

Gizmo's Trailer Chain Cover Project as of 7/2023

Gizmo has been working for years to stop fires caused by dragging trailer chains. To that end, he has accomplished the following:

1. Connected with local fire departments to acquire old firehose which was destined for a landfill. Use that hose to make trailer chain safety covers, along with jackfoot covers.



2. Attends local festivals and gatherings to distribute those trailer chain covers and more importantly, educate the public about the hazards of dragging trailer chains. Trailer chain covers are free with donations accepted.



3. All donated funds from trailer chain safety covers are given to local volunteer fire departments.



4. After trying unsuccessfully for years to get local officials to put a trailer chain safety message on the Continuous Messaging System (CMS) aka Amber Alert signs on highways leading into Mendocino County, he coordinated with Assembly Member Woods, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, Senator McGuire and Senator Dodd's offices to get the following message up before 3 day weekends: *DRAGGING CHAINS STARTS FIRES. TOW RESPONSIBLY.*



5. Working with Marybeth Kelly and local government contacts, discovered a large supply of posters from the 2013 multi-agency state-wide campaign to stop wildfires named ONE LESS SPARK. <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/one-less-spark-campaign/>. Has laminated and posted these posters at trailer dealerships, gas stations, PG&E truck yards, etc.



6. Worked with the Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council (RVMAC) to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging the use of CMS signs and a future pullout location in Hopland for drivers to inspect their chains.

7. His vision is to have trailer chain safety covers available for free/donation at all fire departments.
8. Oh, and singer/songwriter Sherita Perez was inspired to write this song after listening to Gizmo talk about fire safety as he was volunteering for Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department at a local music festival! Warning: F-word used.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3B93vBwIRc>

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