

2012 Call Stats

Last year the FVFD responded to 172 calls.		
117	Medical	(68%)
18	Misc Fires	(10%)
14	Public Assist	(8%)
10	Vegetation Fires	(6%)
9	Structure Fires	(5%)
4	Hazardous Conditions	(3%)

Prior Stats

2011	175
2010	176
2009	173
2008	151



CURRENT MEMBERS

Chief Tom Grinsell - Northwood Chevrolet
Asst. Chief Daniel DelBiaggio - DelBiaggio Dairy
Asst. Chief Jerry Lema - Tipple Motors

COMPANY 1

Don Bowen, Capt. - Self employed Painter
Andy Titus, Lt. - Fern Valle Farms
 Marc Daniels - *Mind's Eye Manufactory*
 Matt Knowles - *Aesthetic Design & Photography*
 Ralph Lopez - *Humboldt Redwood Company*
 Adam Pillar - *Home Health Care Provider*
 John Snyder - *DC3 Entertainment*

COMPANY 3

Jif D'Aguanno, Capt. - D'Aguanno Masonry
Josh Adams, Lt. - Ayers Distributing
 Dennis DelBiaggio - *DCI Builders*
 Tom Ford - *Retired, City Ambulance*
 Byran McWaters - *Dine Art*
 John Müller - *County of Humboldt*
 Brian Morrison - *Cal Fire*
 Terry O'Reilly - *Whitchurch Engineering*

COMPANY 2

Daniel DelBiaggio, Capt. - DelBiaggio Dairy
Shane McKay Lt. - McKay's Collision Repair
 Leo Basler - *County of Humboldt*
 Tyson Boynton - *Entrance Art*
 Dustin DelBiaggio - *DCI Builders*
 Travis Grinsell - *Albin Livestock*
 Jason Queen - *Sierra Pacific Industries*
 Jack Smith - *Retired, Valley Grocery*
 Josh Smith - *DCI Builders*
 Mike Thomas - *College of the Redwoods*

COMPANY 4

Rick Nicholson, Capt. - Nicholson Dairy
Becca Ackley, Lt. - Stay at home mom
 Paul Diaz - *City of Ferndale*
 Troy Land - *Valley Lumber*
 Becca Robison - *Nilsen Company*

PROBATIONARY

Clint Michel - *Humboldt Creamery*

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Mike Ring, Gerald Austin, Kevin Frey, Bill Klatt, Lee Tomasini



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FERNDALE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 485 • Ferndale, CA 95536

Non Emergency Phone: 786-9909

*The most westerly fire department in
the contiguous United States.*



Why do we do an Annual Fund Drive?

The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department conducts an annual fund raising drive starting in April every year to supplement our training, Fire Hall equipment, company gear, and fire department activities. We go door-to-door for several reasons: It allows us to make personal contact with people in our community, be able to identify special situations (children, elderly, disabled, etc.), to answer any and all of your questions, check and maintain your smoke detectors, and discuss fire safety.

Furthermore the annual drive allows the FVFD the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with access and note potential hazards that may be present if our assistance were ever needed at your location. We will make one attempt to visit your home. If we miss you and you would like us to stop by again, please call 786-9909 and leave a message. We will respond ASAP.

www.ferndalefire.org

What We Do

The FVFD responds to a variety of calls, including fires, medicals, vehical accidents, lift assists, gas leaks, downed power lines and much more. We hold a regular meeting on the first Thursday of the month, and drills are held on the third and fifth Thursdays.

- Every 4th of July we offer fire engine rides for kids of all ages before the parade.
- We provide fire safety classes at the elementary school during fire safety week.
- We put up and take down the lights on the town Christmas tree.
- We offer a scholarship to graduating seniors at Ferndale High.
- Twice yearly we host a blood drive at the fire hall with a a free dinner provided to all donors.

2012 Firefighter of the Year

In 1979 Jack Smith was the first recipient of the FVFD Fire Fighter of the Year award. 34 years later, he was honored with this award again. With 36 years of service to the department, Jack has dedicated more years of service than any other active member. He has served two terms as our chief, for a combined total of 13 years.

He has been a prominent face and voice of the department. He's helped complete many projects, and after his recent retirement from Valley Grocery, he's spent many hours helping remodel the hall, and played a big part in the construction of the new siren stand.

Thanks Jack, for everything you've done and continue to do.



Safety Information

A few simple steps can help keep you, your family, and your home safe in the event of an emergency.

Keep Your Address Visible

It is all too common that we have a difficult time locating a house because we cannot see the address. Please ensure that your address is clearly visible day and night.

Medical Information

We encourage you to take a few minute and write down any medical history, medications, or any allergies you may have. Having this information ready will help us serve you more efficiently during an emergency.

Have a Plan

Discuss an emergency plan to get out of the structure and a meeting place outside. Maintain fire extinguishers in the your kitchen, garage and any other room where there is high fire danger. Talk to your family about matches, candles and other fire dangers.

Clean Chimneys

Chimney fire are very common for the FVFD. It is important to clean your chimney annually to help prevent fires.

Smoke Detectors

Ensure you have working smoke detectors and batteries in your house. If you need help installing smoke detectors or batteries, call the FVFD and we will be happy to help.

Safely Discard Ashes

This is another common call for the FVFD. Ashes can contain embers that might be hot enough to ignite nearby combustibles. Please dispose of all ashes in a metal container with a lid, and remove them far away from anything combustible.

Useful Web Site Links

Fire Safety for Kids - <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/>

Fire Safety - <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/>

Earthquake & Tsunami Safety - <http://humboldt.edu/shakyground/>

Earthquake Safety Plan Checklist - <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/earthquake>

Flood Safety - <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood>

Fernbridge Web Cam & Water Level - <http://ca.water.usgs.gov/webcams/fernbridge/>

Humboldt County Scanner Frequencies - <http://harrymarnell.net/humbfreq.htm>