**From the Chief**

For over 46 years, Big Sur Fire has had a proud history of serving and protecting our community. Big Sur Fire’s Mission is to provide dependable fire protection and emergency services for Big Sur with a spirit of teamwork, respect and integrity. These words summarize what we do, but it is the men and women of this organization that really make the difference—they exemplify these words on a daily basis.

That spirit of service continues as we move forward, navigating challenging and uncertain times. While our current responsibilities have expanded considerably from the initial mission of fire suppression in 1974, Big Sur Fire is continually searching for ways to improve our services, promote efficiency, and increase community and firefighter safety through professional development, public education and fire prevention.

As first responders, we begin the process of solving a problem that will lead to a positive outcome. Our firefighters are highly trained in structural and wildland firefighting, emergency medical response, high angle rescue, vehicle extrication and a variety of other skills to help keep this community and its visitors safe.

It is an absolute honor to serve with these men and women and to be able to represent such a fine organization. I am routinely impressed by the compassion, dedication and resourcefulness of our firefighters and their commitment to the residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Thank you for your unending support for this organization and I hope you enjoy the 2020 Responder newsletter.

Matt Harris

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**From the Chair – Summer 2020**

Big Sur Fire (BSF) is deep into our 46th year of service to the Big Sur community. When I first sat down to write this letter “From the Chair”, our volunteers were busy as ever with COVID-19 defenses, suppressing several wildfires, cliff rescues and complex medical incidents.

Then suddenly, on August 18, the Dolan Fire exploded just south of Esalen Institute, and Big Sur Fire became part of the Incident Command attacking this latest threat to the community. As with so many fires in the past, Dolan has become a “long duration incident”—a condition familiar to our community.

Like our action in the 2008 Basin Complex Fire, Chief Harris stepped up to join a Unified Command with the California Incident Command team. This step places BSF in the position to have a say in the deployment of resources as well as the responsibility to commit BSF volunteers and apparatus which better guarantees protection of our community.

Big Sur Fire is now committed to a share of the financial responsibility for the costs of the effort, much as a governmental department would have under similar circumstances. The Board of Directors continues working to strengthen our business plan and support the growing role of our volunteers.

2020 is not over, of course, and other challenges await us. We are stronger than ever and our volunteers have proven themselves over and over again to be a professional quality emergency service capable of fulfilling our mission. Due to the increased public visitation and major fire events, funding continues to be a major concern. Now more than ever, we rely on contributions from grants, businesses and individuals like you to help fund our ongoing services. As a volunteer working Board of Directors, we are proud to support the operational volunteers with our efforts. Please join us and help assure that Big Sur Fire can meet these challenges now and into the future.

Frank Pinney
Chief Emeritus and Board Chair
Big Sur and its residents are no stranger to fire. We have faced many over the years and have always been strong and resilient as a community to overcome the challenges associated with them. Prior to the Dolan Fire, California was bombarded with a lightning event resulting in well over 300 fires all needing attention and resources. Big Sur seemingly escaped unscathed that night and there was a sense of relief but also disbelief by many. Over the next few days, the heavy smoke generated from the nearby River and Carmel Fire's coupled with the intense heat wave made it feel as if Big Sur was already burning.

When the call came in for a vegetation fire in the area of Dolan Ridge, we could only hope that it was just the glow emitting from one of the nearby fires. As more information came in, we learned that it was spotted by an infrared satellite mounted camera through the thick smoke and was estimated at 100 acres high up on the ridge. Big Sur Fire quickly mobilized with nearly every apparatus and 20 personnel. It became readily obvious we had a large fire from the intense crimson red glow filtering through the dark smoke.

Big Sur has always been in focus when a fire starts and this time was no different. We are seeing unprecedented need across the state which has left limited resources for us here in Big Sur. Our responding partners including the US Forest Service and CalFire were only able to send a few engines and hand crews initially. As soon as they were able, an Incident Management Team was mobilized and Big Sur Fire collaborated with them providing not only firefighters but local knowledge, engines and water tenders. Once again, Big Sur Fire proved itself critical to protecting our community and fighting fires along our central coast.
Meet Our Firefighters

If you weren’t born in Big Sur, how did you discover it?

I grew up in Monterey and would come down to Big Sur a couple times a year to camp at either Pfeiffer State Park or Fernwood campground. It wasn’t until I got my driver’s license that I discovered the South Coast. After a few road trips and overseas travel, I found my home again in Big Sur in 2014.

When did your love of firefighting/emergency response come to you?

I never dreamed I’d be volunteering as an emergency responder along my favorite coastline. I have learned more than I ever could have imagined when initially starting the academy two years ago. I have not only learned so many valuable skills throughout my time with Big Sur Fire but I have also gained a second family. This family I have found goes hand in hand with my love for emergency response.

What do you do as a career outside of BSF?

During my time so far with Big Sur Fire, I have worked at Pacific Valley School in a few different capacities. Most recently, I have been working as the Food Services Director while working towards finishing up a degree, catering gigs here and there, and all the other odd jobs we find ourselves doing to reside on this rugged coast.

What does your role in BSF entail?

There has been so much opportunity for growth with Big Sur Fire. Not only did I receive all of the training needed to respond on the coast, but we also received Wilderness Medical training, I received my EMT and have also learned how to drive the big rigs. Being on the Southern end of the coast, there are far fewer responders and I believe my role is to be available on the southern end in any capacity necessary.

What about BSF do you enjoy the most?

The family I have found within BSF has been the most rewarding aspect by far. Learning, making mistakes, growing and evolving in community is something I believe we should all be a part of in one way or another. The opportunity to work as a veteran member with our newest graduating class is unparalleled! The ability to step into a teacher role this year with the class of 2020 has been such an immense pleasure!

How does it feel responding to a major incident in our community?

Being the first on scene to any incident is an incredible feeling. To work alongside such amazing individuals to aid any who need our assistance along the coast is a privilege. Some calls are fun and silly while others are intense and sometimes draining. For the ones that are intense, the rewards far outweigh the intensity every time. To be able to support our community in this way is rewarding beyond comprehension.

What has your experience been like working with Big Sur Fire on the Dolan Fire?

The Dolan Fire. I still feel as if I am dreaming. To work alongside the US Forest Service, their hotshot crews, bulldozer crews, and everyone in between. I could not have dreamt of working alongside these crews full of insight and experience.

I have learned so much about fire science, heard many horror stories, and made countless new friends. Living in such isolation it has been a beautiful silver lining to have our home filled with strangers here to protect it, getting to know them and helping them to understand our topography and our home.

If you had only one message to get out to the Big Sur community and visitors alike, what would it be?

To the community I would say, A lot of what we do with BSF is to help educate those we come in contact with. Continue being stewards of this land, treat it with respect and those who visit will follow suit.

And to visitors, Big Sur is an extraordinary place full of mystery and wonder. Honor the power of the Coast and be aware of its rugged nature. Our coast is relatively unforgiving, stay aware, safe and use turnouts to enjoy the views!
Jeff Carmichael
Year you joined the brigade: 2011

How long have you lived in Big Sur? When did you first come to Big Sur?
I’ve been in Big Sur for 30 years. In 1969, I came to Big Sur with my mom and dad and two brothers and two sisters in a station wagon to camp at Pfeiffer State Park. Ever since that time I’ve made numerous trips back to Big Sur.

When did your love of firefighting and emergency response come to you and how did you discover it?
During the 2008 Basin Complex Fire, I felt left out because I wasn’t able to help my neighbors and community. After that, BSF offered a training course to the public without commitment to join the brigade after the class was over. At that point, I decided to check it out and see what Big Sur Fire is all about. After completing the class in 2011, with no original intention of joining, I decided to join the fire department. That’s when it all began for me.

What does your role in BSF entail?
I am a firefighter, engineer, EMR, rescue and anything else that is asked of me.

What about BSF do you enjoy the most?
I enjoy the wide range of subject matter that is covered by BSF and the amount of knowledge I have acquired in my time here.

What has been the most rewarding moment of your firefighting career so far?
I don’t think I can pinpoint one moment, but just being able to help the community of Big Sur is rewarding.

Have you been out on a major fire or incident? If so, how did it feel fighting the fire/responding to a major incident right here in our community?
Yes, I have been on numerous large fires and incidents and the most rewarding to be able to stop a fire when it’s still small in size and knowing that you were able to accomplish such a large feat.

If you had only one message to get out to the Big Sur community, what would it be?
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in BSF by continuing supporting us.

If you had only one message to get out to visitors to Big Sur, what would it be?
Please respect Big Sur and the people that live here.

What do you love most about living in Big Sur?
I love the environment, community and Big Sur in and of itself.

If you had one wish for BSF, what would it be?
I wish Big Sur Fire to continue on as a volunteer department that serves its community.

Looking back on the past year, what of significance do you feel Big Sur Fire has accomplished?
The recruitment of the 10 new members was a big accomplishment for the department. Continuing to move forward with our new chief and name change have also been big accomplishments.

In your opinion, what are some of the challenges facing Big Sur Fire today?
Membership retention, funding the department, and the increase in visitation which results in an increase in calls are just some of the challenges facing us.
Meet Our Firefighters

Trey Kropp

How long have you lived in Big Sur?
I moved to Big Sur in 1994 with my mom when she got a job at the Big Sur Lodge and we lived in Pfeiffer State Park. Before that I was born and raised in Iowa.

When did your love of firefighting/emergency response begin?
When I was young I thought about being a park ranger. I lived through many wildfires over the years, helping friends, and even lost everything I owned in 2008. A friend asked me to join in 2015 and I jumped at the chance.

What do you do as a career outside of BSF?
I own a computer IT business called Wilderness Wireless and have the opportunity to work with many exciting projects like the Ventana Wildlife Society’s Condor Cam.

What does your role in BSF entail?
I am the Station 1 Lieutenant and usually take one to two 24-hour duty officer shifts a week. I am also on the drone team, nominating and governance committee, south coast firehouse committee, rope rescue team, and radio group.

What about Big Sur Fire do you enjoy the most?
The cliff rescue team has been one of the most exciting parts of the fire department, learning the rope system and repelling off steep cliffs while working and trusting as a team. I also enjoy sharing the knowledge I have gained with all the new probationary firefighters.

What was your experience working with BSF and the community during the Dolan Fire?
At the initial response, I led the southern crew near Lime Creek while Captains Foster and Leahy took the Northern end by Hot Springs Canyon and we implemented a plan to help successfully protect John Little State Reserve, and Esalen Institute. Our new recruits and veteran volunteers committed to daily shifts, sometimes up to 24 hours long. There were highs and lows but I was very proud of how well we all worked together.

The Big Sur community was part of the team fighting the fire with us. We kept each other updated and in check. We came home to great meals prepared for us after long days. We went to neighbors’ homes and helped prep for the fire. Just providing that local fire knowledge to the incident helped get fire breaks built and water sources utilized.

What helped you the most on the Dolan fire?
In addition to the extensive BSF training, local knowledge is so important. This is gained through living in Big Sur and living through other fires. You know the dozer and hand lines that stopped past fires. You learn the water sources used for filling porta tanks. I recall pointing out to the first Foxtrot Division the importance of the AT&T microwave tower at Anderson Peak so we didn’t lose all landline and cellular communication in Big Sur.

What has had the most significant impact on you as a first responder?
Being with people in those last moments of their life. It really makes you realize how short life can be.

Looking back on the past year, what of significance do you feel Big Sur Fire has accomplished? I would say, as an organization, the continual training we have undertaken has helped us attain an elevated level of professionalism. We are an organization that other volunteer fire departments can look to as an excellent example of how it can all work.

In your opinion, what are some of the challenges facing Big Sur Fire today?
As a volunteer organization, we give so much of our personal time to training and emergency calls that sometimes it’s hard to have time to participate in fundraising activities.

If you had only one message to get out to the Big Sur community and to visitors alike, what would it be?
To our community, I cannot stress the importance of having an all-volunteer fire department that empowers community members and creates a sense of ownership and pride towards taking care of Big Sur forever.

To visitors, educate yourself about Big Sur beforehand and respect the environment we all treasure. Leave no trace behind.
Class of 2020: New Faces Join the Ranks

By Angela Padilla

It had been a goal of Chief Harris since he was appointed Chief to host a Fire Academy in the year 2020. Little did we know, the year would present its own set of challenges that would further complicate the process of training firefighters. In February, 10 new recruits began training with veteran members.

“When this class first stepped foot into our classroom, many had little to no knowledge of firefighting and emergency response,” says Captain Jeannie Alexander who led the medical portion of their training.

By April, the entire country found itself in the midst of a pandemic and the county announced its Shelter in Place Order.

“I was really worried that the class would lose its momentum when we stopped meeting in person. Everyone was so excited and committed, I didn’t want to lose that,” Alexander recalls.

As county restrictions eased and it became more apparent than ever that BSF needed additional volunteers to handle the increase in calls, training resumed in a socially distant fashion. Any concerns about wavering momentum among the trainees was quickly discarded as the class proved its commitment training after training. In August, all 10 members graduated to probationary firefighters and immediately began responding to calls.

A big thank you to all of our officers and our veteran firefighters for working to make this Class of 2020 a success that will benefit the organization for years to come.

Big Sur Fire’s Exemplary Training Program by Captain Jon Knight

I have been with Big Sur Fire for 13 years now and have had the great fortune to work with 5 fire academies. I believe the best way to learn something is to teach it. The students present different pathways of thinking, so everyone wins. The knowledge interchange and outlook goes both ways.

Even though we mentor the students, it’s a time for us to anticipate questions and make sure we know the answers. It’s a valuable learning process for me. It engages my critical thinking skills and focuses more on first hand experiences. The trainings are a time that as a teacher, you can share your experiences, knowledge and challenges. Due to response time, staffing resources, Big Sur geography and demographics, Big Sur is a unique community unlike any other. You take what you learn from a textbook and then you evolve a solution to fit Big Sur.

What has really stood out these past few years, is the amount of inter-agency training. We have combined our skill sets, looked at different tactics with Mid Coast, Cal Fire, Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, Search and Rescue, and USFS. It has improved our skills and we have learned to work in a more streamlined, coordinated way with these agencies. Sometimes using different styles and tools can make a more successful mission. We’ve built a camaraderie throughout the agencies as it brings a familiarity among them. It’s a good reminder that Big Sur is not an island. We take our own style and see everyone’s strong points and skills, then apply them to benefit the organization.

One aspect about our firefighters that people might not understand is that although we are a volunteer organization, we are trained to the National standard set by the California State Fire Marshall and beyond. We have to remember when someone calls 911 they don’t care who you are, whether a volunteer or whatever, they need someone trained to assist them in their time of need and possibly the worst day of their lives. We step up to that call and mission.
Big Sur Fire Behind the Scenes

Our mission to provide emergency services to the Big Sur Coast relies mostly on the hard work and dedication from our volunteers. What most people don’t see is what goes on behind the scenes to keep everyday operations running smoothly. For many years our administrative staff have helped support us in our mission by tending to what some would consider the less exciting aspects of running a fire department. We acknowledge all past and present administrative staff, but want to give special recognition to our long time bookkeeper, Jaci Pappas. Jaci has been with Big Sur Fire since 1981 and has contributed countless hours to our organization. Jaci was given the Brigade Honorary Life Membership in December 1990 for her unending dedication. For that, we cannot thank her enough.

Another dear friend and supporter of Big Sur Fire that we would like to recognize is Dan Gearheart. Dan is often the man behind the camera at our events and has been our webmaster for many years. We are very grateful for all past and present folks who make things happen “behind the scenes.” We truly couldn’t do it without you!

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A Note of Gratitude...

Although this year we saw our membership grow by almost a half, a few have moved on. Captain Rayner Marx retired this year after eight years of service to BSF. As Captain on Engine 7853, Marx brought a wealth of experience and incredible leadership to our Station 3 crew members, and for that, he will not be soon forgotten. To all who have served, we say “Thank you!”

Long Time Resident Comes Full Circle With Big Sur Fire

By Kenny Comello

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Honorary Firefighter Lana Weeks

In November 2019, Big Sur Fire lost a dear friend and supporter, Lana Weeks. Lana joined Big Sur Fire as a Board Member in 2015 and immediately saw the potential for this organization. Her volunteer background in non-profits and volunteering proved invaluable to the organization she was falling in love with. Lana learned as much as possible about what Big Sur Fire did and how she could help the organization and help the firefighters succeed and flourish. She even dreamed of being a firefighter herself!

Big Sur Fire had the great fortune of Lana’s presence on the Board of Directors and amongst the ranks of firefighters for four years. In that time, she advanced many programs within the organization including gaining greater compliance in the non-profit realm to the production of the Responder newsletter to the acquisition of many new tools and gear such as the rescue capstan and amazing infrared drone and lastly a fire-rescue UTV. This was only the beginning in her eyes!

Lana will be deeply missed by Big Sur Fire and its membership, the Big Sur Community and numerous other organizations and individuals she positively influenced over the course of her all too short existence on this earth. May you rest in peace, Firefighter Weeks.
Join Us!

Does becoming a firefighter interest you? If yes, it’s a path guaranteed to strengthen and challenge you.

Maybe conducting rescues or fighting fires isn’t for you? You can still join our team by helping with community events that help fund our mission. These events not only raise funds for the department, but connect and build relationships with community members. Joining our board of directors is another way to contribute. Your help is valuable so check us out at www.bigsurfire.org, or friend us on Facebook for more information on how you can participate.

We truly appreciate the years of support that Big Sur has provided to BSF, ultimately empowering us to operate as a non-profit, volunteer fire department. We have missed seeing many of you throughout the year and look forward to being together again in 2021.

Our trainings are serious business but sometimes situations present themselves. When you’re out on a field and horse hair is sitting there waiting to be used, Captain Foster does what he has to do.
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Big Sur Fire's mission is to provide dependable fire protection and emergency services for Big Sur with teamwork, respect and integrity.

A Request for Support

With your help, we can remain prepared and equipped to help whenever you may need us.

In 2019, Big Sur Fire put out 11 fires, answered 110 medical calls, responded to 43 vehicle accidents, performed 12 rescues and attended to 102 other incidents. That equates to 278 incidents along our coast.

Many people don’t fully recognize that Big Sur is an unincorporated part of Monterey County, with most of the land dedicated to parks and wilderness areas.

It lacks tax based support necessary to pay for services that most communities take for granted. That is why every year we reach out to you to help fund this important community service. As volunteers, we are your neighbors: moms and dads, caretakers and hospitality workers, builders and weekend warriors.

Please consider making a donation to help fund our costs, so that we may continue to provide emergency services to Big Sur.

2019 Incidents Breakdown

- Medical: 40%
- Vehicle Accidents: 15%
- Others: 37%
- Fires: 4%
- Rescues: 4%