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- 1) Bookmark [HTTPS://SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com)
 - 2) Log in with Amazon password, or create account
 - 3) On your first visit you will be asked to select charity
- Type in: Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department
When you shop, make purchases through smile.amazon

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 iserpa@svvfd.org or call (408) 891-5551

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



Near-Term Events

Sunday, March 13, 2016 Pancake buffet Breakfast at the Spring Valley Golf Course
Breakfast served 8 am – 11 am

Come socialize with your neighbors and SVVFD volunteers
...Make sure to attend to support the department

Friday, March 4, 2015 Milpitas Chamber of Commerce
Crab Feed and Auction

This year, the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce has again 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, assisting with the auction, and clean-up.

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

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

THANK YOU for your donations.

Your past donations enabled us to purchase much needed 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 also purchased a water tender and fire engine.

Our Current 2016 Needs:

- (1) On Feb 11, we drove Water Tender 901 down the hill to fill up the tank. The engine started knocking loudly. There was a internal malfunction for which the engine will need to be replaced. A replacement rebuilt motor has been located and purchased at a cost of \$10,000.



- (2) Thanks to your donations over the past few years, we currently have sufficient fire PPE (personal protective equipment) for our volunteers to fight wildfires. Our structure turnouts are 30 years old, are torn and ragged, and do not meet protective standards now in place. We need a set for each of our volunteers 50 sets.



COST TO OUTFIT ONE FIREFIGHTER	
Structure Fire Gear	
200	Structure Fire Helmet
950	Bunker Coat
700	Bunker Pants
160	Boots
2,010	STRUCTURE TURNOUT
40	Uniform Shirt
80	Nomex Uniform Pants
25	Duty Belt
110	Gloves
50	Suspenders
12	Socks
100	Radio Pocket
700	Portable Radio
75	Flashlight
280	Halligan Entry Tool
4,000	Breathing Apparatus
1,000	Spare Breathing Bottle
8,482	TOTAL STRUCTURE COST



The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCFSC) is a non-profit organization that brings Cal Fire, local fire agencies, agencies, and companies (such as PGE, water companies) that share a vested interest in preventing and reducing losses from wildfires. Programs and projects are focused on protecting the many communities at risk for wildfire in Santa Clara County, and important infrastructure such as power transmission lines, communication facilities, creeks, and reservoirs.

Focus is on the reduction of build-up hazardous fuels, promoting education and outreach, and creation of informed communities with respect to defensible space, general fire safety, and fire's effect and role in our environment.

Defensible Space Chipping Program

The FireSafe Council has agreements, contributions, and federal grants for a Defensible Space Chipping Program. SCFSC will chip brush that has been cleared 100' from permanent structures and / or 30' from any roadside or driveway used for evacuation purposes.

- Piles to be chipped must be hand stacked. We cannot chip tractor or front loader stacked piles.
- Chipping can only be done along a road or driveway with sufficient access and space for a truck and chipper to turn around

SCFSC serves communities at risk from wildfires (east foothills, Gilroy, Lexington Hills, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Palo Alto Hills, San Martin, Saratoga and adjacent fire prone Wildland Urban Interface areas in Santa Clara County)..... So getting on their busy chipping program calendar can be difficult.

If interested, send an email expressing your interest to rsmith@svvfd.org

More Info: www.sccfiresafe.org



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

