

# THE FIREHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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## Every 15 Minutes

On May 7th 2008, a vehicle accident was simulated at Moody Lane in front of the Geyserville ED Park. This reenactment was part of a two day program known as "Every 15 Minutes", which brings the dangers of drinking and driving to local schools and teenagers.

Personnel from the Fire Department extricated three students (as seen) from the vehicles involved. One "victim" was a fatality,

one was paralyzed and one victim succumbed to injuries sustained at Healdsburg General Hospital. All the students in the reenactment were (continued on page 2)



Geyserville firefighters treat the "injured" students after using the jaws of life to remove the top of the car.

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS STILL NEEDED!

Thank you, to those who answered the call for volunteers last time. The GFPD is still in need of volunteer firefighters, especially in Alexander Valley, where we are at a critically low level! No experience is necessary and all required training is provided by the GFPD. Becoming a volunteer firefighter is a great opportunity to become involved with your community. People who are interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter are encouraged to contact Station 1 at

857-3535 or visit our web site at [geyservillefire.com](http://geyservillefire.com) for more information.

Please help us prevent

higher taxes and fire insurance premiums. **Become a Volunteer Firefighter today!**



Volunteers Needed at Station 2 (Pictured Above)

## FACTS ABOUT THE GFPD:

- Protects over 200 Square miles
- Responds to over 575 emergencies a year.
- 32 Volunteers
- 3 Stations
- 9 Emergency Vehicles
- 50 Mutual Aid Calls a year
- Thousands of hours of training a year.

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### Every 15 Minutes (Continued from page 1)

transported as in real life; the “deceased” victim by the Corner to Sonoma County morgue; the injured victims by Bells Ambulance to Healdsburg General.

CHP tested and arrested the suspected DUI driver. Who was booked into Sonoma County Jail, and later arraigned in Sonoma County Superior Court. All the participating students were taken to an overnight retreat where they discussed their feelings about the day’s events. Councilors and guest speakers discussed the effects of alcohol abuse with the students. The student’s parents, separately, had an open discussion over dinner the night of the retreat. The parents were included in the talks about alcohol abuse and its effects on families. The retreat was ended by the parents writing emotionally charged good-bye letters to their siblings.



Geyserville Firefighters load an “injured” student into a helicopter



Geyserville Firefighters treat an “injured” student.

The next day the regular school assembly was changed into a funeral for the deceased student of the crash. Participating students and parents spoke openly about their feelings of the impact of the acted event. Many guest speakers addressed all the students about how alcohol and related vehicle accidents had affected them. **To watch the “Geyserville Every 15 Minutes” video or to see more photos from the event please check our website: [www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com)**

## FIREMEN’S FUND GRANT

The Geyserville Fire Department has received a \$40,000 grant from the Firemen’s Fund Heritage Grant. This grant was made possible by Mr. Von Maroevich’s insurance agency, Maroevich, O’Shea & Coghlan Insurance Inc. of San Francisco, through the help of Karen Waelde. . The agency sold enough Firemen’s Fund Insurance that they were able to elect who would receive the grant. The Geyserville Fire Department used the



Chief Paul Pigoni receives a Check from Mr. Von Maroevich

money to build a drafting pit prop which will allow the Department to do valuable water flow operational training on drafting. The new system is environmentally friendly by recycling the water used back into the pit instead of down the drain!

Thank you Mr. Von Maroevich.  
On the web:  
[www.geyservillefire.com](http://www.geyservillefire.com)  
[www.mocins.com](http://www.mocins.com)  
[www.firemensfund.com](http://www.firemensfund.com)

## GEYSERVILLE UNVEILS NEW LOGOS



New “Stand alone” logo



New Uniform Patch



Logo that appears on the Apparatus

On July 1, 2008 the Geyserville Fire Department unveiled its new logos and patch. The logos and patch were designed by a special committee appointed by the Fire Chief. The new logo is a mixture of the old design within a Maltese Cross with the number 61 representing the department’s number, the words Rescue, Fire and EMS representing what we do.



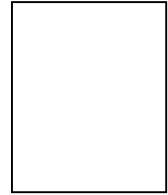
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—THE NEW SQUAD

Q: Where will the new Squad be stationed?

A: The plan is for the new Squad to replace the existing one which is currently located at Station 1.

Q: What type of emergency calls will the new Squad respond to?

A: The new Squad will allow more people to respond to medical aids and vehicle accidents. Currently if a call comes in for a medical aid many times the

crews need to respond in a engine because there are not enough seats in the current squad.

Q: When will the new Squad be in service?

A: The cab and chaises has been ordered and the rescue box will should take three months to build. Another few months to put all of the equipment on it and then train all of the firefighters how to operate it.

Q: Who is building the new Squad?

A: Burton Fire Inc. from Modesto Ca. was selected to build the squad. They have building Fire Apparatus since 1991.

Q: What will the Fire Department do with the old squad?

A: That is undetermined at this time. It could be sold as surplus property to the public, could be sold to another fire department or could remain in service as a reserve squad.

