



## The Dalmatians

If fighting fires and responding to emergencies are not for you, then consider joining The Dalmatians—Scott Valley Fire’s auxiliary. SVFPD is partially budgeted by Siskiyou County. However, to meet the needs for necessary personnel, equipment, training and stations, available funds simply do not do the job. The Dalmatians’ program of fund-raising events include running the gate and ticket-taking at local rodeos, selling beer from our beer wagon at rodeos and the Bluegrass Festival, and other venues. The Dalmatians have raised tens of thousands of dollars for the District and have purchased items from engines to much needed safety equipment.

The Dalmatians are a great group of people who enjoy and believe in what they do. Come make friends, enjoy the camaraderie, and help fund the department. **Call Georgia or Richard Muniz for more information: 530 467-3979.**

## Scott Valley Fire Protection District’s

### Drills & Training Schedule:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:00—9:00 p.m.

4th Saturday 9:00 a.m.— noon

317 Maple St., Greenview

## Visitors Welcome!

### For information call:

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Chief Benny Austin 530 598-4950

Commissioner Mike Lee 530 598-5533

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Three independent fire departments serve Scott Valley:

1. Fort Jones FD serves the City of Fort Jones
2. Etna FD serves the City of Etna
3. Scott Valley Fire Protection District serves the 840 square miles of Scott Valley.

Scott Valley FD, Fort Jones FD, Etna FD, Cal-Fire, and USFS have mutual aid and automatic aid agreements. They often respond together to better serve our local communities.

If you live outside the city limits of Fort Jones or Etna, then Scott Valley FD is your local fire department. Scott Valley FD’s seven stations are located in your neighborhood at:

1. Moffett Creek
2. Scott River Road
3. Greenview
4. Eastside Road
5. French Creek
6. Callahan
7. Masterson Road

The Callahan Station has a “rescue rig” and responds 24/7 to medical aid calls.

**SPREAD THE WORD**—Please pass this brochure to a friend, neighbor or family member.

# Scott Valley Fire

**If you are a Scott Valley resident**, please take a moment to consider an issue that affects us all. Hopefully, a catastrophe will not happen to you. But it will happen to someone. In this small community, chances are good it will happen to someone you know. We are talking about structure and wildland fires, accidents and emergency medical situations. The significant issue: Will there be people available to help you? Whenever there is an emergency, the most important people are the emergency responders. If you were there, we know you would help. But would you know what to do? Would you have the training, equipment, and support team to help?

**Please take a few moments to read this pamphlet and consider how we can all work together to make Scott Valley an even better place to live.**

# Volunteers Needed!



*If you were to become a Scott Valley Fire Protection District volunteer, which of the following would likely be true.?*

1. You will become part of a trained team of emergency responders.
2. You may likely save the life or home of someone you know.
3. You will help ensure Scott Valley will have a fully functional fire department in the future.
4. You will help homeowners in Scott Valley retain fire insurance for their homes—and maintain low rates.
5. You will acquire skills and a résumé that may help you earn extra money or enter a new profession.
6. Some day you will make a difference to someone who will reward you with heartfelt appreciation.

If you become a Scott Valley Fire Protection District volunteer, **all** of these six statements would likely come true. Sure, there is sacrifice and little pay. However, your sense of accomplishment and personal growth are the rewards.

**There are many ways to volunteer.** You may have considered becoming a volunteer, but hesitated because you believed you did not have the time or qualifications to become a volunteer firefighter. But you don't have to be a firefighter or emergency responder to help. We also need commissioners, an assistant fire chief, captains, mechanics, inventory workers, and record keepers. We are currently at bare minimum staffing levels. Due to retirements and people moving from the area, our roster is projected to fall even more. Although we have the necessary engines, water tenders, and equipment, we desperately need new members to operate them.

*Regarding the answers to the six initial questions, here are more reasons that these answers likely apply to you.*

1. As a volunteer you receive training in the highly technical fields of fire fighting and emergency medical response. You may earn high-demand career-track credentials in these two fields. See "Training & Benefits" section.

2. SVFPD responds to all emergencies in Scott Valley, whether car accidents, home medical needs, wildland blazes, or structure fires. You will be helping your neighbors.
3. As responsive as SVFPD volunteers have been in the past, our staffing is now below acceptable levels. Our roster is projected to fall even more. If we do not recruit new and younger members, the viability of the Scott Valley fire organization will fall into serious jeopardy.
4. Your homeowner's insurance premiums (and the question of whether you can even get and keep insurance) are based on our response levels, equipment, and staffing. To maintain the response levels that determine your insurance rates and to meet Insurance Service Offices (ISO) standards, we need to recruit and train more volunteers.
5. If you are unemployed, volunteer positions serve to keep your resume up-to-date. There are professional paid positions awaiting people with skills acquired during service with a volunteer department. Furthermore, we occasionally offer opportunities to participate in paid Cal-Fire and USFS strike teams.
6. Scott Valley is a small community, and every fire or emergency becomes well known. Helping our neighbors is a way of life. Almost everyone in Scott Valley can recall a community member who experienced a fire or emergency. You probably know people who have publicly thanked SVFPD volunteers for the professional response that saved their homes, properties, or their lives. As you can see, all of the statements can apply to you as a volunteer. Please contact us to find out more about Scott Valley Fire Protection District, what we can offer you, and how you may be able to help us.

*Mike Lee, Commissioner*

## Training & Benefits

Beginning in January, 2012, Chris Baker will teach the six Basic Firefighter courses. These COS classes, taught at our Greenview Station, comprise a three-year course of study. Upon completion, students will be eligible for Firefighter 1 certification. Also CPR, Haz Mat, and First Responder classes may be available. We encourage anyone who is interested to take EMT



training. SVFPD pays for all courses and materials. For all participants, Class B Drivers' Training and Workers' Comp insurance are provided. Trainees receive pay for responding to dispatched incidents and for attending exercises and drills. Occasionally, volunteer firefighters are eligible

to participate, for pay, in California strike teams.

### We have fun too!

In addition to education, *esprit de corps*, and fun in training, SVFPD also has an annual summer BBQ, a holiday party, and a competitive Firemen's Muster in Mc Cloud.

When asked what the department did "for fun," Assistant Chief Al Buchter responded, "Well, I consider training fun!"

