



January 2022

WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

What's New

November and December brought on the opportunity to try some new things. We have added a local pop-up table at various businesses which has resulted in new volunteers, contacting more Home Owner Associations, and sharing our programs within the community. Ellen Brancazio, Dick Wheeler, Jim Handley, Karen Furtwangler, Tom Hausam each played a vital role in our December events. During the GVCC Vendor Fair four fire extinguishers donated by the Green Valley Fire Corps were raffled off by the GVCC. The winners were Leah Grant, Tom Berenzy, Renee Smith, and Stacey Smith.



On Thursday, January 20 and January 27, we will set up a recruiting table at the Sahuarita Arts Market in the parking lot of Ross and Big Lots of Duval Mine Road. Our primary goal at this event will be to recruit more field volunteers. The event runs from 10 AM – 3 PM both dates.



Public Notices

As Fire Corps Field members one of the tasks that we perform is the posting of public notices at stations 151, 153, and 155. At stations 151 and 155 the practice for us has been to tape them to the inside of the door widows. You may have noticed recently that on the outside, near the door, there is now a locked message board. We are able to open the



message board door to post new notices and remove the old, the key to the message board may be found in the captain's office hanging from the middle top of the board. Station 153 notices are posted on the bulletin board in the public access area – enter from the north door in the mail/computer room. Make sure this door is locked when you leave.

Watch Out - Defective and Missing

Every now and then a smoke alarm is defective or maybe missing a part. Just this past week, we had a hard-wired alarm that was missing the electronic prongs where the pig tail is plugged in to allow it to run on electric and to communicate with other alarms in the residence. You are most likely to notice this when you are writing the year on the back before you install a new alarm. It is possible for the plastic pig tail to feel like it is connected even if the electronic prongs are missing.

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.

Fire Corps Members Making a Difference

I love how so many compliments come in each week for our members. This is a tribute to each of you not just doing a task but doing it with excellence and to completion. Here are some recent compliments: The telephone switchboard young lady named **Ellen** was very kind, to find a day available, to change the batteries. I rate Ellen 100%. Thanks Miss **Ellen**. The two people who came to change the batteries, **Larry** and **Ken** were very good. **Ken** and **Larry** came to replace the smoke alarm batteries, as scheduled they were very polite, efficient, and they were in and out in great time. We have nine-foot ceilings, so I feel it was a chore for them to handle all eight of our smoke alarms, but they were great! We always feel better once the batteries are replaced and we know we have no problems. They checked the dates to make sure the alarms were operable. We truly appreciate all your volunteers that help make Green Valley such a wonderful and safe place to live for us seniors. Thank you for providing this service. The gentlemen **John**

and **Steve** were professional and courteous. They called before they came and arrived right on time. Appreciate the services of **John** and **Steve** who replaced the batteries in all of my smoke alarms today. As volunteers they were friendly, prepared and skilled in doing this job. As an elderly person, I am very grateful. **Lance** and **Dick** changed out all six smoke detectors because of their age. They were done before I could have changed one. The guys were great. Thank you for having this program for us old folks. Really appreciate it. **Steve** and **John** installed out smoke detectors. They were fast, professional and friendly. Today **Bonnie** and **Brian** came out to change batteries on 7 smoke detectors. They were both friendly, knowledgeable and efficient. Thank you for this terrific service that you provide. The boys **Dale**, **Dick**, and **Vinny** who came to my house were wonderful and did an excellent job.

Steering Committee

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on January 25, 2022 at 2 PM at the Green Valley Fire District conference room. **Note the room change.**

Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome **Vincent “Vinny” Capizzano** to the Field Crew. He will be riding with Chuck Hill on Fridays in the month of January. When Vinny isn't in Green Valley, you will probably find him at the Westerly Fire Department in Rhode Island. He and his wife, Cindy plan on being in our area from October through May. Prior to retirement, he worked 39 years with General Dynamics.

In February, you may see some opportunities to work on some Saturdays. We are currently discussing the possibility of teaming up on a few dates with airmen from the 79th Rescue Squadron from Davis Monthan AFB. Watch for more information toward the end of January.

Departures



John Lewis volunteered with Fire Corps for a couple years prior to Covid. Now that we are up and running, John is relocating to beautiful but cold Show Low Arizona. Thank you John for your service to the Green Valley Fire District Fire Corps.

Others departing include:
Fire Corps Field Member Ed Zoretic

Recognition 500+ hours



Dale Sonnenberg



Larry Kersbergen



Jim Handley

Birthdays

Marty Skeldon
Kathleen Stadum

Denny Mart
Rich Phillips

Martin Brinkman
Jan Misner

Clem Goewert
Emmet McGuire



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