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Subject : Humboldt Bay Fire Partners with California Fire Foundation in SAVE Program

Contact : Battalion Chief Chris Emmons, 441-4000

Humboldt Bay Fire has partnered with the California Fire Foundation in the "Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency" (SAVE) program. Firefighters, on scene, are uniquely positioned to provide comfort and assistance to victims of catastrophic fire and natural disaster. The SAVE program allows Humboldt Bay Fire to offer an "arm around the shoulder" to help fire and natural disaster victims get through the worst time of their lives. This is in addition to existing aid that Humboldt Bay Fire has been providing to victims of fires and disasters in our jurisdiction.

Fire and natural disasters leave behind more than property loss: they leave behind shattered lives. Fire victims are often in a state of shock as they watch their lives go up in smoke. ID's, credit cards and other critical financial material are frequently lost in the rush to escape flames. The overwhelming emotion is one of confusion and distress. Victims, having lost personal and valuable items, often have trouble where they will stay, where their next meal is coming from or how to replace essential belongings.

Firefighters are the first responders who are directly interacting with the fire victims and have an emotional, personal investment in the outcome. Firefighters are often the ones that fire victims come to for comfort and guidance. Firefighters do what they do because of a desire to serve. They care about their communities and are committed to protecting families, before, during and after the fire is out. The SAVE program is a way for Humboldt Bay Fire to offer immediate help to victims.

Victims with more than a 25% loss receive a \$100 gift card which can be used for a meal, lodging, medications, and/or other vital necessities that victims may need in the first 24 hours. Funding is provided by the California Fire Foundation, a non-profit organization. Support for the Foundation comes through individual donations and

corporate contributions, including and annual financial commitment for the SAVE program from Chevron, Inc. No taxpayer dollars are used.

Humboldt Bay Fire will utilize the SAVE program to ease the transition following a fire or disaster. SAVE will ensure victims feel that they are not alone in our community.

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Subject : Humboldt Bay Fire Hosts Regional Firefighting Class

Contact : Battalion Chief Sean Robertson, 441-4000

Humboldt Bay Fire will be hosting a “Nozzle Forward” firefighting class on January 30th and 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. This class will be taught by a cadre of instructors from various agencies throughout the United States. As a regional leader in the fire service, Humboldt Bay Fire has opened this class to the entire Humboldt County Fire Service. The instruction provided to Humboldt County firefighters will better prepare them with advanced firefighting techniques to use in their home communities.

The Humboldt County Fire Services rely heavily on their neighbors during emergency situations as the majority of departments in Humboldt County are dedicated volunteers. Humboldt Bay Fire is a career agency who also relies on its neighbors at times. This opportunity will help develop all firefighters in the region and allow them to share and familiarize with skills and concepts that will make them more efficient on the fireground.

Humboldt Bay Fire is committed to serving not only the Humboldt Bay Fire area, but the entire region. The first morning of the class (8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) will be held in the classroom setting, followed by the afternoon on the 30th and all day the 31st being manipulative drills at the Humboldt Bay Fire Training Center at 2401 Hilfiker Ln. in Eureka.

If media agencies would like to attend the manipulative sessions, please contact Battalion Chief Robertson at (707) 599-5833 for details.

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Subject : Superbowl Safety Tips

Contact : Battalion Chief Chris Emmons, 441-4000

Superbowl Safety Tips

This weekend, while you are cheering for your favorite team or just enjoying good times with family and friends, follow these tips from Humboldt Bay Fire and the National Fire Protection Association to ensure you have a fun filled and safe day.

BBQ Safety Tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- When using a barbecue grill, be sure that all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill is stable (can't be tipped over).
- Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills, or apron strings that can catch fire, and use flame-retardant mitts when adjusting hot vents.
- Never attempt to move a hot grill. It's easy to stumble or drop it and serious burns could result.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Have a fire extinguisher or garden hose available nearby.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Charcoal Grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane grills:

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it. If your grill has a gas leak, off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

General Safety:

Plan ahead. If you are partaking in adult beverages. Do not over-indulge. Do it responsibly. Have a designated driver or a safe ride home.

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