

2013 Call Stats

Last year the FVFD responded to 266 calls.

160	Medical	(60%)
13	Structure Fires	(5%)
6	Vegetation Fires	(2%)
19	Misc Fires	(7%)
12	Traffic Accidents	(5%)
35	Public Assist	(13%)
10	Hazardous Conditions	(4%)
11	Misc & False Alarms	(4%)

Prior Stats

2012	172
2011	175
2010	176
2009	173
2008	151



CURRENT MEMBERS

Chief Dennis DelBiaggio - DCI Builders

Asst. Chief Daniel DelBiaggio - DelBiaggio Dairy

Asst. Chief Jerry Lema - Tipple Motors

COMPANY 1

Don Bowen, Capt. - Self employed Painter
Marc Daniels - Mind's Eye Manufactory
Matt Knowles - Aesthetic Design & Photography
Ralph Lopez - Humboldt Redwood Company
Clint Michel - Humboldt Creamery
John Snyder - DC3 Entertainment

COMPANY 3

Jif D'Aguanno, Capt. - D'Aguanno Masonry
Josh Adams, Lt. - Ayers Distributing
Mike Ferguson - Contractor
Byran McWaters - Dine Art
John Miller - County of Humboldt
Brian Morrison - Retired, CalFire
Terry O'Reilly - Whitchurch Engineering
Andy Titus - Fern Valle Farms

PROBATIONARY

Alexandra Frye - D'Aguanno Masonry
Annie Kimball - Self Employed Bookkeeper

COMPANY 2

Daniel DelBiaggio, Capt. - DelBiaggio Dairy
Shane McKay Lt. - McKay's Collision Repair
Tyson Boynton - Lost Coast Brewery
Dustin DelBiaggio - DCI Builders
Francis Enos - The Farm Shop
Tom Grinsell - Northwood Chevrolet
Jack Smith - Retired, Valley Grocery
Josh Smith - DCI Builders

COMPANY 4

Rick Nicholson, Capt. - Nicholson Dairy
Becca Hartman, Lt. - Becky's Bunny Ranch
Paul Diaz - Brinks
Troy Land - Valley Lumber
Becca Robison - Nilsen Company

EXPLORERS

Madilyn Adams
Mallery Adams
Allison Barnwell
Cortney Reavis

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Lee Tomasini, Bill Becker, Tom Ford, George Nichols, Jack Smith



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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 note access issues and 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, vehicle 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 second, 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 free dinner provided to all donors.
- This year we started a new Explorers program, for students aged 14-18 years that have an interest in learning about the fire department.

We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested please attend one of our first Thursday meetings at the fire hall at 7pm, or contact any of our members.

History Website

Added to our website this year is a history section where we will be posting photos and old minutes from the FVFD archives. Take a look at www.ferndalefire.org and help us identify the who, what, where and why in these blasts from the past. If you have photos you would like to add, please contact us and we'll get them scanned.

2014 Firefighter of the Year

Rick Nicholson was honored as the Firefighter of the year at the 2014 annual dinner. In addition to being Capt. of Co. 4 and current EMT, Rick is also a member of the Eel River Valley Technical Rescue Team, and has been active in training new recruits with the Eel River Valley Fire Academy.



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

Retired this Year

Tom Ford	Co#3	1977-2013	36 years
Leo Basler	Co#2	1991-2013	22 years
Jason Queen	Co#2	1998-2013	15 years
Mike Thomas	Co#2	2000-2013	13 years
Travis Grinsell	Co#2	2004-2014	10 years
Total			96 years

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. Starting this year, FVFD will be providing reflective address signs for homes in the country. If we didn't make contact during the annual drive and you would like an address sign, please call us to arrange a visit.

Medical Information

We encourage you to take a few minutes 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 fires 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/>



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