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WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?



Mitch Greenberg, George Johnson, and Steve Dreier look on as Valley Fire Dispatch receives calls for service. Join us for our next Fire Corps Tour in January.

Save the Dates:

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| November 7 | 9 AM – 1 PM KGYY Boomer Fair Desert Hills Lutheran Church |
| November 8 | 10 AM – Noon Volunteer Showcase at GVR West Center |
| November 15 | 10 AM SHiM Training at Valley Assistance Services |
| December 8 | 10 AM – Noon Smoke Alarm Trouble-Shooting - GVFD HQ |
| December 19 | 3 PM - Gas Light Theatre \$28 each ticket. See Kevin for tickets. |
| January 10 | 9 AM – Tour of Valley Communications Center Tucson meet at GVFD HQ and carpool. |



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Fire Corps Making a Difference:



Mitch and **Kathleen** were both very pleasant and responsive to our queries. They completed changing of smoke alarms very efficiently. **Dave** and **Bill** were very professional. **Steve** and **Rick** were in and out of our house in no time. They knew what they were doing and did it well. I am grateful for their assistance. I am happy to see them every time they come. **Rick** and **Steve** were on time, experienced and friendly. **Tim** and **Steve** were friendly, fast, and efficient. **Dan** and **Mark** were friendly and professional. A terrific agency with great people that has served me and the entire community well over the years. The Fire Corp volunteers are a great bunch of people that deserve recognition and respect for their time and efforts given to this community. I have never experienced a fire department as involved in the community as much as GVFD. We were extremely impressed with **Bill** and **Kathleen's** visit to our home. They were extremely professional and explained everything they were doing concerning our smoke alarm devices. We are very grateful to **Bill** and **Kathleen** and this service which is provided to our community! Thank you so very much! Both **Carol** and **Clem** were knowledgeable, friendly, and professional. Great service. **Dave** and **Bill** were congenial, quick, and informative. **Dan** and **Tom** were very professional and friendly. They seem to enjoy what they were doing and giving back to the public. **Clem** and **Dan** did an excellent job replacing our smoke detectors. Will highly recommend this service to friends and neighbors. **Clem** and **Dan** were informative, expert, and quick. These men are awesome. What a great service! **Clem** and **Daniel** were friendly and polite. Cannot ask for any better service. **Steve** and **Bill** went above and beyond. They installed one new fire alarm in the bedroom. **Steve** and **Daniel** couldn't have been nicer. They worked quickly and were very friendly and informative. We are so thankful for this service which we cannot perform ourselves anymore. What a great place to live in GV. Thank you for all your services, they are needed and gratefully appreciated. **Rick** and **Daniel** were right on time, suggested we add smoke alarms to areas not covered, super glad we had them out, found out some of the detectors were not even hooked up. **Tom** and **Dan** were here



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this morning to switch out the batteries in our 7 smoke detectors. What pros - they were in and out in less than 15 minutes! I can't say enough about how great this program is for the community. Your volunteers deserve a big round of applause. I know they have my gratitude. Thank you! **Steve** and **Rick** were excellent in all categories. Friendly but stayed on task and did not cut corners on the task. **Mitch & Dan** attended to our needs. They were friendly, informative & efficient. Great service that we are unable to do ourselves due to age. Very fair pricing of new battery powered smoke alarms. Kudos to the schedulers as well who were able to take care of some re-schedules on our part and we appreciate the reminder calls. **Rick** and **Karen** were very efficient, friendly, and pleasant to work with. The fellas are fast, efficient, and friendly. We love our Green Valley Fire Department. We especially enjoyed the pancake breakfast. **Steve** and **Daniel** provided exceptional service in replacing 5 outdated smoke alarms. **Steve** and **Daniel** were amazing. They were fast and thorough! Great job **Steve** and **Daniel**. **Maureen** and **Clem** did an amazing job. I asked **Clem** if they ever replaced recessed ceiling lights as the one in my hall was out. **Clem** happily replaced that for me. In the meantime, **Maureen** checked that my Envelope of Life was placed in the proper area on my refrigerator. When she learned that I lived alone she gave me the information on a lockbox. I know they had a full morning before seeing me, yet they took all the time needed to be sure everything was correct. **Steve** and **Daniel** were friendly, called before they arrived, dealt with a 'misbehaving' smoke/CO alarm that fell off the ceiling this summer while we were gone; waited to be sure that alarm was functioning correctly --it wasn't-- replaced it; all in a professional, considerate, and kind manner. **John** and **Rick** did a fantastic job changing our smoke detector batteries. They were prompt, considerate and fast. Our community is lucky to have such dedicated volunteers. **Clem**, **Bill**, and **Gabe** were amazing! Thanks for such a fast response and great service.





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Departure:

Please join me in celebrating nearly 2000 hours and ten years of volunteer service David Vleck has given to the GVFD Fire Corps. David has served in several areas from training, maintaining training records, instruction on desert animal removals (Gila Monsters and snakes), and his valued service as a field crew member. He volunteers with several other groups in our area, and we wish him the best. He exemplifies all the traits we look to model for our community Compassion, Competence, and Character. **THANK YOU, DAVID!**



November Birthdays:



Pam McConnell



Jim Handley



Mike McConnell



Cathey Hooper



John Taylor



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December Birthdays:



Mike Walker



Mark Shafer



Mike Payne

Safety Tip of the Month

This month's safety message is keeping in mind that our GVFD volunteer vehicle is a "rolling billboard" when it comes to driving on our local streets any unsafe driving maneuvers could cause a potential accident to bad press among our community. Below are some basic things to keep in mind when driving in our community (including now Sahuarita when applicable).

1. Drivers should never use cell phones while driving.
2. Follow all road signs: stop, yield, construction signs. 30+% fail to completely stop for a stop sign.
3. Never tailgate allow 3 full seconds of following distance.
4. When stopping behind a vehicle, you should see the bottom of the tire on the asphalt.
5. Never be in a hurry "make a plan, work your plan."
6. Use all your turn signals and emergency flashers when appropriate

