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**2015 SVVFD Service Calls & Training**

27 Medical Calls	33 Trainings
14 Vehicle Accidents	24 Academy
1 Vehicle Fire	21 Events
6 Vegetation Fires	
7 Public Assists	
6 Cover Assignments	
3 Hazard	
5 Mutual Aid	
1 Smoke Check	
2 Structure Fire	
72 Calls For Service	

**150 Total**  
 Response, Training, Events

**Spring Forward!...**

The perfect time to check your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors! Check batteries and functionality. Refer to owners manual for your detector's routine maintenance and upkeep. SVVFD can assist. To request assist, email [jsarpa@svvfd.org](mailto:jsarpa@svvfd.org) or call (408) 891-5551

**Daylight savings starts** on the second Sunday of March. This year, it's **on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 AM.**



**Near-Term Events**

**Pancake buffet Breakfast at the Spring Valley Golf Course**  
**...Make sure to attend to support the department!**

**Sunday, March 13, 2015 -- Breakfast served 8 am – 11 am**

**Come socialize with your neighbors and SVVFD volunteers**

Milpitas Chamber of Commerce  
**Crab Feed and Auction**  
**Friday, March 4, 2016**

This year, the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce has selected our Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department to share some of the proceeds as a donation. Our volunteers will work this event by serving the meal.

If you like Crab, please **support this event.** Info & tickets at:

<http://www.milpitaschamber.com/>

## THANK YOU for your donations.

Your donations enabled us to purchase new bags for medical equipment and oxygen kits for each of our fire engines and Patrol Vehicles. This makes it possible to organize and have ready an identical kit for each vehicle so that our Firefighters know what supplies they have and where it is kept ..... to speed up response to medical emergencies for residents and visitors to our service area.



We are now required to pay for refill of our Oxygen bottles. Your donations make refills affordable

Your donations enabled us to buy new bags for Oxygen equipment to keep supplies clean and organized.



We were able to buy new metal clipboard cases for each vehicle to help us organize forms for SVVFD calls and receipts for fuel, supplies, and repairs.



We are able to purchase 4 LIFEPAK 500 Automated External Defibrillator AED systems for immediate and decisive emergency treatment for patients in cardiopulmonary arrest. Time is a critical factor in success of emergency treatment, so training and equipping our first responders is vital.



A 2015 priority will be to equip and deploy our most recent Fire Engine acquisition. This vehicle will help us respond quickly to hillside needs. We will again put out a call for donations in the October Newsletter..... or, you may send donation to:

SVVFD P.O. Box 360211 Milpitas, CA 95036-0211

## Safe Home Heating

Home fires that occur during cold winter months are often due to dangerous heating equipment or unsafe practices. Here are important safety tips to help keep your home safe and warm this winter.

- Never leave a fire unattended
- Use of kerosene heaters inside home is prohibited in California
- Keep children away from heat sources
- Never use flammable liquids or excessive amounts of paper to start or accelerate a fire
- Keep flammables away from heat sources. Wood stoves require a 36" clearance.
- Never attempt to heat a structure with a device that was designed for outdoor use
- Charcoal gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide. Do not burn it indoors
- Have a professional inspect and clean your chimney or stovepipe annually
- Keep a metal or glass screen in front of the fireplace opening. Open damper before lighting
- Check furnace control and emergency shutoffs to make sure they are working properly
- If using a fossil fuel for heating, install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of poisoning. Make sure your home has working smoke detectors.





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Eighth Annual SVVFD Fundraiser  
at Spring Valley Golf Course



**Sunday, March 13** 2016

Breakfast served 8am – 11 am

## Pancake Breakfast buffet

- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage or Bacon
- Potatoes

Hot Chocolate or Coffee

Additional food / beverage items sold separately

The Spring Valley Golf Course Restaurant continues to offer hillside residents a 10% discount in 2016 on food items from the grill. Please enjoy their high quality food and service.

**Come socialize with your neighbors and volunteers**

Enjoy the great service at the Spring Valley Golf Course Restaurant

**\$15 Adult**

**\$10 Child**

**Minimum Donation**

