

Notes from Chief's Desk

Here we are preparing for another Independence Day celebration. So far it has been a cool and moist spring but that is about to change. It appears that summer is slowly arriving. This will have us in wildfire season in a short time. Now is a good time to go through your gear and make sure you have the PPE needed for wildfire.

The new Aerial A3043 will have manufacturer supplied training July 14, 15, & 16. Thursday the 14th is dedicated to maintenance of the apparatus. The 15th and 16th will be for user training with both evening and Saturday events to accommodate most volunteers that want to be checked off as driver/operators. This is an exciting time to be trusted with a new piece of equipment. All firefighters should attend the factory provided training.

Electric Vehicles are a common sight these days. Sales are increasing which adds to the odds we will encounter one either on fire or traffic incident. These vehicles have new safety considerations for emergency responders. NVFC has partnered with General Motors to provide Awareness level virtual training. The goal is to give crews the knowledge, tools and resources to safely respond to incidents involving electric and hybrid vehicles.
<https://virtualclassroom.nvfc.org>

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Let me begin that admittedly, I am going to sound like "that guy", now hear me out. Have you noticed how much fuel load we have due to above average rainfall this Spring? Just look at the Cheatgrass and weeds growing prolifically along the roadways. See how lush and green our surrounding hills are: Beazley Hills, the Colockum, Frenchman Hills and nearly everywhere you look. For the wizened firefighter, you immediately see this as "fuel load". Combine this year's fuel load with the less than an active fire season the last few years, and we have the making of a tremendous fire season. In addition, have you heard about the lack of state mobe resources? We could be on our own for extended periods of time with limited resources coming to help. Let's not be "that guy", who goes around spreading doomsday stories, instead, step up and be "THAT GUY", who is prepared for what could be coming. Standing Firefighting Order #10 "Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first." This includes being prepared for extended periods of time on the fire line, along with keeping your head on a swivel and watching out for the safety of others, especially the new guys. Work as a team, be professional, keep safety at the forefront of your mind. Be "THAT GUY" and we'll tackle this fire season aggressively, getting the job done and we'll all go home safely.

Lt. Michele Talley

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Included with this newsletter are a couple forms that need your attention.

- **VFIS** is an Accident and Sickness insurance for injuries in the line of duty that is paid for by the district for all members. If you have not filled out this form previously or if you would like to update beneficiaries, please fill out this form and return to Department Secretary.
- **Hepatitis B form**- GCFD#3 is required by law to make available the Hepatitis B vaccine to all employees who have occupational exposure. To comply with this requirement, we will offer the vaccination series to all personnel that are eligible to respond to emergency incidents where blood or other contaminated products may be present. We must have either the attached Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination form or the Vaccination Consent form, signed by all employees or individuals of this department. A copy of the form will be retained in your file. Please read the attached information sheet regarding Hepatitis B, complete one of the forms and return to the Department Secretary as soon as possible. If you have already filled this out when you started, you can disregard. However, if you have never filled out this form, please do so immediately.

Birthday Corner

July

Shannon DeGrasse- 5th
Sonia Padron- 6th
Kaleb Smartt- 8th
Gene Reed- 9th
Carmen Weber- 11th
Randy Zolman- 12th
Sue Gabales- 13th
Laura Belino- 20th
Scott Cook- 23rd
Howard VanBaugh- 23rd

August

Travis Kirk- 2nd
Craig Wilson- 3rd
Benjamin Belino- 12th
Arnie Ramirez- 14th
Jason Garrison- 28th



New Members: May/June

- Lisa Mitchel (St. 36)
- Thomas Clifton (St. 36)
- Blake Fuller (St. 36)
- Jonathan Santana (St. 31)
- Kenneth Redburn (St. 32)
- Dirk Dunn (St. 34)
- Mickey Sargent (St. 34)

