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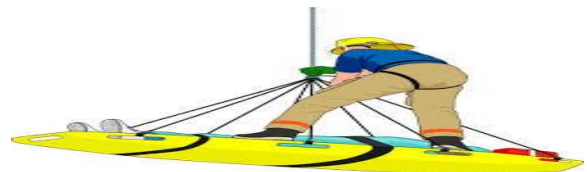
- March 4 SCBA Training. All Battalions at Station 64, 1900 hours
- March 18 CMF. All Battalions. 1830 hours. Search Techniques, Confidence Course, Ventilation Evolutions and Ladders. NO BLUE JEANS

Training and Drill Schedule Subject to Change

Mandatory – ONLINE DRILL

- Jan-Feb Bloodborne Pathogens
Anti- Harassment Training
- Feb-March HAZMAT First Responder/ ERG
- March-May Wildland Safety Refresher/ ICS

Any questions on training, please contact: Battalion 69, Jason Keune at VFPD desk 707-230-6175 or email jason.keune@vfpd.net



The Search and Rescue Team is made up from active members of the District. The purpose of the Team is to search for and provide aid to those who are in distress or imminent danger. The Search and Rescue Team meets the last Wednesday of each month. Training times and locations change so pay attention to pager tests for updated information. Any questions, please contact Captain Mark Hesel via email at mark.hesel@vfpd.net See Events for this month's drill and training.



Vacaville Volunteer Firemen's Association

The VVFA is made up from active members of the District. The object of the Association shall be community service and to promote a fellowship and social program amongst and for the Vacaville Fire Protection District personnel, their families, and the community. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month. If you are not a member, please attend a meeting so you can see what we are about.

April Association Meeting

The Vacaville Volunteer Firemen's Association will meet for our Quarterly Dinner meeting at 1900 hours. Rick Kuntz is in charge of the dinner committee. Please see him to assist in meal preparations and locations.

Change in Leadership Roles

Mark Helsel has moved into the role of President. Congratulations Mark. There was a Special Election held at the February meeting to nominate and vote for a replacement Vice President. Congratulations Justin Harrison and thank you for stepping up.

Solano County Firemen's Association

**EVENTS
Upcoming**

Suisun District will host the Solano County Fireman's Association, Quarterly Dinner meeting at Suisun District Station 33 on April 19th. Solano County Dispatch is assisting with Raffle and Bar. Any donations and help would be appreciated. Contact Jessica Abbott at jessicaabbott.911@gmail.com with any help or donations you can provide.



**EVENTS
Past**

AWARDS



The Annual Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, February 3rd at Station 65. Vasquez Deli again provided dinner. Several awards were given. Thank you to the Administrative Staff who have been working hard to catch up on past awards and recognitions. There are still more to come. Congratulations to Mark Helsel for earning Firefighter Of The Year.

BUCK STEW



The Vacaville Fire Protection District once again held the Annual Buck Stew. This is an annual event, hosted by the Vacaville District to thank the community, businesses, citizens, and families who supports us. Approximately 80 members of the community came to share in camaraderie. There were about 20-25 District personnel throughout the day and evening who helped prepare and serve. Thank you to all who attended and helped.

**EVENTS
Present**

PROMOTIONS

Phil Jones has been promoted to Division 64, PIO (Public Information Officer) and Communications Officer.

Chris Garcia has returned and promoted to Battalion 68. Welcome back.

Mike Duggan, Battalion 67 is now also covering Battalion 65 until further notice.

Jason Keune has been promoted from Paid Captain, Training Officer to Paid Battalion Chief, Training Officer, Battalion 69.

Congratulations to you all.

EVENTS Upcoming

Rotary Dinner, A Night of Honor

The Rotary Club Awards Dinner, A Night of Honor for Solano County Firefighters will be March 15th. Please contact Deputy Chief David Kuntz to verify details and available seating if you wish to attend. This will be to honor Mark Helsel and other Solano County Firefighter Of The Year recipients.

Travis AFB, Air Show



Travis AFB Air Show will be Friday March 15th through Sunday March 17th. Travis has asked Vacaville District to provide a Type 5 apparatus with 3 personnel for each day. Sign up will be posted at Station 64. Contact information available through Battalion 64, Rick Brumm at rick.brum@vfpd.net or cell phone 707-718-7943

SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING

The Search and Rescue Team will meet at Station 68 on Wednesday March 27th at 1830 hours. They will be performing Practical Low Angle Training for locate and retrieval of a victim. ALL are encouraged to attend. You do not have to be a Team Member to attend these training drills.

SPRING FORWARD

Set Clocks Forward on March 10th. At 0200 advance clocks to 0300. Lose 1 hour of sleep.



WEBSITE

The Vacaville Fire Protection District Website, vfpd.net, is up and running and is being updated regularly. There are links to video's, photos, public information and dates to remember.

Applications for Volunteer Firefighter are now available through the website only. Spread the word if you know someone interested in volunteering.

Navigating the Website:

- Step 1) Look for your search bar on the internet.
 - Step 2) Type vfpd.net into the search bar and hit Enter
 - Step 3) Scroll up or down to find a category of interest.
 - Step 4) Put your mouse or cursor over that category and press enter.
- That subject will then be displayed.

Reminders!

- Securing stations/vehicle – before leaving for the night, all doors are to be locked and all vehicles shall be properly secured.
- The District Equipment storage area is provided for your gear and only the assigned member should be in the assigned area. Do not borrow any equipment from the assigned storage area.
- Fuel (top off), clean, and lock up units upon returning to stations after meetings, incidents, Duty Officer Assignment, etc. Take time to fill out the gas log neatly and completely.
- Station cleaning – it shall be the responsibility of all members to assist in keeping their assigned station clean.
- Ensure ALL personnel are using Active 911
- **Fire Reports: Always assign someone as the "Reporting Officer."** All reports must be completed in ESO and turned in by noon the day after the incident. If the incident is cancelled, a report must still be submitted. **Please do not put any times on the Incident Report**, those are put in by administration.

"New Recruit Binders" should be checked off and signed. Make sure to get them turned in within the allotted time frame. This is a requirement. See your FTO with any questions.





Upcoming Dates to Remember

- March 4 DRILL, 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64
- March 5 ELECTION DAY
- March 10 Daylight Savings. Spring Forward
- March 10 Physical Agility, 0900 at Station 64
- March 15 Rotary Club Awards Dinner
- March 15-17 Travis AFB Air Show
- March 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- March 18 DRILL, 1830 Hours at CMF. ALL Battalions.
- March 19 Directors Meeting, 1900 hours at Station 64
- April 1 DRILL, 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64
- April 8 Vacaville Volunteer Fireman's Association Quarterly Dinner. Place and time to be determined.
- April 15 TAX DAY
- April 15 DRILL, 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64. Subject to Change
- April 19 Solano County Fireman's Association Quarterly dinner. Suisun Station 33
- May 6 DRILL, 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64. Subject to Change
- May 13 Vacaville Volunteer Fireman's Association meeting
- May 20 DRILL, 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64. Subject to Change
- May 25 Fiesta Days and Parade
- May 27 Memorial Day



Do you have a fire related item you want to sell? With approval you may post your item here. Please send photos of your items with pricing to Jon Nelson, to be added to the Monitor. jdskratchn@aol.com or text to 707-628-4543

\$\$\$\$ District T-Shirt Flash Sale \$\$\$\$

The Vacaville Volunteer Fireman's Association is liquidating!! The new design has been approved and new shirts will be ordered for stock once the old design is depleted..

ALL T-shirts, ANY SIZE in stock are on sale for \$10. White, Blue, Front/Back and Front only. ALL \$10. All remaining belt buckles are \$8. Work Shirts are \$50. Sweatshirts are \$15. Mesh- snap back hats are \$5. And more..... Contact Chaplain Robert Duvall at 707-685-5341

MESSAGES FROM YOUR EDITOR



If you have anything you would like printed in the next Monitor; please:

- drop it off at Station 64 with Shilo Moore or
- send Email to Jon Nelson at jdskratchn@aol.com or text to 707-628-4543

Please have information to us prior to the 20th of the month. Thank you.

