
WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

Remembering Brian Gooch:



Brian Gooch, a long-time fire corps member, loved spending time at fire corps and had many close friendships with several of our volunteers. The last few months, I had the privilege to do several things with Brian. I will certainly miss him. Brian was a class act. Please keep Evie and the Gooch Family in your thoughts and prayers. His services will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Green Valley, on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10 AM. Rest in Peace Brian, I will miss you my friend.

Brian was a Great Guy, pleasant and fun to be around and to work with. I am glad for the short time we spent together working at Fire corps. God Bless.
Gary and Terri
Hanks

Brian's legacy of kindness will forever be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with Evie & her family.
Karen Rowell

Brian was such a pleasant person always with a smile. Prayers to Evie and her entire family.
Bill Hall

Brian was such a great guy. He always had a compliment and nice things to say. We need to keep Evie in our prayers, thoughts, and not lose touch with her. She needs all the comfort we can provide. RIP Brian.
John and Karen Knoll





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That is such sad news. Our prayers are with Evie and the family. - Steve and Ann Ball

Brian was a special person who will be deeply missed by many. My condolences to Evie and Family. - Ellen

I am so sorry to hear this news. I will say many prayers for Evie and her family to find peace and comfort. – Jane

I met Brian when I was a new volunteer. Brian and Bob had the am field shift and would return with crazy funny stories. Brian had an amazing understanding and joy of life and people. Evie, my thoughts are with you on the loss of a really special guy and your partner of 50 plus years. - Amy

Such sad news about Brian. He always had such a friendly smile and a fun story to tell! He will be missed. - Susan

I knew Brian from church (usher and a warm greeting) even before Fire Corps. He was one of my early mentors and while we talked at the recent opening of the new Station 152 he reminded me of some of his early advice and we had a couple good laughs. We will miss you, Brian. Prayers for all the family as you go through the trials ahead. - Rick and Linda Phillips

I was a friend and fan of Brian's. Evie, Brian, Don and I met through Fire Corps and became fast buddies. I spoke to Brian yesterday. I was looking for Evie, but Brian answered the phone. We must have talked for 10 minutes or so. About nothing, about a vacation, his Doc. Said he better not take, and so forth and so on. We sat together just a few days ago at the blessing and opening of the new station #152. A good man, a good friend with a special heart. We will miss him. - Jan

What a shame. May God be with his family. - Tomas
I knew Brian well. May he rest in peace. - Dennis Mart

This is a sad day - it's always difficult to say good bye to those we care for. He was a good soul and will be missed. - Kay





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Save the Dates:

February 13 11 AM	Radio/iPad Overview Training in Fire Corps Office
February 13 1230 PM	Admin Meeting GVFD Headquarters Training Room
February 13 2 PM	Steering Committee Meeting GVFD HQ TR Room
February 22 10 AM	Brain Gooch Funeral Services
February 26 – March 1	Fire Corps Office Closed – Help will be needed.
February 29 530 – 7 PM	Dominick’s Drop-In Dinner
March 4 9 AM	Chirpers with Chuck Fire Corps Office Training
March 15 9 AM – 4 PM	Fire Corps Annual Training – Continental Plaza 2nd Floor there is an elevator in the courtyard if needed.

Fire Corps Making a Difference:

The Fire Corp team of George and Mitch were great! Timely, professional, courteous, and capable. They were delightful to have in my home and represented your organization in the best ways possible. Many thanks and "atta-boys" to these gentlemen! Carol and Dale were on time and couldn't have been more courteous. A credit to your organization. Thank you for providing this essential service in our community. Our appreciation to Rich and John who assisted us; in addition to all the numerous other members who have helped us in the past. Keep up the great job. George and Mitch were exceptional! I really appreciate this service! The service that the GVFD provides to the residents of Green Valley is great, I can't thank you enough.

Jim and Dale replaced 4 fire alarms. They provided us with a lot of information that will help us maintain a safe environment and assist should we have a medical emergency. Steve, Phil, and Bill called before coming, replaced the batteries in our smoke alarms and went over several options with us. We appreciate this service! Both Dale and Jack were professional, knew what they were doing and operated efficiently. Mike called and advised me he and Rich were on their way to inspect the smoke alarm at my residence. They installed the new alarms efficiently, were polite and respectful and provided me with information about other GVFD services. Karen and Rich were efficient, personable and informative about other services of GVFD. I am so grateful the services performed. The response time was quick and courteous. The level of expertise of the installer was





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excellent, all alarms were tested and inspected for proper working order. I bought a carbon monoxide monitor on the recommendation of Carol who assisted Dan. Carol was knowledgeable about the risks of gas leaks and safety precautions. I think the services of GV Fire are above and beyond what one would expect from a fire department. Thank you so much for your helpful programs.

Tim and Dennis were friendly, efficient, and called ahead as I had asked. Thank you for this program! Tim and Dennis were polite, efficient, and affordable. This is a terrific program that is such a great service especially to the elderly population in Green Valley. Thank you! Mark and Paul were very capable and friendly. I was lucky enough to be visited by Rich, Mike, and Becky. They were such a pleasure to work with. I've participated in the GV Smoke Alarm Battery Program for several years and I think that is such a wonderful program! Thank you!

Carol and Tom were great! They were efficient and very calm in the face of my 5-month-old barking puppy, who is still learning. If it bothered them, I never knew. Their understanding is appreciated. Carol even held Cooper's leash while I wrote my check. Thank you! Smoke Alarm Technicians Dave, Gary and Jack were professional and very helpful in installing new batteries for my three smoke alarms. I always receive great service from the members of the Fire Corps. Jack and Bill do a complete job with enthusiasm and sensitivity. Rewarding and knowledgeable experience. Both Dennis and Tim were very professional. Great crew, great service.

Jan and the team of Karen and Lance were both delightful and knowledgeable. This service is priceless and a true service to the community. Rick and Rick were super. They got the job done efficiently and they were careful to check the age of the smoke detectors. We really appreciate their efforts!!! Mike and Ted were very informative. Excellent in every regard. Personable, efficient, and knowledgeable. Don and John are most certainly a 5-star pair and represent the GVFD proudly! Rick and Rick were great. Offered helpful advice and were quick in doing their service.





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Fire Corps Birthdays



Terry Balfanz



Chuck Hill



Dennis Gose

Congratulations to Fire Corps

Hello Fire Corps-

I had the opportunity to speak to the United Methodist Church at their annual meeting. It was a fun crowd, including our very own John and Carol Knoll. I was able to share all the things we are doing here at GVFD, including the great work you all do with FC. After my talk, I was invited back up and presented a check for \$1500 in support of the Fire Corps. I had no idea this was going to happen, and I know this donation was not based on my awe-inspiring speech. It was because of all of you and the impact you have every day on our community. I am so grateful to all of you and appreciate everything you do each day in support of GVFD.

Keep up the great work and kudos to all of you.

Thanks,
Chief





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Safety Tip of the Month

Hydration is a common thing we do not always think about in the winter. Hydration (water) is a common thing people do not think about unless we sweat. In winter months, our bodies still need hydration. For the people who drink coffee in the winter, we tend to drink more coffee in the winter months to get the feeling of "keeping warm" but the more caffeine we drink it tends to make us more dehydrated. Below are the reasons you should drink at least 6 to 8 glasses of water a day to keep properly hydrated.

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| 1- to keep up your energy | 2- to help prevent hypothermia (colder days) |
| 3-to help maintain healthy skin | 4-removing waste from your body |
| 5-aid with weight loss | 6-better temperature regulation |
| 7-boosting immunity | 8-better concentrating |

GREEN VALLEY FIRE CORPS FIELD SCHEDULING

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Year-round Schedule 8:00-12:30 12:30-5:00

There are 2 shifts on Monday - Friday, a total of 10 shifts per week. Fire Corps Field members are asked to do 1 shift per week when they are in town or a minimum of two per month when they are in our area. During the first week of the month, emails are sent to FC field members and the volunteer coordinator requesting availability for the following month. A draft schedule, for evaluation, is emailed to all few days before the 15th of the month. On the 15th of the month the final schedule is emailed to FC field members, Admin contacts, and selected GVFD staff.

Substitutes – you are responsible for locating a replacement in case you cannot make a shift. Below are your options.....

1. Make a few phone calls to those who you think may be able to help (use the FC roster).
2. Contact the FC scheduler. This person may be able to use availability information to immediately fill the shift.
3. Send an email to the field group asking for a substitute.
4. The Volunteer Coordinator may be able to assist in finding a substitute.

