



Professionally staffed by volunteers serving the north-eastern foothills above San Jose and Milpitas since 1978

2015 is another busy and productive year for SVVFD. We've upgraded equipment; provided emergency and fire services for residents, staffed Cal Fire stations, and strengthened our alliance with Cal Fire, Milpitas and San Jose Fire Departments, and San Francisco Water District.



SVVFD was first on the scene to quickly Control a grass fire on Calaveras Road above the Spring Valley golf course. Cal Fire and Milpitas FD also worked the fire.

SVVFD conducts training at least twice a month to provide safety, medical first response, equipment operation, and fire fighting procedures and techniques so that we will continue to have a capable and trained force ready to protect residents and property in our service area





The Milpitas Post reported that 102 Milpitas needy school children benefitted from a back-to-school shopping spree at Kohl's in August 2015. SVVFD supports the annual "Kohl for Kids" program sponsored by Milpitas Kiwanis, Kohls, and others. The children were chaperoned on their shopping trip by a number of SVVFD and Milpitas Fire Dept firefighters. This is one of a number of community service programs SVVFD supports.

## SVVFD Board of Directors

2015-2016

President	Rick Smith
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The SVVFD Board of Directors (BOD) manages business affairs & finances, oversees Operations, and makes decisions to ensure SVVFD is responsive to needs of our service area residents. The SVVFD By-Laws states a preference for BOD members to be hillside residents to maintain these priorities.

BOD positions are for two-year terms, elected by vote of the hillside residents. There are no limits on how many terms a Board Member can serve. Normally, two of the member positions are up for election alternating every year with the other two positions. From a practical perspective, the offices of President and Treasurer require a cohesive understanding of SVVFD business affairs, so we fill these with experienced board members as openings occur.

**NOMINATIONS are open to be BOD Member**

If you would like to serve as a Board Member, please discuss your interest with one of our existing members, or send email to [rsmith@svvfd.org](mailto:rsmith@svvfd.org)

An important SVVFD goal is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our apparatus and equipment. We have added two major vehicles to our fleet in the past 12 months, that will greatly contribute to our ability to protect our hillside properties.

### Water Tender

Our large water tender (WT902), a 1990 Ford is under-powered for what we need it to do on our steep hillside roads. Baffles inside the tank to control water sloshing are inadequate, and rust is causing decay in the tank system. In September 2015, we purchased a 2005 Kenworth 3,900 gallon water tender. This has 275 HP vs 175 HP for the 1990 Ford, and the tank is in good shape. It is ready for initial service now, and this winter we will be doing conversions from construction to fire fighting capability.



### E901 Type 3 Fire Engine

A wildland fire engine (type 3) is specifically designed to assist in fighting wildfires by transporting firefighters to the scene and providing them with access to the fire (4 wheel drive), along with hose and water and other equipment. We practice the technique of 'pump-and-roll' where the vehicle is driven with the pump engaged while firefighters use a hose to spray water on the fire. This technique allows a team of two to flank the perimeter of a fire. This year, we placed in service our newest fire engine, a 1989 International Type 3 4X4 Fire Engine.



# DONATE NOW !!

If you have made your donation for 2015 to SVVFD, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!** Your donation made possible purchase of our new equipment.

Send your donation in the enclosed envelope to:

SVVFD  
P.O. Box 360211  
Milpitas, CA 95036

If you have not already made your donation for 2015 to SVVFD, now is a great time to do so ..... to get your tax deduction. SVVFD is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. You will receive a letter recognizing your donation for tax purposes.



We must pay to recertify and fill oxygen bottles. Batteries for defibrillators, radios, and other electrical equipment need replacement. Your donation will help with these expenses.

Donations needed to buy:  
Tires, Batteries, Repair Costs for vehicle, pumps, hose, radios, emergency medical supplies, and fuel



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### Hill People - - Internet Discussion Forum

The email distribution list [residents@SVVFD.org](mailto:residents@SVVFD.org) can be used to communicate topics of interest and importance to our Hillside Residents. If you do not currently receive these emails, and want to, email Rick Smith [rsmith@SVVFD.org](mailto:rsmith@SVVFD.org) to be added.

An unusually high flurry of emails in Sept-Oct regarding insurance, noxious weeds, grass fire news, etc prompted the suggestion that we create an internet discussion forum for us Hill People. Daniel Woodson, Shane Williams, and Oleg Sherbakov have contributed ideas.

Details and a link to the site will be announced via [residents@SVVFD.org](mailto:residents@SVVFD.org)