



## Fire Chief's Report June 16, 2017



### **Building Fire in Hamilton**

Novato firefighters responded to a fire in a commercial building in the Hamilton community in Novato. The fire occurred in a building on State Access Road, starting in some building materials.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire before it could do significant damage to the building.



Building fire on State Access Drive

### **Residential Structure Fire**

Firefighters responded to a report of a fire in the garage of a residence on Yarrow Lane. We found light smoke in the garage of the residence when we arrived.

The source of the small fire was a problem with an air conditioning unit. There was no damage to the structure.



Garage fire on Yarrow Lane



### **Truck and Grass Fire on Hwy 101**

Firefighters responded to a report of a truck on fire on southbound Highway 101 south of the Ignacio overpass. Upon our arrival we found a truck well involved in fire and the fire had spread to the nearby hillside igniting grass and brush.



Truck fire on SB Hwy 101



Burning furniture is removed from the truck

While firefighters battled the truck fire additional firefighters responded to Alameda del Prado to battle the grass and brush fire with the goal of preventing the fire from spreading across Alameda del Prado and impacting the apartment building above the fire.

The truck on fire was full of furniture which greatly added to the intensity of the fire. However, firefighters did a great job of quickly suppressing the truck fire. The grass and brush fire was quickly contained before it could do any damage to nearby buildings.

Traffic on Alameda del Prado was shut down to permit firefighters a safe area to operate in.



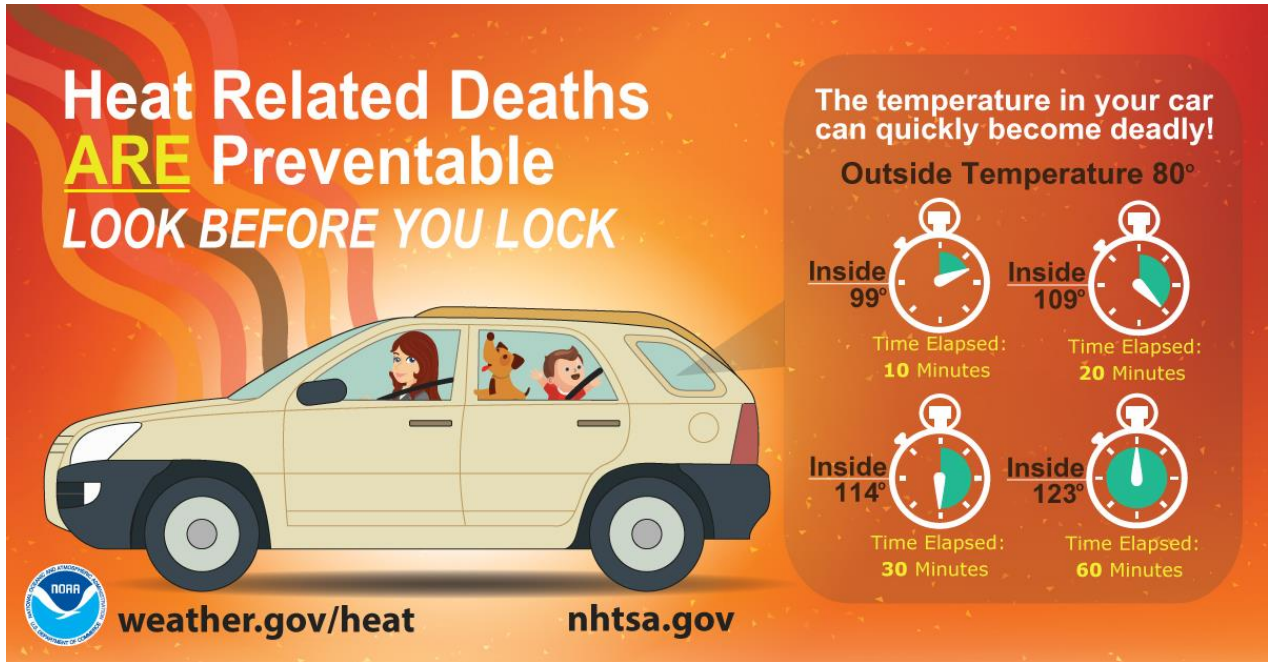
The grass fire burned a small amount of grass and brush





## Hot Weather Arriving

Never leave children, disabled, elderly adults, or pets in parked vehicles. Studies have shown that the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. The effects can be more severe on children because their bodies have not developed the ability to efficiently regulate its internal temperature.




**Heat Related Deaths ARE Preventable**  
**LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK**

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°

Inside 99° Time Elapsed: 10 Minutes	Inside 109° Time Elapsed: 20 Minutes
Inside 114° Time Elapsed: 30 Minutes	Inside 123° Time Elapsed: 60 Minutes

 [weather.gov/heat](http://weather.gov/heat) [nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov)



**Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are**

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

- Job Sites**  
Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.
- Indoors**  
Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.
- Vehicles**  
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK
- Outdoors**  
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated.

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### Our Information Signs

The Fire District owns two portable electronic sign boards.

We place these sign boards in locations in Novato with current important safety tips for you. Our mission is to keep you safe.



Important safety message in the Trader Joe's parking lot

## ► Heat Advisory

**SATURDAY 11AM THROUGH WEDNESDAY 11PM**

**Update: Extended through Wednesday!**

### Impacts

- Well above average temperatures are expected away from the coast with inland areas in the upper 90s to low 100s.
- Increased risk of heat related illnesses.
- Increased risk of human sourced wildfires.

### Preparedness Actions

- Limit outdoor strenuous activities during the hottest time of the day.
- Do not leave kids or pets in vehicles.
- Stay in air conditioned areas.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Extra care for pets, crops, and livestock.
- Watch for hot pavement when walking dogs.
- When at the coast beware of rip currents.

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## **Residential Sprinklers Save Lives and Property**



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# **NOVATO FIRE DISTRICT**

## **Second Home Saved in 3 months by a Single Residential Fire Sprinkler Activation**

Novato, CA- On Friday June 9, 2017 at approximately 10:20 p.m., Novato Fire crews responded to the 200 block of Ignacio Valley Circle to find that a single residential fire sprinkler had extinguished a fire on a desk located in a second floor home office. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Likewise on April 7, 2017 at approximately 6:45 a.m., Novato Fire crews responded to the 100 block of San Domingo Way, to find that a single residential fire sprinkler had extinguished a garage fire saving that home, also unoccupied and undergoing a complete renovation at the time of the fire.

The combined value of the homes saved was well in excess of 2 million dollars. "In both cases, if it had not been for the functioning automatic residential fire sprinklers, "the homes would have been a complete loss," said NFD Fire Marshal, Battalion Chief Bill Tyler.

The extinguished fire on Ignacio Valley Circle was discovered by neighbor who was alerted by the sound of an exterior bell ringing, indicating that a residential fire sprinkler system was flowing water. After investigating and seeing light smoke from the second story, the neighbor called 911. The Novato Fire District crews arrived on scene to find that the fire was extinguished. The home sustained water damage but no fire damage to the structure was observed. Crews stayed on scene and used a water vacuum to help start the restoration efforts.

The fire cause on Ignacio Valley Circle appears to have been ignited by conducted heat from an overheated power cord charging a laptop computer. The fire cause at San Domingo Way was the result of spontaneous combustion of contaminated rags left in a plastic bucket in the garage related to a staining project from the night before; both fire causes appear to be accidental.

<https://homefiresprinkler.org/fire-sprinkler-facts/>

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/residentialsprinklerandcacodes>