

# Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association

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The members of the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association (GVFA) would like to wish you and your family all the best this holiday season. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the generous support our community has given to their fire department over the years. This is also the time of year for our annual request for donations. Money received from this request, along with income from our annual dinner-dance and Fall Colors pancake breakfast, is used to improve the Department's ability to assist our neighbors with any emergency.

This letter is being sent to all residents and property owners in the Geyserville Fire Protection District (GFPD), as well as those who have donated to the GVFA previously. The GVFA is comprised of all the firefighters of the GFPD. A small portion of your property taxes funds the GFPD. Unlike other fire districts in Sonoma County, a fire assessment parcel tax has never been put in place. This is due to your ongoing support of the GVFA, maintaining a solid core of dedicated and trained firefighters and continued prudent fiscal management.

In 2010 the Geyserville Fire Department responded to 572 emergencies. This year the district began a program to recruit volunteer firefighters who live outside of the GFPD area, but who have received firefighter training and are interested in contributing to the fire department and gaining firefighting experience. The GFPD currently has 12 "Out of District" volunteers working alongside 20 resident volunteers and our full-time firefighters.

Your donations will help the GVFA in its goals to pay down the loan used to build Fire Station #1, as well as the recruitment and retention efforts of our most valuable asset, our firefighters. We greatly appreciate your continued support of your fire department! We look forward to seeing you at our annual open house, our summer dinner-dance and the Fall Colors pancake breakfast. For more information about the GVFA or the GFPD please visit the District's website at [www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com) or call us at 857-4373.

In addition to looking for individuals able and interested in becoming volunteer firefighters, we are also asking for volunteers in the community to help us with our various fundraising efforts.

Please make all donations payable to the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighter's Association (or GVFA). We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible (Tax ID#: 23-7054738). If we may acknowledge your donation in our next newsletter please check this box.

Best Wishes and Thanks!

Jason Mallory  
President

Fred Peterson  
Treasurer