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"How can I help?" is a wonderful phrase for any volunteer group to hear. As a community based fire department, Dry Creek has always relied upon, and greatly benefited from the wide variety of talents that people in our community continue to bring forth. If you live in our community, are feeling community minded, and are looking for ways to get involved, we would be glad to talk to you.

So please join us for a few trainings -if for no other reason than to meet us and learn what YOUR fire department does for you.

Not everyone needs to be on the front lines holding the hose, so the important thing to remember is that just about everybody has something to offer, and without volunteers, there would be no fire department. There are a variety of ways you can participate.

For those that want to be directly involved in the emergency response system, there are plenty of opportunities for

both men and women, ranging from wildland fire fighting to first response with medical emergencies. If you are looking for other ways, you might consider any number of possibilities. For example, The MVFSC needs help on the organizational side: writing grants, working on projects, community education and articles for our newsletter. As well as our HWC needs help with organizing the event and volunteers that could help on July 21st.

Visit <http://www.drycreek.org>

Introducing Stephen Marek Volunteer Fire Captain

Stephen has been a volunteer Firefighter with the Dry Creek -Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department since 2006. He has grown up around the fire service in Napa. His Uncle Joe Marek was a Captain for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who worked at the old Napa Station on Jefferson Street.

Stephen graduated from Napa High School in 2005. In high school he ran track and was involved in the Baseball Club. Stephen graduated 3rd in his class at the Santa Rosa Junior College Fire Academy #67 and is pursuing his Associate in Science Degree in Fire Science Technology with a Minor in History. Stephen is involved with his church and serves as an usher and greeter at Napa Valley Baptist Church on Trower Avenue. Stephen is also a member of The Native Sons OF The Golden West and enjoys fishing, hiking, swimming and running. Stephen has served in the ranks of our fire department as a Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant and has recently been promoted to Captain. After college he hopes for a full time career in the fire service.



Stephen Marek
Fire Captain



Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council **Who Are We?**

The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council (MVFSC) is a local group of neighbors. Our mission is to help all of our neighbors better survive any wild land fires that may occur within the beautiful hills of the Mt. Veeder, Dry Creek, Redwood, Wall, and Partrick Rd. watersheds. We provide fire safe education, fuel reduction information, and provide the financing for various projects to help stop wild land fires from spreading to our homes.

Previously, the MVFSC began the free chipping program that has now spread to more areas of Napa County. Our current project is the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Project. Work on this project will begin in early May and a section will be completed before the end of June. This section will be open to the public for viewing so that you can see how you, too, can become involved in helping us, help you. We work hand-in-hand with the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department. Please join us the fourth Saturday of each month for our meetings. Visit our website at <http://www.mtveederfiresafe.org/> for more information and meeting location.

Gary Green, MVFSC Chair

Timber Management Plan by Steve Levine

I have lived in the forest of Dry Creek Rd for almost thirty years. We all know the forest has a very high fuel load. We have not had a crown fire in our watershed since 1946. The option of managing the fuel load has been too expensive to truly consider. I want to let you know that there are forest plan funds available through CalFire.

I applied in December of 2011 for California Forest Improvement Program(CFIP) funding for a Forest Management Plan. My timing was good due to the fact that CalFire was being tasked to work with private forest owners to reduce fire danger. I had received a quote from several Registered Foresters to perform the Forest Management Plan. I chose one of them (the least expensive) and submitted the application to Jill Butler at CalFire Santa Rosa. I asked that they reimburse 90% of the cost for the Fire Management Plan and by the beginning of February I had received the approval from CalFire.

The Forest Management Plan is a preliminary document that will describe the state of the forest now, including plant census and suggestions regarding sustainable management actions that the forest owner can undertake such as road development, thinning and fuel load reduction.

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Our next step in this process will be to create a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan. This plan will describe the processes involved over the next 100 to 150 years of sustainable forest management. The way I see it the forest is a “use it or lose it” proposition. Either we will find a way to sustainably reduce the fuel load(trees) in the forest or some day there will be a fire that will turn a fuel load management problem into a habitat restoration project. If it burns with this much fuel load the ground will be glassified and when the winter rains come the steep mud covered hills will slide into Dry Creek with much of this mud ending up in Yountville and Napa.

Now is the best opportunity to move in the direction of forest fuel load management with the possibility that CalFire will be able to help with the cost.

Steven Levine, MVFSC

"THE ULTIMATE CULT WINE EVENT"

THE 30TH ANNUAL
HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC 2012
THE ULTIMATE CULT WINE EVENT
A BENEFIT FOR THE DRY CREEK - LOKOYA VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Saturday, July 21, 2012 - 4:00 - 6:30
Charles Krug Winery
2800 Main St., St. Helena
Taste and Bid on rare wines handcrafted by 50 winemakers
Hors d'ouvres, drinks and live music by John Kelly and Friends
Tickets available: www.drycreek.org or
Napa Fermentation supplies, 575-3rd St. 707-255-6372
\$45 Admission (\$35 pre-sale) - Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each



Home Winemakers
CLASSIC

HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC
JULY 21, 2012

Our annual fund raiser, “The Home Winemakers Classic,” is taking shape. This year we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary!! The event will take place on Saturday, July 21, at Charles Krug Winery, St. Helena Hwy. in St. Helena. Please come and have a GREAT time, drink some fantastic wines, eat delicious food, and listen to wonderful live music by local musician John Kelly while supporting your local volunteer fire department. This event has become, without a doubt, the best party for home winemakers in all of California!

The Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department website also sells admission tickets to the Home Winemakers Classic for \$35 (pre-sale price or \$45 at the door). This is our primary fundraiser, so please be sure to help us get the word out, and let your friends know about the electronic store.

Policy is very simple:
we respect your privacy and we do not sell or share the information you provide, period.

Can't come to the event you say??!! Well, help support us by purchasing raffle tickets and have the

chance to win some great prizes! **YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.** This year the prizes are: \$500.00 cash!, One 3L Bottle of Hess Allomi 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Tour and Tasting at Turnbull Wine Cellars, Birthday Party for 10 Kids with Engine 16. A book of 5 tickets costs a tax-deductible \$20. It costs so little but can do so much!! Look for the letter and raffle tickets that will be mailed soon to your house.

You can also make your tax-deductible donation to your local volunteer fire department by purchasing raffle tickets either that day at the event or from our online store @drycreek.org

See you there:

**Charles Krug Winery
St. Helena
Saturday, July 21st**

OPEN HOUSE PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 9:00-12:00

As a reminder, please join us for a neighborhood meeting where you can meet your neighbors and plan for a Safe Fire Season! The Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department and the Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council will serve pancakes beginning at 9:00. Shortly following there will be presentations by other neighborhood organizations including:

Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council
Mt. Veeder Neighborhood Watch Program
The Wall Road Vicinity Group
Home Winemakers Classic
Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department

Bring the entire family for pictures with the fire engines, the firefighters, and free fire hats for the kids! Literature and other important information will be available during the event for you to take home and put to good use.

So, please join us at anytime between 9:00 and 12:00 at the main Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department

Firehouse located at 5900 Dry Creek Rd.