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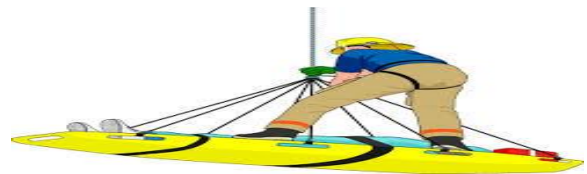
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| Feb 5 | Structure Gear/ SCBA inspections and donning. All Battalions at 64 |
| Feb 19 | President's Day. NO DRILL |
| March 4 | Pump Operations. Hand & small motor tools. All Battalions at 64 |
| March 18 | 1830, at CMF. Search Techniques, Confidence Course, Ventilation Evolutions, Ladders. All Battalions at CMF. No Blue Jeans |

Training and Drill Schedule Subject to Change

Mandatory – ONLINE DRILL

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| Jan-Feb | Bloodborne Pathogens
Anti- Harassment Training |
| Feb-Mar | HAZMAT First Responder/ ERG |

Any questions on training, please contact:
Captain 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 Helsel via email at mark.helsel@vfpd.net



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.

January Association Meeting

The Vacaville Volunteer Firemen's Association met for our Annual Crab, Clams and Lasagna Dinner Meeting January 8th. The food was great and everyone had a good time.

Change in Leadership Roles

Bryan Fay has resigned from Vacaville District, thus removing himself from the role of President of the Association. Mark Helsel has moved into the role of President. Congratulations Mark. There will be a Special Election held at the February meeting to nominate and vote for a replacement Vice President. Please remember to wear proper uniform or attire if you do not have a Class A uniform.

Solano County Firemen's Association

Suisun City Retirees hosted the January Dinner Meeting at Vacaville Fire District Station 65 in Elmira on Friday January 19th. There were many representing each District and Department. The food was excellent, and the raffle prizes were worth it. The County Dinner is held every 3 months or quarterly. Solano County Dispatchers will be hosting in April. ALL District personnel are encouraged to come and enjoy the camaraderie between departments. At January's dinner meeting, Jon Nelson, Tim Walton and Eric Ceremony were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Solano County Fireman's Association. Thank you all for your dedication to your Department, the County and the citizens you served to protect.



EVENTS

Past

January showed some changes in the District. Dennis Fogleman stepped down from Interim Chief, resigning from the District. Dennis worked very hard to sort out and re-align the department after Chief Wood retired. Thank you, Dennis for all your hard work and efforts. Also Resigning from the District was Battalion 64, Bryan Fay and Battalion 65 Bobby Arndt. Thank you both for your time in the District.

EVENTS

Present

Deputy Chief David Kuntz is now the new Interim Chief. Rick Brumm was also promoted to Battalion 64. Congratulations to you both.

EVENTS

Upcoming



The Annual Awards Dinner DATE and LOCATION have been changed this year to accommodate ADA compliance. This event will now be held the following Saturday, February 3rd at Station 65. This is Formal. Class A uniforms should be worn. Class B uniform with tie or casual shirt and tie if you don't have a Class A uniform. Social begins at 1730 with dinner at 1800. Awards presentation and video to follow. Vasquez Deli will be providing dinner. Please contact Garrett Ceremony if you have photos for the video. Garrett can be reached via email at garrett.ceremony@vfpd.net.

EVENTS

Upcoming

BUCK STEW

The Vacaville Fire Protection District will once again host the Annual Buck Stew. This is an event to thank the community, businesses and citizens who supports us. This is a Mandatory work event for ALL District personnel. Any Retirees are welcome to assist as well. Morning work begins at 0800 at Station 65 to set up and prep for the stew. Cooking crew please contact Battalion 68 Phil Jones for info. Evening work begins approximately 1600 to finalize set up and prepare for serving. ALL personnel will serve the food and assist with clean up afterwards. Dinner will be at 1800 hours. Come hungry!!



WEBSITE

vfpd.net

The Vacaville Fire Protection District Website is up and running and is being updated regularly. There are links to video's, photos, and public information like types of allowable burns, types of burn permits and their differences. Dates to remember will be posted as well.

Department approved clothing items will soon be available to order through the website only. Applications 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

- Feb 3 Annual Awards Dinner, Formal Social at 1730 Dinner at 1800
- Feb 5 DRILL 1900 hours ALL Battalions at Station 64
- Feb 12 VVFA Meeting 1900 Hours at Sta 64
- Feb 14 Valentines Day
- Feb 19 Presidents Day NO Drill
- Feb 19 President's Day. Station Closed, No employed personnel on duty.
- Mar 4 DRILL 1900 Hours ALL Battalions at Station 64
- Mar 5 ELECTION DAY
- Mar 18 DRILL 1830 Hours at CMF. ALL Battalions.
- Mar 19 Directors Meeting 1900 hours at Station 64



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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 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. Once depleted, District approved clothing can be ordered through the website only.

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

As January 2024, the monitor will be available only through a link on the Vacaville Fire Protection District website. vfpd.net



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.