

# THE FIREHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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## OPEN HOUSE MAY 14TH!

The Geyserville Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house on Saturday May 14th. This is a free public event. The fun begins at 11am and continues until 3pm. Please stop by and learn about fire safety, meet Sparky The Fire Dog and Smokey Bear, admire the new Rescue Engine 6180, buy t-shirts and sweatshirts, and meet real firefighters. We will be serving free hot dogs and Geyserville Market will be offering free Ices to anyone attending the Open House. This year we will also have Blood Bank of the Redwoods onsite to receive your blood donation. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions please call 857-3535 or visit us online or Facebook: [www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com) or [www.facebook.com/geyservilleire](http://www.facebook.com/geyservilleire)



### FACTS ABOUT THE GFPD:

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

## NEW RESCUE ENGINE IS HERE!

The Geyserville Fire Department has taken possession of Rescue Engine 6180. The engine was built by The Ferrara Fire Apparatus company in Louisiana and just recently put into service on April

14th. The new engine is replacing 6182, a 1971 Van Pelt that served us for many years. The new engine is similar to Engine 6181, except that it's bigger and carries more equipment. The Geyserville Fire De-

partment is an all-risk organization that responds to all types of emergencies; this engine will help us support that mission. The engine was designed by Fire Chief Paul Pigoni and staff to specifically fit the needs of our District.

Come see Rescue Engine 6180 at our Open House on May 14th!



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### LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY



The six Defibrillators purchased with at Grant from Fireman’s Fund.

The Geyserville Fire Department recently purchased six Automated Defibrillators, thanks to a Grant from Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. The new defibrillators will be placed in various community buildings including Geyserville schools. These defibrillators are designed to be used by people with no formal defibrillator training or experience. The grant also paid for water and rope rescue equipment. The Fireman’s Fund grant was sponsored by Van Maroevich and MOC Insurance Services from San Francisco. Through the sales of Fireman’s Fund Insurance Mr. Maroevich has chosen the Geyserville Fire Department to receive the grant money. Thank you Mr. Maroevich!



Chief Paul Pigoni receives a Check from Mr. Van Maroevich

For more info about Fireman’s Fund Grant program: [www.firemansfund.com/heritage](http://www.firemansfund.com/heritage)

MOC Insurance: [www.mocins.com](http://www.mocins.com)

Geyserville Fire: [www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com)

### PHOTOS OF RESCUE ENGINE 6180



### FIRE SEASON COMING QUICKLY!

As summer approaches and the weather becomes warmer and drier, we are faced with our annual wildfire season. People always ask if it’s going to be a bad fire season, based on rainfall. The answer: it will be a bad fire season if people let it.

The spread of a fire depends on three things: fuel, weather and topography. Nothing can be done about the weather

or topography, but we can do something about the fuel. Defensible space around a home can be just as good as having a fire engine at your house during a fire. The defensible space laws have recently changed to require up to 100 feet of clearance around your home. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection now known as CAL FIRE has

more information about defensible space and other wildland fire safety information.

On the Internet:

[www.fire.ca.gov/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/)

[www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com)

[www.firesafesonoma.org/](http://www.firesafesonoma.org/)

## FIVE PROMOTED TO FIREFIGHTER!

On January 27, 2011 the Geyserville Fire Department held its annual awards dinner. Congratulations to all those that received their firefighter badges. Tracy Wright,

Andrew Wallace, Alex Bunker, Devin Medrano and Nick Migneron. These firefighters went through the necessary training and probationary period required to

wear this badge. We are looking forward to having these people on the on the Department. Look for them in your community responding to call for service!

## CAN WE FIND YOU?

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 the 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 the address visible from the street or from longer

driveways. If you have an electronic gate, please make sure that it is equipped with a Knox key override so that we can open it in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions pleas call us at 707-857-3535.

## THE 2011 DINNER DANCE

Are you looking for a way to support your fire department by spending an evening enjoying fine wine and food? Come to the 2011 dinner dance on July 23rd! Invite your friends and sweetheart to this outdoor event featuring

live music by the Old Boot Band. Wines donated by numerous local wineries are provided with dinner, and if that's not enough, firefighters will also be staffing a bar with beer and liquor. Prepare yourself for this special com-

munity function held on the lush lawns of Clos du Bois by purchasing tickets beforehand. Tickets cost only \$25, which includes dinner, wine and one drink at the bar. All proceeds stay with the fire department to better serve you.

## GEYSERVILLE FIRE CONTINUES TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

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 [geyservillefire.com](http://geyservillefire.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 in Alexander Valley to serve station 2

## SAVE THESE DATES

Annual  
Dinner Dance  
July 23<sup>th</sup>

Pancake Breakfast  
And Fall Colors  
October 30<sup>th</sup>

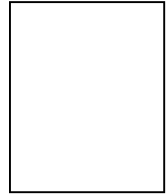
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DEPARTMENT!

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We have also joined the Social Network community and we are on Facebook.  
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