

# **FERNDALE**

## **Volunteer**

### **Fire Department**



## **Annual Drive**

### **2010**

#### **Why an Annual Fund Drive?**

We conduct 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 occupants/families in the our fire district, note special needs (children, elderly, etc), to answer questions, check smoke detectors, and/or discuss fire safety. In addition, it provides an opportunity to review/familiarize ourselves with access, properties, and note hazards that might effect an emergency response. We will make one attempt to visit your home, if we miss you and you would like us to stop by again please leave a message at the FVFD 786-9909. We will respond ASAP.

## Who are we?

The FVFD has been an integral part of the community for over 110 years and with such a long history there are literally hundreds of past members and thousands of family members that have provided support. Some folks have just moved to town and some have had generations of families involved for decades. As a matter of fact we have two members that are fourth generation FVFD members!!



We are people that you see around our community every day. You may notice us when the fire siren blows, we're the ones who jump up from a meal at the restaurant, or run from the local businesses and drive down main street with our hazard lights flashing. We may be gone ten minutes for a public assist, many hours at a structure fire, or even day or two with a mutual aid call to cover another fire district's station. What you don't see are all the families and friends that support us while we are responding. THANK YOU to all those who support our absence while we respond! And a special thanks to our retired members who continue to help with guidance, radio support, fire scene assistance and good cheer.

## What does FVFD we do?

FVFD responds to all of our community's emergencies, 24/7. It could be a medical call, an auto accident, Main Street post earthquake, structure fire, etc. Following a call, we return to the fire hall and re-stock/organize our emergency vehicles so they are ready to roll. We hold monthly meetings and training drills to improve our skills, maintain our equipment, and keep the department running smoothly.



## What else do we do?

In addition to emergency calls, FVFD conducts fire extinguisher clinics with business owners, put up and take down the Ferndale Christmas Tree lights at the end of Francis St, review fire safety to our youth (Children's Center, Ferndale Elementary and the High School), and we provide a grant to our youth whom aspire to become public servants. We host blood drives and maintain a blood bank account for the community. We also really enjoy giving kids, and adults, of all ages rides on the fire trucks on the Fourth of July!!

## News!

### New FVFD Apparatus Garage - Open House

Some of you may recall last year's purchase of a new (to us) water tender truck, well this year it is finally getting a roof! The old Nilsen hardware store (backside) has been torn down and a new garage has been built across the street from the existing Fire Hall. This new expansive building will allow us the space required to house modern sized apparatus and better serve our community.

A big thanks to: the Ferndale Fire Protection District, Ferndale Fire Dept, Grants, and Donations (for funding), DCI builders, the Building Committee and all that made this possible. PLEASE JOIN US for an OPEN HOUSE, Saturday May 22, 10am-4pm for free refreshments, and equipment viewing.



## New Vehicle Designation Numbers

For those of you fond of listening to the scanner or noticed the new 4 digit numbers on all our equipment, we have adopted a state wide vehicle number system. This is to help identify our vehicles properly in mutual aid calls, which are out of Ferndale's Fire District. For example: Engine 3 is now Engine 7323. The first two digits (73xx) refers to Ferndale Fire Dept. The third digit is the type of vehicle: personnel carrier, tender, etc (xx2x - Engine with room for 3 firefighters) and finally our engine number/unit identifier (xxx3 in this case).

## Full House!

A couple years ago we were getting a bit concerned regarding membership numbers. With a change in the acceptance age, more recruiting, and better training we have brought our current membership up to 45 members! We welcome a fine new group of 7 members this year, and 3 probationary. They have volunteered and undergone extensive training, almost every Thursday night for six months, in order to be ready to assist our community. Great job! Please note asterisks next to their names in the "Members" area on the back page.

## Disaster Plan Contact List- How can you help?

We are currently working on a revised disaster plan for the Ferndale Fire District. Any residents who have medical training, heavy equipment, fuel storage, water storage, contractors/carpenters, electricians, or any other applicable training/resources that they would like to volunteer in the event of a major catastrophe, please call the fire hall and leave your name and number, or e-mail [bmcwaters@ferndalefire.org](mailto:bmcwaters@ferndalefire.org) for more info. We will conduct a single group meeting and list your contact info in our fire district

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