

Hello Decatur Island Property Owners,

We hope this note finds each of you well.

Inaugural Training Update

In late August, 16 additional persons attended the Wildlife Fire Training Course. The August training sessions were led by Jordan Pollock and Kyle Dodd, professional wild land firefighters and accredited trainers (Kyle’s bio provided at end of communication).

Between the July and August training sessions, 32 Islanders have gone through the Wildland Fire Training Course that provided firefighting theory and techniques based on industry standards. Combined, we achieved 144+ person hours of training, all within the COVID-19 health restrictions. This is a significant step forward in preparation and a key foundation from which to build.

TRAINED INDIVIDUALS : Deep gratitude and appreciation to all of you!

Four individuals were trained in Incident Response and Management which is critical in time of emergency response and are noted with an *.

Alan Fantel	Diana Foss	Mike Smith
Alan Mizuta	Gord Whitaker	Norine Jones
Amber Lewis	Heather Bansmer	Pat Gastineau
Andy Wood*	Jeff Christensen	Ramy Tipton
Arlene Frank	Jill Bliss	Randy Stricker
Beth Jones	Joe Severs	Richard Bevan
Bill Janes	Lee Wheeler	Rob Grant*
Brian Ross	Leif Edwards*	Saide Dupar
Chris Troutner	Mark Dupar*	Scott Phillippi
Dave Groff	Mark Wall	Shawn Breeding
Dennis Jenkins	Michelle Ross	

Continued Training

To continue to be prepared, the trained group will continue to meet to further familiarize themselves with the operations of trucks, tanks, and practicing the skills learned in training sessions.

Since the two initial sessions, there have been two follow up sessions; with others planned and led by some of these trained individuals. The commitment from these community members are so valued and appreciated.

Future Training

There are no further new training sessions planned for in 2020. Additional training needs will be assessed and a future session may take place in 2021. If you would like your name to be added to the list of those who would like to attend a training session, please respond to this email. Your name will be added.

Emergency Contact in Case of Fire Emergency

We are working directly with County Officials to develop:

1. An emergency phone number that is specific to Decatur Island, but is not necessarily independent or mutually exclusive of existing SJC systems.
2. A dispatch system

While this work is being done, follow the guidelines provided in the July Communication in case of Fire Emergency. The info will be shared again in a separate email to ensure this critical info is not overlooked.

Best to all of you,
Alan Mizuta
Randy Stricker
Mark Wall
Andy Wood

Kyle Dodd

Mr. Dodd is a lieutenant with San Juan Island Fire Department and EMT with San Juan EMS. His 'day job' working as an environmental compliance manager for San Juan County gives him both the people and management skills necessary to be an excellent responder. Mr. Dodd currently serves as the Incident Commander for the San Juan County Covid Response Incident Management Team. Kyle has been a key member of our (Jordan's) outer island training team since 2017, bringing a wealth of knowledge, skills, and abilities - including his excellent sense of humor.