

# THE FIREHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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## NEW RESCUE SQUAD: INSERVICE

On May 7, 2009 the Geyserville Fire Department placed the new Rescue Squad 6131 into service. The Squad was by Burton Fire Apparatus in Modesto California. The squad replace and older squad that was not big enough to handle all of the rescue equipment that needed to be carried. In addition to the added equipment there is a larger cab, capable of transporting up to 5 people to an emergency scene. The squad is also equipped with



a telescoping light tower that is capable of lighting up a scene quicker and more efficiently than the previous squad. According to Capt.

Colgan who was in charge of the purchase, "the squad has already made a difference on multiple calls since it was put into service"

## FACTS ABOUT THE GFPD:

- Protects over 200 Square miles
- Responds to over 500 emergencies a year.
- 32 Volunteers
- 3 Stations
- 9 Emergency Vehicles
- 50 Mutual Aid Calls a year
- Thousands of hours of training a year.

## YES, WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS!

Thank you, to those who answered the call for volunteers last time. The GFPD is still in need of volunteer firefighters, especially in Alexander Valley, where we are at a critically low level! No experience is necessary and all required training is provided by the GFPD. Becoming a volunteer firefighter is a great opportunity to become involved with your community. People who are interested in the District are encouraged to contact Station 1 at 857-3535 or visit

our web site at [geyserville-fire.com](http://geyserville-fire.com) for more information about becoming a volunteer firefighter. Please

help us prevent higher taxes and fire insurance premiums. **Become a Volunteer Firefighter Today!**



Volunteers Needed at Station 2 (Pictured Above)

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## THE NEW RESCUE SQUAD: THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Chassis:** Ford F550 Crew Cab 4x4, Power Stroke Diesel Engine with 350HP and 650 ft/lb of torque.

**Body:** Built by Burton's Fire Inc. Aluminum Rescue body with ROM Role-up doors.

**Generator:** Raven Blackbird under-hood belt driven 7,000 Watt 240 volt.

**Light Tower:** Will Burt Night-Scan Chief 7.5' light tower with 4 Havis Shield 900 watt lights.

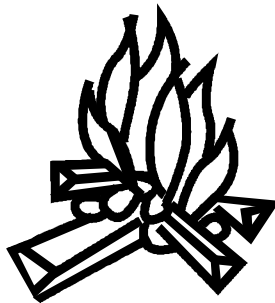
**Tri Pod Lights:** FRC 750 watt lights on a 6' mast.

**Emergency Warning system:** Whelen Linier Series LED with Siren Control and Arrow Stick

**Winch:** Warn CE M12000 with a 12,000lb capacity.

## BURN PERMITS

Now that summertime has come and gone and fire season is over, burn permits are starting to be issued. The Geyserville Fire Department does not issue burn permits. All burn permits are issued through other agencies, most through the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District. The NSCAPCD's phone



number is (707)433-5911. Their office is located 150 Matheson Street in Healdsburg. While there are many different types of permits, too numerous to talk about here, the NSCAPCD will be able to answer all of your questions or point you in the right direction. Remember that you must have a current burn permit, it must be a permissible burn day and you must call in to report your control burn. Both the burn hotline and the burn reporting line are on your burn permit. Always have clearance around your burn pile and don't leave the fire unattended.

## 2009 PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The 2009 pancake breakfast was a huge success. During the four hours that we served pancakes over 900 people came though and had breakfast. The Geyserville Fire Department depends and appreciates support like that. "It just goes to show you that people love to come out and support their community" said Michale Pigoni who was in charge of the breakfast.

The Pancake breakfast is held every year on the last Sunday of October. The breakfast is held in conjunction with Fall Colors which is put on by the community of Geyserville. The Pancake Breakfast is one of three fundraisers held annually to support the Geyserville Fire Department

## HOLLIDAY SAFETY

- ◆ When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- ◆ Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, we recommend purchasing plastic holders designed for this purpose. As an alternative, string them through hooks or insulated staples. Never use nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- ◆ Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing, Christmas trees or any other material that can catch fire.
- ◆ In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them.

For Additional Holiday Safety Information please visit our website:

<http://www.geyservillefire.com/safety.htm>

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## CAN WE GET TO YOU, IN YOUR TIME OF NEED?

Can we find your driveway? Can we find your house? Can we open your electric gate? These are all questions you should ask yourself before it is too late. While we know that nobody really wants to have the Fire Department respond to their house, you should be ready just in case. Driveways should have address visible at the street from both directions (We have three stations so we might be coming from a different way than you go to your house). Houses should have address visible from the street or from longer driveways. If you have an electronic gate, please make sure that it is equipped with an key override so that we can open it in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions please call us at 707-857-3535.

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DROP YOUR NEW UNWRAPPED TOY OFF AT STATION 1 AND  
HELP A CHILD IN NEED



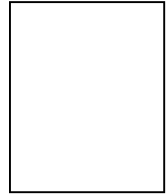
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