

## A Run Down of what our Firefighters do when they are not a Firefighter:

- 8 Members are self-employed
- 7 Members own their own business
- 5 Members work in the dairy industry
- 3 Members work in health care
- 2 Members work in education and government
- 2 Members work in public safety
- 12 Members are employed in various fields

### Call Totals for 2010: 179 total calls

Medical Calls.	130	Fires	31
Traffic Collisions.	4	Hazardous Materials.	7
Misc Calls.	7		

### Current Members:

**Chief:** Tom Grnsell

**Assistant Chiefs:** Don Bowen, Dennis DelBiaggio

#### Company One:

Matt Knowles, Capt.  
Andy Titus, Lt.  
Adam Pillar  
John Snyder  
Mark Daniels  
Randy Lorenzo  
Nick Twilight  
Blake Nilsen  
Shane McKay

#### Company Two:

Travis Grnsell, Capt.  
Damel DelBiaggio, Lt.  
Josh Smith  
Jason Queen  
Jack Smith  
Jerry Lema  
Tyson Boynton  
Daniel DelBiaggio  
Mike Thomas  
Leo Basler

#### Company Three:

Byran McWaters, Capt.  
Jif D'Aguanno, Lt.  
John Miller  
Doug Brown  
Brett Boynton  
Tom Ford  
Terry O'Reilly  
Brian Morrison  
Mike Ferguson  
Josh Adams

#### Company Four:

Rick Nicholson, Capt.  
Sabrina Kinsey, Lt.  
Becca Ackley  
Troy Land  
Will Scott  
Manual Enos

#### Probationary:

Bart Overson

#### Fire Commissioners:

Lee Tomasni  
Bill Klatt  
Jerry Austin  
Kevin Frye  
Mike Ring



# Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department

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*The Most Westerly Fire Department In The United States*



### Why we do the Annual Fund Drive:

The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department is made up of just that: volunteers. We conduct the annual fund drive in April to help pay for our ongoing training, the upkeep on the fire hall, all the equipment and gear, and the fire department activities. We go from house to house every year to stay in contact with the people in our community. It gives us a chance to introduce ourselves, be able to identify special situations (children, elderly, etc.), to check smoke detectors, and answer any and all of your questions. Plus it allows the FVFD the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with access and potential hazards if our assistance were to ever be needed at your house.

## Who we are

The Ferndale Fire Department is made up of 39 men and women that want to help our community. You can see us just about everywhere, but are most noticed when the siren blows. We are the ones running down Main Street, leaving our shopping cart full of groceries, or driving down Main Street with our hazard lights on to respond to the call.



## What else we do

The FVFD not only responds to emergency calls day and night, we also teach fire safety to our Ferndale youth from preschool age to high school seniors. Ferndale Fire also sponsors two blood drives a year to maintain an account with the blood bank for our community. The firefighters put up and take down the town Christmas tree lights, and we also sponsor a scholarship to a graduating high school senior.

## Fire Fighter of the Year

Every year there is an award for the firefighter of the year. This year the award went to John Miller. John joined the department in 2004 and has worked hard since joining our department. John has been an officer in Co 3, got his license to be able to drive the engines and tenders, and became a certified EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). John also was a big part in obtaining a grant to get new turnouts for our fire fighters. Congratulations John!



## News

Recently the Duracell Battery Company started a new program to help volunteer fire departments. If you buy specially marked packages of Duracell batteries and enter the barcode online at their website, the Duracell Battery Company will donate batteries back to our fire department. This is beneficial because much of our equipment is battery powered. Please look for those special packages of Duracell batteries and enter the barcode online.

The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite everyone to our open house at the fire hall on May 21, 2011 at 11:00am. At the open house there will be equipment available for viewing, refreshments and new this year we will be conducting a mini muster for the children.

We would like to stress the importance of having your address clearly marked so we can locate your house quickly and efficiently in case of an emergency. Along with having your address clearly marked we would also like each house to have an emergency plan in the case of a structure fire, natural disaster (such as a flood, earthquake or tsunami). Ferndale Fire would like to bring to your attention the need for a burn permit to do any outdoor burning, to get more information or to apply for a burn permit please go to North Coast Unified Air Quality Management website at [www.ncuaqmd.com](http://www.ncuaqmd.com).



## A Special Thanks

The Ferndale Fire Department would like to take the time to thank all the supporters of our firefighters, the friends, families and community members. We would also like to thank all the retired members who continue to help us with their guidance and support. A big thanks to the Ferndale Rotary for the donation of two AED's (Automatic External Defibrillator). Special thank you to our anonymous donors for the new flag pole and gold leaf lettering on the new apparatus garage, in addition we would like to thank the Ferndale Enterprise who donated the shipping of our new flag pole.