



UNION VALE FIRE COMPANY SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

UVFD Response to Hurricane Irene

I'd first like to thank all those Members who came out and responded to the over 30 calls for flooding, trees down, and various other storm related calls. We had over 30 Members turn out throughout the day. I'd also like to thank Barbara Tagliamonte, Alice Dickson, and Shirley Purdy for providing us with food and refreshments throughout the day. Nice job by everybody who participated.

UVFD Financial Reorganization Policy

At last month's meeting our financial reorganization policy was approved by the Members. This is a huge step forward and I thank everyone for their support. I ask everyone to be patient as we transition all our records over to electronic files. Hopefully everything will be up and running by the first of the year!

September 11th Services

Services will be at 9:00am this Sunday, September 11th, 2011. Due to the lack of interest at the last 2 months meetings, we will scale back the services. I encourage all Members to attend to remember all those who lost their lives 10 years ago. Coffee, tea, and small refreshments will be available following the services.

Fire Prevention at Vail Farm Elementary School

This year the date is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 14th, 2011. This date has not yet been confirmed with VFES, as the new principal has not yet approved the date. As soon as it is confirmed I will be hanging up signup sheets at both stations. The curriculum will be the same as last year. I expect the day to run smoothly, as it has in previous years.

Open House/Fire Prevention Day at Station 1

Our Open House will be Sunday, October 16th. I hope to have the ice cream donated by Stewarts Shops again this year. I will need volunteers to step up to



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the plate and help out with this event. Last year was our first year and it turned out to be a success. I hope to have the same success this year. If anybody has any suggestions for outside vendors please let me know.

Training Update

The month of September is going to be directed toward the new bailout system. Please understand that this is a huge undertaking to get all interior firefighters trained in the system. I know the training isn't for everyone, but it is something that needs to get be completed. Please bear with us as we try to get this completed. Also, OSHA needs to be completed before November. There is an OSHA class scheduled for October 12th and 13th at Union Vale Station 1, 7:00pm. You must attend both nights of OSHA to receive credit.

Stage Away Reminder

It has been brought to the attention of the line officers that two members may have responded to the scene of a stage away call BEFORE the police arrived. Although no formal complaint has been made, I feel it is important to remind everyone of the District's Policy before a complaint is made. No Member is to respond directly to the scene of a stage away call without law enforcement securing the scene. Any Member who fails to obey this policy will be subject to swift and severe disciplinary action by the District. Let's not test the District policy and use common sense when responding to these calls.

September Meetings

Rescue Squad Meeting is at Station 2 at 7:00pm.

Fire Company Meeting is at Station 2 at 7:00pm.