lease on life.

I am so delighted and grateful to all of you. Thank you so-o very much.
— Carol Brown, Willits

And for our Home Assessments

What a wonderful opportunity Norm (Brown)’s visit was. He was very informative, and the homeowners who took advantage got lots of practical advice they could put into action. It was wonderful too that folks invited their neighbors, and to see people sharing and even disagreeing with each other…. It’s a GREAT service, and I hope you can continue offering it…. In short, you folks are doing a bang-up job educating and supporting county residents, and your efforts are very much appreciated!!
— Lisa Weg, Judy Tarbell & Annie Lee, for Caspar Prepared

More Thanks for Home Assessments

On June 6th Comptche had a free chipper day, and on June 7 retired CAL FIRE Chief Norm Brown and MCFSC Director Scott Cratty came to do a risk assessment at four Comptche households. Feedback included:

This new Wildfire Risk Assessment program clarifies the most important actions that we can take immediately…. Both Norm and Scott were supportive and helpful of our efforts to be fire-prepared…. I was impressed with their professionalism and encouragement. They did not talk down to us, but provided clear and helpful information…. We are very grateful for Norm and Scott’s visit. We now know where to prioritize our resources…. The process was easy—just a casual walk around the house, pointing out a few items here and there. The items that needed attention were very surprising to us! The assessment process made us feel more confident in our house’s ability to survive a wildfire.
— Comptche Disaster Preparedness Team & Fire Safe Council

If you are interested in a position on our Board of Directors or one of its committees, contact director@firesafemendocino.org
Programs, Projects & Accomplishments, 2021-22

Community Chipper Days: 105 chipper days provided free curbside chipping for over 1,000 residents, generating about 21,700+ hours of volunteer labor. 70% of those surveyed said they wouldn’t have done their defensible-space work without this motivation; 85% said they were even inspired to do additional work beyond the brush-clearing — and 97% rated their Chipper Day experience 5 stars!

Program activity locations
(Most pins represent multiple service delivery)
- Community Chipper Days — green pins
- Defensible Space Assistance — yellow pins
- Micro-Grants for local projects — blue pins

DSAFIE: Our Defensible Space Assistance For Income-Eligible program provided free defensible-space clearing around the homes of 109 low-income senior and disabled residents.

Our new Micro-Grant Program motivates local-level planning and action among Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils and Fire Districts. Its program launch provided $50,000 for 11 strategic wildfire-preparedness projects and purchases.

Reflective Address Signs: 531 new signs created last year are already helping responders locate homes in emergencies.

Emergency Responder Maps: Local people collect details on water sources, rural roads, residences and more, for custom maps that increase firefighters’ effectiveness — and everyone’s safety.

Training Videos available on our website feature experts on best practices for safety and environmental considerations for our crew members doing brush-clearing, home-hardening and chipping.

Fire-Safe Roof Project is a FEMA project to provide significant subsidies to replace risky older roofs.

Hopland Community Wildfire Protection Plan: CWPPs provide both overview and specifics on needs and action items for wildfire safety; we completed one for the high-risk Hopland area, which also provides a template for local CWPPs in other areas.

MCFSC is an employer now! We took all necessary steps to stop contracting out our staff, and became a full-fledged employer with two full-time and eight part-time staff.

Home Assessments: We began a new project providing practical advice to make homes safer from wildfire. In the coming year, some of these assessments will also be open to community members who desire a real-life, walk-through demonstration of what can be done.

Ukiah Valley Fire Fuels Reduction Project: This major project started in 2019 and was finally completed to help protect the perimeters of the Ukiah Valley and the city itself.

238 acres were treated in a successfully completed 2019 California Fire Safe Council grant to provide chipper days and fuel breaks as well as educational outreach and the Hopland CWPP.

New Equipment! We acquired an equipment trailer for work projects, and a chip truck to accompany our chippers, making this work far more efficient and cost-effective.

Our affiliated Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils, which we support in many ways to help neighbors plan and act for wildfire preparation and protection, have increased to 51 local groups.

We host regular meetings for Neighborhood Fire Safe Council leadership and our Technical Advisory Group.

Community Meetings countywide provide information, connection and motivation for local residents to work together for wildfire safety — which is one of our best strategies for effective action.

Wildfire safety outreach and education is ongoing via newspaper, radio, newsletters, social media, and a treasure trove on our website.

A Beginner’s Guide to A Wildfire-Ready Home shows you how to do your own defensible space and home-hardening.

Wildfire-preparation mailers were sent to 5,000 households in late 2021, providing some of the highest-priority basics.

Our Wildfire Safety Expo and Homebrew Festival offered demos, children’s activities, live music, a raffle, and lots of info & resources. People are already asking about next year’s event!

Our Staff:
Scott Cratty, Executive Director
Emily Tecchio, County Coordinator
Bobbie Delgado, Administrative Assistant
Mary Buckley, Special Projects
Norm Brown, Project Manager
Mike Maynard, Project Manager
Elizabeth Archer, Project Manager
Daniel Rockey, Sr., Crew Supervisor
Alfredo Romero, Jr., Crew Member
Juan “Gabe” Villa, Crew Member

Accounting: John Hansen, CPA
Payroll: Maureen Luis, AFSP, SRTP
Many Thanks To Our Funders and Partners

- CAL FIRE (California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection)
- California Climate Investments
- California Fire Safe Council
- California Office of Emergency Services
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc.
- The Community Foundation of Mendocino County
- The County of Mendocino
- Family Tree Service
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
- Mendocino County Homebrew Festival
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- United States Forest Service
- Vulcan Vent

— and you, for your membership and donations! —

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Fiscal Year 2021–22
with last-year comparison.
Full report available upon request.

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