

Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association



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Members of the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association (GVFA) would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family this holiday season. This season also brings our annual donation request. Funds generated by this request, along with those generated by our annual summer Dinner Dance and Fall Colors' pancake breakfast, are used to improve our ability to provide emergency services to the community.

The GVFA is comprised of the volunteer fire fighters of the Geyserville Fire Protection District (GFPD). The District is a government entity funded via a small portion of your property taxes. Unlike other Districts in Sonoma County, a fire assessment tax has never been imposed. This is due to your continued support of the GVFA, volunteer fire fighter staffing, and prudent fiscal management.

You received this letter because our records indicate that you either own property and/or live in the GFPD. Your generous donation, large or small, will help the GVFA meet its' future goals which include the replacement/addition of apparatus, and the purchasing additional fire fighting and rescue equipment.

Our first call for service in 2006 was the "sagging" of the Geyserville Bridge on January 1st. This call "lasted" until August 17th, with the completion of the replacement bridge. During that time period, to maintain the current level of service, Station #2 in Alexander Valley was staffed around the clock, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CDF) Healdsburg station remained partially staffed. This was completed with existing funds and the possibility of reimbursement through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

On October 31st, we lost our Assistant Fire Chief Gene 'Si' Saini, to a brief and brave battle with cancer. Si was a 31 year veteran of the department and fundamental in the merger of the Alexander Valley and Geyserville Volunteer Fire Departments into the Geyserville Fire Protection District.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of **your** volunteer fire department! We are continually impressed by the support of the community we serve. Enclosed is the first ever Geyserville Fire newsletter, to better inform you of events and information regarding the fire department. For additional information about the GVFA or the GFPD please visit the District's website at www.geyservillefire.com.

Please make all donations payable to The Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association (or GVFA for short). We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible (Tax ID#: 23-7054738).

Thank You!

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Treasurer