



# STRAWBERRY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (SFPD) AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (SVFD)

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## NEWSLETTER 2020 SEPTEMBER

### GREETINGS

The Strawberry Fire Protection (SFPD) Board hopes you are in good health and enjoying connection with family and friends during these changing times. With fundraising events on hold we certainly have missed the participation and support from you, our community and supporters.

### STRAWBERRY FIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dee Martin, Board President (2015), Karrie Mathson, Board Vice President (2016), Dave Robertson (2018), Rich Combs (2019), [and vacant position \(add your name here\)!](#)



### MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Dave Robertson:** Dave and his wife Kristi became Strawberry full-time residents in 2018 and Dave joined the SFPD Board and the District's \*Operation Support Unit (OSU) program in 2019. Dave also serves as the Strawberry Property Owners Association (SPOA) Board Treasurer.

**Rich Combs:** Through the years, it's likely you've heard Rich's banjo vibes at our fundraisers. Rich joined the

SFPD Board and the District's \*OSU program in 2019. Rich is also versed in wildfire preparedness, email for more information.

### WE BID FARWELL

After 30+ years serving the Strawberry Fire Protection District as a Board member, Buffy Bandley resigned effective August 1. Buffy was present through the many changes in SFPD and instrumental with the Board's FEMA grant awareness and application processes that ultimately granted our District the funds to purchase our awesome structure engine 711. As Firefighter Mom #1 and SFPD's biggest cheerleader, we know Buffy will continue to support our District whether it be sporting our latest edition t-shirt or talking it up at fundraisers. In true Buffy spirit, Buffy requests those wanting to thank her for her Board commitment to send donations to the SFPD Capital Improvement Fund that is earmarked for improving the Strawberry Fire Station. Thank you, Buffy, for all that you have accomplished for SFPD and all that you have done for our community.





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### **\*OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT (OSU)**

What is OSU you say? Be like Dave and Rich! The OSU program allows community members the opportunity to assist with responses and events that do not require the full level of training and currency of a Firefighter, allowing more resources to be utilized during an emergency. If you are interested in participating in SFPD's OSU program then email for more information.

### **EQUIPMENT UPGRADES/ADDITIONS**

COVID-19 protocols currently require decontamination of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) after every call, resulting in a need of a minimum two PPEs for each volunteer. Additionally, N-95 masks, gloves and sanitizing supplies must be restocked constantly. SFPD applied and received grant funds to offset these expenses; if the District is successful in receiving further grant funds then we will be able to purchase additional PPE as well as extricating equipment.

### **BOARD MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND DONATIONS**

**...OH MY! HOW CAN I HELP YOU ASK?**

First and foremost, we need a new Board member; Board members are necessary to keep a small special district operational and have direct input on how your tax dollars are spent. The only requirement for serving on the board is that **you must be a registered voter in the Strawberry Fire Protection District.** For more information, email or attend a monthly board meeting held regularly on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

SFPD is always on the look out for volunteer firefighters; email for more information. The District's current Volunteer Firefighter and Operational Support roster includes: Calin Smith, Nicole Smith, Brian Barclay Dan Sedlmeyer, Clay Sensiba, Andrew Storseter, Rich

Combs, Dave Robertson, and a shout out to our staff, Sandy Guitelli and Heidi Riedle.

Your Board continues to work diligently to build reserve funds from income received from the District's annual revenue, grant funds, and fundraising; however, with the cancellation of all 2020 District fundraising, drawing from reserves will be necessary. For donations, please make checks payable to Strawberry Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD).

**THANK YOU FIRST RESPONDERS, VOLUNTEERS,  
STAFF, AND COMMUNITY FOR YOUR INVOLVMENT  
AND SUPPORT! SEE US ON FACEBOOK @  
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