



# North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Firefighters



December 2018

*Holiday greetings from North Sonoma Coast Fire, the combined team of volunteer firefighters and CAL FIRE staff who respond to local emergencies. We want to keep our community informed of our activity and needs, and to thank all of you for your continued support. We love what we do, but we could not do it without you.*

## Who is NSCVFA?

The North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Firefighter Association (NSCVFA) supports the North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Fire Department by raising funds to maintain the North Fire Station and to provide support for the volunteer firefighters, including helping to pay for new firefighting vehicles and equipment. NSCVFA was originally created in 1973 as "The Sea Ranch Volunteer Fire Department" (TSRVFD). With the creation of the North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, which includes the area previously covered by the Annapolis and Sea Ranch Volunteer Fire Companies, the fire department became North Sonoma Coast Fire. TSRVFD was renamed The North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Firefighter Association to reflect this change.

## How Your Donations Help

Your generous donations via mail or our website, and attendance at the Memorial Day Weekend Picnic, allow us to provide financial support to the North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Fire Department and our community. We have been able to make the first and second year payments (total \$43,025!) on the department's newest vehicle, Rescue 4433 (that responds to virtually every call in the Sea Ranch, Annapolis and Kashia areas), fumigate the North Fire Station where the department houses apparatus and equipment, and keep our firefighters supplied with equipment and clothing. By your purchase of Christmas trees we were able to provide two \$1,000 college scholarships and contribute towards EMT class tuition for five local students.

Donations to the NSCVFA are deductible as provided for in IRS section 170. The NSCVFA is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) DBA of the TSRVFD EIN# 94-2197071. Checks may be made out to NSCVFA. Thank you for your support!

Gratefully,  
North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Firefighter Association



*North Sonoma Coast Fire 2018: Back row: Lani Bouwer, Paul Plakos, Bill Wong, Phil Martin, Randy Burke, CAL FIRE Captain Shelley Spear. Front Row: Steve Smith, Malay Thaker, Goldie Pounds, Dagan Holmes, Chuck Breier, Skylar Martin, Asst. Chief Chris Aitchison, Captain Dave Pelzer, Eric Agnew, Abel Solis, Chief Bonnie Plakos. Not pictured: David Rice, Ricleigh Powers, Lewis Lubin, David Goheen, Richard Pfeifer, Bill Lawson.*



*Assistant Chief Aitchison talks with the community at a meeting and BBQ in Annapolis in August 2018.*

Want to learn more? Visit us on the web!  
<http://nscvfa.org>  
<http://northsonomacoastfpd.org>

**Thank You For Supporting Our Emergency Services!**  
Ballot Measure V passed with a resounding 96.3 percent of the vote, assuring us that our fire and emergency services will have the funding we need in place.

## NSCFPD 2018 Update

Our North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District is now 2 1/2 years old! In that time the volunteer firefighters and board members of NSCFPD have been working towards the goals that drove the formation of the District: more efficient use of funds, improved equipment, local control, and insuring long-term sustainability and improvement of emergency services response. Our major accomplishments have been:

- Replacement of the District's most-used first-out rescue truck with a new vehicle (Rescue 4433)
- Replacement of old and unsafe apparatus (one fire engine, one water tender) with used but safer & better vehicles
- Designing and obtaining funding for a new fire engine to replace the District's now-oldest (1990) engine (to arrive in fall 2019)
- Positive rather than negative budgets, with associated increases in the District's financial reserves
- A realistic plan for replacing apparatus in the future in a timely manner
- An increased number of volunteer firefighters, including more volunteers who can respond from the Annapolis area
- A new water tank in Annapolis
- Effort towards reduction of the excessive loss of tax funds to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF)
- Participation with Sonoma County on their overall effort to improve emergency response
- Voter approval of our "Appropriations Limit", the final legal step of District formation

We look forward to 2019 and beyond with optimism, and with gratitude for the support of the community.

Thank you,

*Fire Chief Bonnie Plakos*



*Type 6 Engine 4457 went into service in July, 2018 and immediately went to a fire in Stewarts Point.*

### NSC Fire Statistics

- *Numbers of calls: 311 in 2017; 244 through mid-November in 2018.*
- *Types of calls in 2017: 50% medical, 20% hazardous conditions (mostly trees down), 3% fire, 8% vehicle accidents, 7% alarms sounding, 4% smoke checks, 4% rescue, and 5% other.*
- *Call locations in 2017: 71% Sea Ranch, 9% Timber Cove/Stewarts Point/Fort Ross, 19% Annapolis/Kashia area, 1% other.*
- *The VFD currently has 16 active, two trainee and 6 support members. Seven members are EMTs.*



*New (or returning!) VFD members in 2018: Chuck Breier, Dagan Holmes, Phil Martin, Skylar Martin, Goldie Pounds.*

### Become a Volunteer Firefighter!

We are always looking for motivated volunteers who don't mind being awakened in the middle of the night to help their friends and neighbors. Our members come from many backgrounds and careers. Prior experience in emergency services is not required! Please see <http://nscfpd.org>, or call 707-785-2648 for information.

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## Mark your calendar for the 2019 Memorial Day Weekend Picnic!



**Burgers, Hot Dogs, Hot Links, Slaw, Beans, Drinks, Desserts Kids Games Smokey Bear!**

**SUNDAY MAY 26, 2019**

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**NOON—3:00**