

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jeff Dunning

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Jeff Dunning for his wide ranging work on fire safety and prevention and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County.

Jeff joined the Board of the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County in 1999, while also being the owner of a local Allstate Insurance Agency. Since such time, Jeff has been an active advocate for defensible space, teaching a volunteer advisors course twice a year for over ten years with over 350 volunteer residents being trained. Moreover Jeff actively engaged his insurance underwriters in considering the renewal of good risks, or those verified to meet defensible space laws within California. Additionally, Jeff worked alongside CalFIRE and the Nevada County Fire Chief's Association to develop a program where the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County was authorized to provide an independent third-party verification of defensible space in lieu of CalFIRE inspection which not only ensured better fire prevention compliance but also saved home owners thousands of dollars in future premiums, by not having to go with non-admitted carriers with higher premiums, and higher deductibles.

To further promote and protect home owners from the impacts of fire, Jeff created an insurance pool model concept which was presented to a State Legislator and led to his appointment to the Governor's Tree Mortality Regulation Working Group in 2016, to present the insurance model and third-party verification. His efforts have led to several insurance carriers in California recognizing the Firewise Communities program and offering premium discounts to homeowners working across property lines to change fire behavior through active vegetation and forest management. Jeff also served on the Nevada County Fire Plan Committee for over four years and received California State Assembly recognition for his work on the Nevada County Fire Plan from Assemblyman Dan Logue.

As a result of sponsoring several grant applications to the Allstate Insurance Foundation, Jeff helped obtain over half a million dollars for fire prevention education and programs in Nevada County that reached over 80,000 people annually. Jeff also personally sponsored an annual Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for local match funds for grants such as the chipping program and free defensible space clearing for low-income seniors and disabled persons. Over the past twenty years, all of Jeff's work has impacted over 92,000 residents to promote and further fire prevention and safety.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors congratulates and thanks Jeff Dunning for his wide ranging work on fire safety and prevention and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.