

## **Fire Safety Zones –Draft ideas for the Fire & Disaster Preparedness Committee to consider**

**Identifying possible assembly or safe zones** for residents in case of an emergency, getting permission and commitment to access in case of emergency.

*We've talked about "drive to the black." But if you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail.*

Possibly: 1) **Airport field** 2) **Tribes EOC/Business Park field** (outside the walking track)

### **Kept mowed April – December**

If locations above agreed, would need both County and Tribal commitment of equipment, time, manpower to keep an area of field cleared for parking. (Possible funding?)

**Needs: Water & Toilet facilities** (USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program or Community Foundation Emergency Grant for porta potties with handwashing stations, hand sanitizer & masks, bottled water (for drills plus backup stored on site for actual emergencies).

**Communications:** Bullhorns for announcements? (Would best way to communicate be car radios? KYBU or as with current drive-in movies, tune in car radio to an emergency frequency?)

**Coordinated whole community drills during fire season** Traffic in, park, traffic out.

Drill 2 or 3 times a year the first year. Annually thereafter. Advertise through Tribal and Community fb outlets, RVIHC, schools, KYBU, Library's Learn Not to Burn programming, etc.

Have an initial small drill with 30 or 40 carloads before larger community drill?

Community drill: Pick a date & time, advertise. Fire Dept. klaxon goes off as reminder, at same time radio broadcasts announcement of drill.

See what problems arise, brainstorm, repeat again with fixes in place. Realize only a portion of community will show up for drill and anticipate problems that might occur if a large part of the community turned up in actual emergency.

Would first drill be when school is in session? How would it work in real life if there were a big fire, would kids go to field at school while parents went to other assembly areas? Can school coordinate emergency drill at same time as community drill?

Some sort of reward or recognition for participation. (Lunch? Community party after? Do this in conjunction with other planned community event?)

Which staff would be likely to be able to assist in an emergency (especially those who likely wouldn't have to immediately rush home to take care of family)? These folks and several backups should be the ones trained to coordinate drill. Training for giving parking direction?

**Include Tribal Police/Sheriff Department/Volunteer Fire Department in planning.**