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Two Rock News

GET TO KNOW LARRY PETERSEN YOUR ASST. FIRE CHIEF

When Larry was eight years old, he wrote in a homework assignment that he wanted to be a firefighter like his father, William, who then was the Assistant Chief of the Hessel Fire District. Back then, the fire station siren could be heard from the Petersen Bros Dairy. When the siren would sound off, Larry's father



Two Rock Assistant Fire Chief Larry Petersen.

would rush to the station, grab the fire engine and respond to 911 calls in the Hessel community. Dianne Petersen would then drive the four kids to the fire station after their farm chores were done to help out with the station duties.

Larry would work after school with his family on the dairy disking the fields, feeding the cows, and building fences and had a knack for wrenching on tractors, trucks and engines. At Petaluma High School he belonged to the Small Engine Team which competed all over Northern California. At the SRJC, he took diesel mechanic classes and fire classes, all the while working at the family dairy and at a tractor equipment maintenance company. Larry padded his fire service portfolio by becoming a volunteer and then put himself through the fire academy. He was picked up by CDF as a seasonal firefighter for four seasons, the last two stationed at Boggs Mountain in Lake County with the Helitack Company. In 2001 Larry became a Firefighter for the City of Petaluma and shortly thereafter was hired on with Santa Rosa Fire Department. He is currently an Engineer and works on a Truck and Engine Company.

Larry is a certified Rescue Specialist with California Task Force 4 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) out of Oakland. His last deployment he spent two weeks helping communities in Texas and Louisiana during last year's hurricane season. Larry also recently became an instructor with the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services and currently is in charge of the training program at Two Rock Fire. Larry holds certifications in State Firefighter 1 and 2, Fire Officer, Rescue Systems 1 and 2, Trench and Confined Space, and Wildland.

Larry states, "Two Rock VFD has come a long way with the fantastic

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FIRE CALLS

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

January 2	Hazardous Condition @ Springhill Rd & Seavey Rd.
January 10	Vehicle Accident @ 14210 Valley Ford Rd., Valley Ford
January 14	Vehicle Fire @ 14325 Hwy. 1, Valley Ford
January 16	Hazardous Condition @ Valley Ford Rd. X Carmody Rd.
January 20	Vehicle Accident with Extrication @ 7755 Valley Ford Rd.
January 27	Medical Aid @ 660 Bessie Mae Ln
January 31	Vehicle Accident @ Valley Ford Rd. X Tomales Rd.
February 1	Medical Aid @ 2915 Pepper Rd.
February 4	Fire Alarm @ 7583 Valley Ford Rd.
February 5	Hazardous Condition @ Carroll Rd. X Valley Ford Rd.
February 16	Vehicle Accident @ Valley Ford Rd X Tomales Rd.
February 22	Medical Aid Valley Ford Rd.

OUR THANK YOUs!

Everyone who sent their annual dues. You're OUR heroes!

Two Rock 4H for cleaning the hall for the annual meeting.

Two Rock Presbyterian Church for \$1000 donation for new Type 3 rescue vehicle.

Kendra Perraca for donating the cash register.

John Azevedo and **Paul Pozzi** for the shotgun raffle donation.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Rose Birkenfeld, signage/PR
Vern Krutein, Photovault, Inc., photography/video
Robin Soldati, event planning
Deborah Walton, Canvas Ranch, newsletter

The Support Volunteer positions provide individuals within the Two Rock community an opportunity to assist the TRVFD in jobs other than firefighting. It's a wonderful way for us to utilize the talents of the local community – and a great way to get to know our neighbors while doing good.

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It's good for us and good for you!

DOUBLE BARREL RAFFLE at Pancake Breakfast



In memory of Elmer Nelsen, a raffle is ramping up to be held at the Annual Pancake Breakfast on July 12. Buy a ticket for your chance to win a **Winchester EXT 12-gauge over/under shotgun**. 100% of the proceeds will go to the TRVFD. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20. The raffle idea was created by John Azevedo and Paul Pozzi in memory of Elmer Nelsen. Help get the Two Rock Fire Department's "Dream Big" Campaign off with a bang as we push onward towards building a new fire station. For pre-sale tickets before the breakfast, please contact Susan Bianchi at 762.0446 or email tworock@tworockfire.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, July 12

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Firefighter / EMT

Tami Lavey,
Firefighter / EMT



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Lori Anello was nominated and elected Vice President of the Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Companies Association.

A TRVFD officers meeting was held and officer duties were created as follows: Captain Bill Sorenson is now in charge of scheduling equipment maintenance, Asst. Chief Larry Petersen is now in charge of training, and Captain Lou Stoerzinger is in charge of training records and run reports.

Raffle Donations Needed for the July 12th Pancake Breakfast:

If you are wondering how to support the Two Rock Team of first responders,

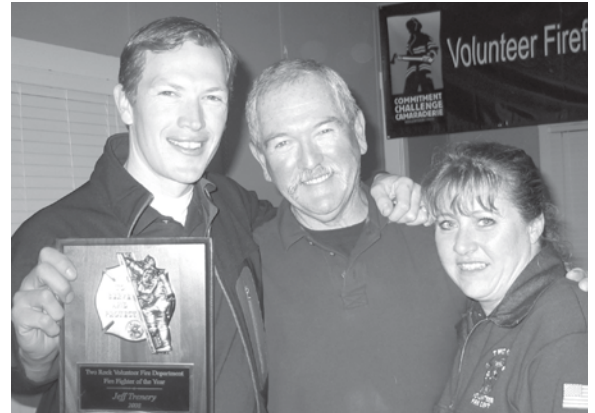


you can donate an item for the Pancake Breakfast raffle. Donating a raffle item is a great way to show your support for your fire department. Email tworock@tworockfire.com to get involved.

Grant Writing: Firefighters Bonnie Melanson and Tami Lavey attended a Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security in Napa this month. TRVFD will be keying on opportunities coming up that allow for grants to be written for the building of our new fire station.

Firefighter of the Year Jeff Trener: At the Annual Meeting and Potluck, Firefighter Trener was cited for his exceptional service during the year of 2008. Throughout the year Firefighter Trener showed his dedication and willingness to serve by volunteering to man the departments rescue squad, ensuring that it was always staffed by a volunteer and ready to respond. Firefighter Trener also distinguished himself as an extremely competent

and professional emergency responder, by providing quick, accurate and decisive care and decision making no matter the situation. Through the course of the year he has been a highly effective and energetic member of the fire department. His congenial attitude makes him a pleasure to work with; his sense of duty and



Jeff Trener, his dad Cliff Trener, and Chief Lori Anello.

willingness to communicate with both supervisors and peers makes him an invaluable part of the team, and his skill, passion for the community, and ability to remain calm under pressure have allowed him to distinguish himself as a first rate emergency responder.

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community support and the volunteers stepping up to take on a noble challenge. We still have much work ahead of us. We need to upgrade our pumper, obtain a water tender, build a new fire station, beef up our roster and continue our dedication to quality training. We currently have a great group of volunteers who have put countless hours into making what this department is today. I am very proud to be part of this group.”

Larry has two sisters and one brother, all in the fire service. Larry lives on Fallon Road on his ranch with his wife of 13 years, Theresa, and their 12-year-old son, Cole.

NEW ENGINE UPDATE

Our new Type III Rescue is just about finished being built and will be put to work this May. Asst Chief Larry Petersen and TRVFD Director Tom Nunes will be flying to Unruh Fire in Sedwick, Kansas for the final inspection and the long drive back to Two Rock . . . in STYLE!



CONGRATULATIONS to TRVFD Firefighter Bonnie Melanson for achieving 100% on her Anatomy final! Firefighter Melanson begins the year-long paramedic program this summer and by mid next year will be the first paramedic on the TRVFD roster.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

These classified ads help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. If you wish to place an ad, the price is \$20 for the size you see here. Please email us at tworock@tworockfire.com with your ad copy. We'll set it up for you. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject any ad.

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MOTHER'S DAY OPEN HOUSE AT CANVAS RANCH

Sunday, May 10 12-4PM. Bring a blanket, a picnic, and your favorite mom. See baby animals, tour the farm, have fun! Adults \$10; kids \$3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

TRVFD needs help with fundraisers, auction items, and lots more. Get involved and get to know your neighbors! Email tworock@tworockfire.com or call 789-0302.

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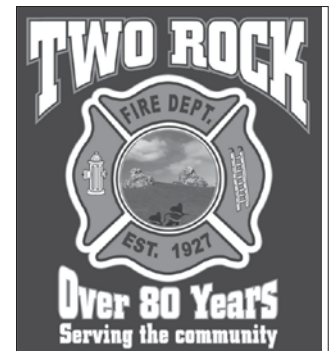
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The Two Rock Volunteer Fire Department is a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization that relies solely on your generous contributions to be able to respond to community 911 calls. Thank you for supporting your neighbors. We are proud to serve you.