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### **Leaders of Local Fire Safe Council Earn National Award** Ken and Nancy Hasse Honored For Their Achievements

**RENO-** Today, Ken and Nancy Hasse of El Dorado were presented with the Community Wildfire Preparedness Pioneer Award for their work in fire prevention at the Wildland-Urban Interface Conference (WUI) in Reno. The Hasses were just one of 21 individuals and organizations that were honored with awards for their efforts in fire prevention in their communities.

In 2005, the Hasses provided much needed leadership and organization to the fledging Logtown Fire Safe Council. During their tenure the council flourished, holding regular month meetings, organizing an annual community cleanup day and eventually producing the first Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). These efforts identified potential fuel reduction projects and allowed the council to apply for and receive over \$465,000 in grants to complete the projects.

Not stopping there, Ken Hasse took over as treasurer of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and was eventually elected to Chairman of the Council. Mr. Hasse completed grant applications that helped to provide chipping services and green waste dumpsters for some residences. In his tenure, Mr. Hasse obtained and administered over \$1 million in grants.

“Ken and Nancy have selflessly devoted many hours to make their community fire safe,” said Ken Pimlott, Director of CAL FIRE. “Especially during this drought, it takes partnerships with local residents and fire safe councils to ensure we prevent as many wildfires as possible. Their hard work and dedication is a shining example of this.”

The Wildfire Mitigation Awards are jointly sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association and the US Forest Service.

For more information on these awards, click [here](#).

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