



February 2022

WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

What's New



GVFD- it is with great pleasure; we are recognizing **Baxter Robbins** and **Colin Fanning** as our newest probationary firefighters. GVFD received notice on January 20 that they passed their state exam, and they are officially state certified firefighters! Chief Wunder met both the gentlemen at Station 152 to congratulate them for their hard work and their flexibility as they are the first successful candidates of a new hiring concept used by the fire district. These two new firefighters are no longer under any restrictions and are official probationary FFs on their respective crews. **Congratulations** to both Baxter and Colin. We are very proud of you.

Every January the Green Valley Fire District Board receives an annual report on what has happened during the previous year. In 2021, **Fire Corps** visited **1435 residential homes**, installing **1639 new smoke alarms**, replacing **5440 smoke alarm batteries**, installing **663 new emergency lock boxes**, and **115 new hydrant markers**. 325 hours were used towards assisting at Covid-19 vaccine PODs. Fire Corps assisted with 31 different

community outreach events. Below are six members who contributed the most volunteer hours to Fire Corps in 2021.

Fire Corps "Rock Stars" 2021

Putting in over 200 hours

Denny Mart 385	
Bob Budnick 326	
Jim Handley 246	
Karen Rowell 252	
Dick Wheeler 225	
Brian Gooch 212	

Fire Corps Members Making a Difference

Lance was very efficient in cleaning and replacing the batteries on all 6 alarms in our home. I appreciated the information that **Karen** went through with me regarding the lockbox. Thank you for this wonderful service. I want to give a shout out to the Fire Corps who came to change the batteries in my smoke alarms. They actually changed all the smoke alarms as mine were outdated by at least ten years!!! **Dale, Dick, and Vinnie**, worked tirelessly to complete that job and in doing so, found that my smoke alarms do not communicate with one another. The gentlemen examined all the alarms and **Chuck** checked my circuit breaker box to see if they could determine the problem. The competence and determination shown from all four of these volunteers has been wonderful and so gratefully appreciated. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful service available to us in our community. I cannot truly express my gratitude. Thank you to all of you.

Bob and **Rick** were very professional and efficient. They took great care in ladder placement and warnings of testing units. Payment procedure was very convenient and easy. **Susan** and **Anne** were excellent! They were knowledgeable, professional, efficient, friendly, careful to not disrupt. I thank you and feel like they really add to and enhance the GV Fire Dept name, reputation and its operations. **Ken** and **John** went out of their way to get to me early when I had an unexpected appointment scheduled that required me to leave home by noon. **Amy** managed to locate them and send them early. I couldn't ask for better service. Green Valley Fire Department is supreme.



GV Fire Corps Annual 2020

- Total Active Fire Corps Volunteers = 57 (2020 - 64)
- Total Shift Volunteer Hours = 3,844 (2020 - 2,212)
- Total Non-Shift Volunteer Hours = 578 (2020 - 690)
- Lock Box Installs = 667 (2020 - 94)
- Hydrant Markers = 115 (2020 - 14)
- SHiM = 6 (2020 - 17)
- Total Volunteer Hours = 5,210 (2020 hours = 2,337) (2019 = 2,337)
- Total Value of Volunteer Hours * 2021 = \$120,194.00
(2020 Value of Hours = \$ 53,915.00)
- * Based on Arizona Volunteer Hour Value of \$23.07

Chuck and **Bob** were friendly, helpful and delightful gentlemen. They checked the batteries in my smoke detectors. **Chuck** and **Rob** are two of the many friendly, professional and dedicated volunteers we have encountered in our 18+ years living in Green Valley. All of the services provided are handled in the outmost respectful way and we appreciate that. We will continue recommending you to residents and visitors to our great little town.

Carol and **Dick** showed up on time, did a great job replacing our batteries, and were very pleasant. They made sure our cat Molly was out of harms' way. A very good experience. **Carol** and **Dick** are top notch professionals. They changed out all my smoke alarms due to the age of those in place. The work was done in a timely manner. Thanks for a quality job done well! I am sending this evaluation of your department as gratitude for the service we have received over the years and to show our appreciation for the work you do. Our lives are more enriched knowing you are there for us. I speak not only for myself but for many other residents of Quail Creek in saying THANK YOU!!!!!!

Dale and **Rick** were the ones that came over to replace all the smoke alarm batteries. **Dale** and **Rick** were just super and I recall one of them had been a fireman for over 25 years. At any rate, they were very efficient and were done in no time. You have a great team to do these important things for us. Your volunteers reminded us about the program to put a box and key near the front door and a list of meds inside the house on the fridge. Keep up the great work!

Party Time:

Save the date and watch for more information because on March 26, 2022 from 12 – 3 PM we will all be getting together for our annual Fire Corps Luncheon. This will be a time to celebrate each other with each other at the Quail Creek Country Club. More

Steering Committee

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on February 22, 2022 at 2 PM at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters.

Recognition 1000+ hours



Brain Gooch

Birthdays

Anne Birch
Dennis Gose

Larry Kerbergen
Carl Baldwin

Dick Wheeler
Brian Gooch

Terry Balfanz
Chuck Hill



Green Valley Fire Corps
Join the Team at 520/625.9400