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## GET TO KNOW BILLY SORENSEN YOUR TRVFD CAPTAIN

What does it mean to be a local boy with a dream? For TRVFD Captain Billy Sorensen it has been a journey filled with hard work and dedication. Along the way Billy has found a home, a career and a place to make a difference.

Billy grew up just over the hill from the Two Rock Valley, in the Wilmar area of Petaluma. A true country boy, he was always looking forward to the next hunting or fishing trip, and really enjoyed the sport of auto racing. Billy graduated from Petaluma High school in 1989 where he played football and, since he was from a family of police officers, thought that he would go into law enforcement. However, fate had another idea for him.

Billy was working at M. Maselli & Sons Hardware when he had a conversation with retired Wilmar Volunteer Fire Chief Bob Mickelson. The Chief asked Billy

to be a volunteer fire fighter at Wilmar. Billy decided to attend the next training. During the drill Billy got to see how all of the volunteers worked together, and how much they genuinely enjoyed what they were doing. That night the department got a call for a child that had been struck by a car. They allowed Billy to ride along and at that scene he witnessed the passion & dedication of the volunteer team. He was sold! Billy was going to be a fire fighter. He joined the Wilmar Volunteer Fire Department in 1989 and began the journey that brought him to where he is today. Billy credits Wilmar Fire for his desire to serve today. "I just have a strong desire to help people at their worst time. You can't describe how that feels."

In 1998 Billy was hired with Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services (DES). He started out as a materials handler, ensuring that the fire departments in the county service area got everything they needed to do their job. After a few years as a materials handler and many classes and training, Billy was promoted to fire inspector. Once again he had the opportunity to get out into the county and meet



*Two Rock Fire Captain Billy Sorensen*

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# FIRE CALLS

**THESE ARE THE CALLS THAT YOUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL HAVE RESPONDED TO RECENTLY**

## JUNE

June 5– Fire Alarm Valley Ford Rd.  
June 6 – Vehicle Accident Valley Ford Rd  
June 10 – Structure Fire Wilmar District  
June 11- Vehicle Accident/Extrication (MCI) Bodega Ave.  
June 12 – Vegetation Fire La Cresta Dr., Petaluma  
June 19- Move up and cover Wilmar Fire Dept.  
June 29– Medical Aid Sutton St., Bloomfield  
June 30 – Vegetation Fire Valley Ford Rd.

## JULY

July 5 – Vehicle Accident Bodega Ave and Pepper Road.  
July 7- Vehicle Accident Tomales Road  
July 11- Vegetation Fire Bloomfield Road and Valley Ford Road  
July 16- Medical Aid Bloomfield Rd.  
July 21– Medical Aid Bloomfield Rd.  
July 22- Vegetation Fire Purvine Rd.  
July 24– Medical Aid Fallon Rd.

## AUGUST

August 13- Fire Alarm Spring Hill Rd  
August 18– Vehicle Accident Tomales Rd.

## SEPTEMBER

September 1- Vegetation Fire  
September 2– Medical Aid  
September 6 - Structure Fire Wilmar District  
September 12 -- Medical aid **Fallon Rd.**

## OCTOBER

October 3 - Vehicle Accident Tomales Rd.  
October 3 - Medical Aid Walker Rd.  
October 5 - Vehicle Accident Valley Ford/ Walker Rd.  
October 11 - Hazardous Condition Bodega Ave.  
October 23 - Vehicle Accident Valley Ford Rd.



**Support Admin:**  
Tobi Ann Agliano  
Christina Neisius  
Rose Birkenfeld

**Support Photographer:**  
Wernher Krutein

**New Firefighter Trainees:**  
Yury Alenso-Munoz  
Steve Cummings  
Spencer Greene  
Allison Levesque  
Mitch Neve  
Kyle Pruett  
Darren Shaw  
Lydia Tresch

**Engineer/Training Support:**  
Tony Anello

**Smoke Detectors:** Please remember when you changed your clock, you should have changed your smoke detector batteries. Two Rock Fire Department is offering free smoke detectors to families who need them. We will also install them if needed. For information contact Fire Chief Lori Anello 782.9311.

**Addresses:** Large, legible address numbers help us find your home in an emergency. Please make sure your property is well marked.

**Places for rent:** We have firefighter families that want to move into the valley. If you know of a place for rent, contact Chief Lori Anello 782.9311.

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# Get Involved in YOUR Community . . .



## SHOP, SWIPE, SUPPORT TRVFD It's that Easy!

The SHARES card program is an easy way to support TRVFD and it costs you absolutely nothing. We have earned a total of \$483.00 since we started the SHARES program in March. You just swipe the card when making grocery purchases at Lucky or Food Max. Two Rock Fire receives a percentage of your purchase. Fundraising does not get any easier. To get your SHARES card, give Kathy Tresch a call at 762-7952 or email [Kathy@TwoRockFire.com](mailto:Kathy@TwoRockFire.com) and help support Two Rock Fire's dream of building a new fire station.

## DUES STILL DUE -- and much appreciated

If you are looking to donate to a cause where your investment gets a huge return AND it does the most

good, consider this: the Two Rock Fire Department is in the business of saving lives. You can't get any closer to helping your community (besides volunteering) than donating to our community safety. Thanks to all who have sent in your 2010 dues.

Dues notices were mailed to community members October 14. We request \$50 per residence. The membership dues are an important part of our annual budget and hope you can send yours promptly. Please submit any name or address corrections and email addresses if you'd prefer email billing in the future. Email: [jill@tworockfire.com](mailto:jill@tworockfire.com).

## SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Support Volunteer: The Support Volunteer position is designed to provide individuals within the community an opportunity to participate doing good works with the firefighters but are unable, for any number of reasons, to serve as firefighters. Please contact Chief Lori Anello if you would like to volunteer your talents as a support volunteer.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Support Volunteer VERN KRUTEIN



Since childhood Wernher (Vern) Krutein has formulated a reverence for a world he describes as "simply beautiful, enormously complex, and lovingly profound." His lifelong endeavor has created a vast archive of over 700,000 images called Photovault. He is a published author of over ten books, and has also produced over 30 corporate videos and short films from thousands of hours of film footage he has taken of the planet.

Vern recently joined Two Rock Fire as a support volunteer and is taking great shots of the first responders on 911 scenes, training and at community events.

Vern's most recent work-of-art was unveiled at the opening of the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey, California. His 18' x 18' wall mural mosaic is the centerpiece welcoming its visitors to the space shuttle Columbia and her crew. Two Rock Fire is very grateful to have Vern onboard.

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people, except this time he was inspecting new businesses and new construction, ensuring that they met the fire code and were safe to be occupied. Billy states "The County was always a fun and exciting opportunity to learn something new about the fire service", but Billy was still looking to accomplish his dream of being a career fire fighter.

Shortly thereafter Billy was hired with the US Coast Guard Fire

Department. After so many years of training and preparing he had reached his goal of being a career fire fighter. At the same time he was also relocating to the Two Rock Valley. Two Rock Fire Chief, long time friend and new co-worker, Lori Anello, said that he would have a home at Two Rock Fire if he was interested. Two Rock was just what Billy was looking for; an opportunity to see a department start from the ground up. Billy

states "that coming to Two Rock and watching all the changes has been amazing. I love to see new and excited volunteers. All the hard work that people put in has been inspiring."

During his spare time, Billy loves to share the great outdoors with his 12 year old daughter on their Cloverdale property where they love to fish and hunt. Billy also enjoys his out-of-state hunting trips.

*Listen for Those  
Sleigh Bells Ringing*  
**Christmas Caroling**

The Two Rock Fire Department will be out Christmas caroling again this year. We can't hit all the houses but we try to target a different area of the valley every year. If you hear your dogs howling to what sounds like jingle bells in the distance, that is a good sign we are coming down your street. Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all.



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Every third Friday of the month (except December), volunteers turn the Social Hall into a MOVIE THEATER. We open the doors at 6:30 and the movie starts at 7:00 pm. The movies are geared to kids and the price of admission is affordable for big families. Donations are \$1.00 for adults and .25 cents for the kids. Free popcorn and hot cocoa is a pretty good deal too. Our last movie was the *Incredibles*. Special thanks goes out to Tom Nunes for donating the DVD player / speakers and John Monahan's donation of a movie screen.

BE SURE TO  
SEE OUR NEW  
VIDEOS, PHOTO  
GALLERY AND  
COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR AT  
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COM.**

# OUR NEW ENGINE

We just bought a 1994 Spartan type 1 structural engine. It has a 1250 GPM Hale Pump, 600 Gallons of water, Class A foam, a 250HP 3116 CAT motor, Allison automatic transmission and seats six people in a fully enclosed cab. It was purchased from Healdsburg Fire Department for \$14,500 and was appraised at nearly \$40,000. It came with an onboard generator, scene lights, hose, nozzles, hand tools and a set com headset system in the cab.

We are selling our 1980 engine. The engine has done us well for the last 3 years and we need to find her a good home. Please email [tworock@tworockfire.com](mailto:tworock@tworockfire.com) for more info.