



GF&RD

the Gilbert Fire and Rescue Department

VOLUNTEERS

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Kim's Corner

By Kim Yonda
Gilbert Fire & Rescue Department
Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteering at Gilbert Fire & Rescue allows each of us the opportunity to build valuable life and career skills, make lasting friendships, and have fun adventures. I like to think that our Volunteer program provides our wonderful Volunteers a great foundation for those choosing a career in fire service. In addition, there are opportunities for the many Volunteers who have retired from their careers, are community members, parents, or students, or who have careers outside of fire service; by Volunteering with



our department you are a part of a team, and more importantly, a member of our family. No matter what your reasons are for Volunteering with the department, or how long you have been with us, "Welcome!" You all make an enormous contribution to the success of Gilbert Fire & Rescue, and your efforts are very much appreciated.

It's here! Our Annual Butterbraids Fundraiser! From now until October 29, you can place your order for yummy Butterbraids with one of our fabulous Volunteers, or the Amazing Tonya Holmes at Fire Administration. This year there is a special bonus pack option. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Gilbert Fire & Rescue Department's Volunteer Program. Thank you in advance for your support!

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2015, there is no slowing down for our Volunteers. I encourage you to log in online and view the many trainings, as well as the fall and holiday opportunities approaching. These are great opportunities to make a difference in Gilbert.

I hope everyone has registered for our Annual November 3, or 14, Volunteer Meeting. The dates are rapidly approaching, and November will be here before we know it. Continuing with tradition this is THE meeting of the year, and one you won't want to miss. It's a jammed pack, action and information filled meeting. I'm excited and hope you are too! I even purchased two shirts to match this year's theme. J

Thank you for making a difference, not only in the lives of many in our community, but also in my life. You are the best of the best!



Gilbert Police Department

Free Shred-a-Thon

The Gilbert Police Department, MidFirst Bank, Sam Club and EZ Shredding Solutions are partnering to help protect your good name from – Identity Theft

What: Shred documents on-site safely and securely

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2015

Time: 9 am -12:00 noon

Place: Sam's Club parking lot
2621 S. Market Street (San Tan Village)

<http://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/police/crime-prevention>

Look for the shred truck and police in the parking lot



Minimum suggested donation

\$5 per box

All monies/coins raised benefit Special Olympics Arizona and doubled by



Congratulations!
To some of our recent
Community Assistance
Class 17 graduates.





Cook & Ladder

Guacamole

From Judy Slack
GF&RD Volunteer

4 or 5 ripe avocados, mashed
1 TBS mayonnaise per avocado
1 large tomato diced
1 bunch green onions, diced
1 can of El Pato hot sauce (the yellow can)
Salt & pepper to taste
A splash of lemon juice to keep the color,
then mix it all together and enjoy!



Welcome New GF&RD Volunteers

Kevin Ahlers	Marla Martella
Brian Ellery	Lloyd Schulz
Fred Guelich	Curt Ward
Jason Lee	

HAPPENING NOW!



Be Counted

GILBERT SPECIAL CENSUS

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Be Counted in Gilbert's Special Census

Do you live in Gilbert, Arizona for more than six months out of the year? Starting October 1, 2015, Gilbert will be conducting a Mid-Decade Special Census to account for the rapid growth the community has experienced since the 2010 Census. It is critical that our community gets an accurate population count to ensure we receive our fair share of state and federal funds.

You can help by answering your door and taking the U.S. Census Bureau survey. A few minutes of your time could bring millions of tax dollars back to Gilbert over the next five years.



Famous Chicago #18

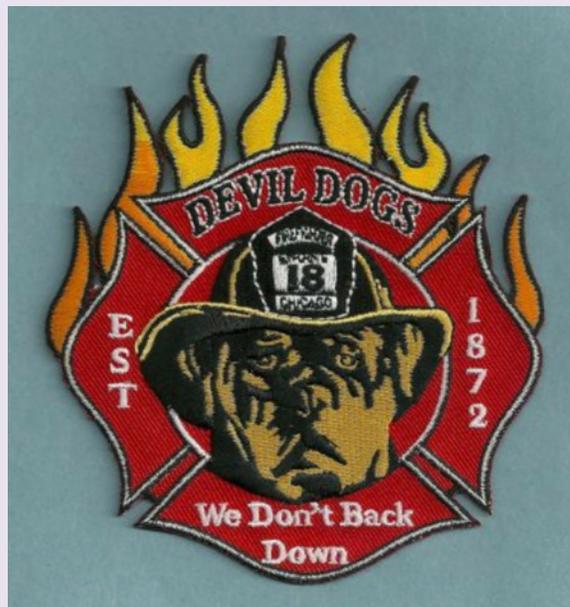
By Diane M. Nelson
GF&RD Volunteer



In August, my husband and I visited my home town of Chicago and had an opportunity to tour Engine Company No. 18, referred to as Engine Company No. 51, the location of the "Chicago Fire" television series. The significance of this Chicago Engine Company is that it was the first fire department organized after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Obviously the current location is not the original station and is only 8 years old. For the first year of production, the series was filmed on location, with the existing operating station working out of the parking lot. Firefighter Sam gave us a tour of Engine Company No. 18 and we were intrigued by a collection of historical fire fighting memorabilia and the history of the Chicago Fire Department.

In 1832, a group known as the "Washington Volunteers" became the first fire company in Chicago. The Chicago Fire Department was created on August 2, 1858, with a combination of paid fireman and Volunteers. Unfortunately, at the time of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, the Fire Department was woefully unequipped to handle the magnitude of the Fire that devastated Chicago.

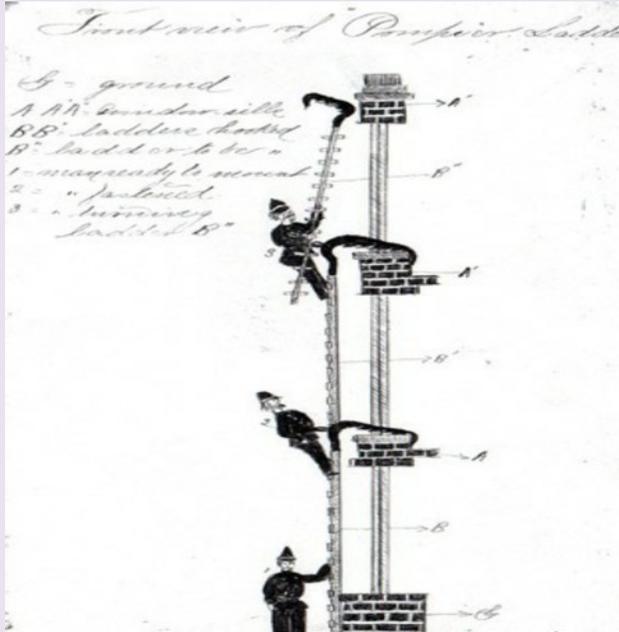
Today the Chicago Fire Department has over 5,000 firefighters.



Firefighters as Volunteers relied on very primitive equipment and no pay. One of the ways that the Volunteer system worked was through funding by the insurance companies. The insurance company would provide money to the Volunteers in advance for protecting certain buildings. A medallion would be placed on the building to signify that the building was insured by one of the insurance companies. Here are some of the medallions on display in Engine Company No. 18.



Also in the station is a Pompier wooden ladder, approximately 12' long and a graphic that shows how a combination of these ladders can be used to climb a multi-story building. This type of ladder was first used by the St. Louis Fire Department in 1877.



Early firefighters charged into burning buildings to rescue people without the aid of any breathing apparatus. Engine Company No. 18 has a collection of breathing equipment showing their evolution. Of particular interest, was the first breathing apparatus developed by the Germans and purchased by the Chicago Fire Department in 1912.



Chicago Fire Department members wearing a German made Dräger closed circuit breathing apparatuses (CCBA). These devices provided the firefighters with breathable air for up to 30 minutes. According to the Dräger Company the Chicago Fire Department received 42 of these early CCBA's.



Chicago Fire Department training using the Pompier Ladder.



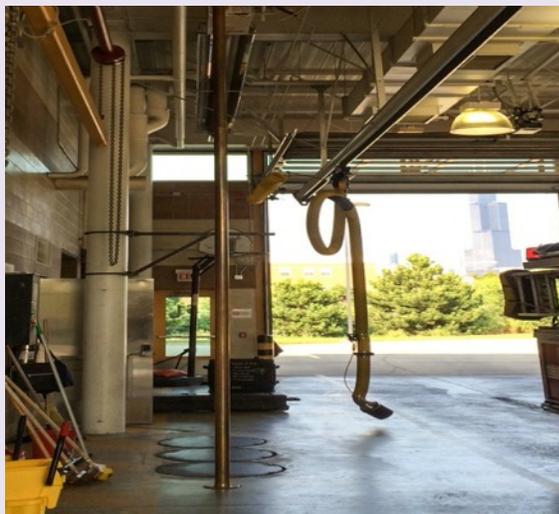


54 E. Hubbard Street
January 8, 1958
Bill Friedrich collection

Here is a collection of pictures from the tour of Engine Company No. 18.

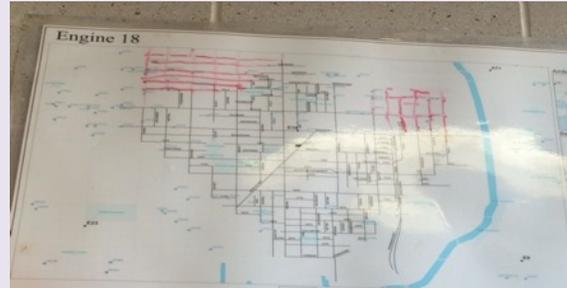


Diane Nielsen and tour guide Firefighter Sam



Fire Pole added for the TV series, known as the "Pole to Nowhere". However, the first "sliding

Pole was invented by Captain David Kenyon of Chicago FD in 1878.



Engine Company 18 Plat Map. Streets in red are where they compete for service with the adjacent fire company.

From the television series "Chicago Fire".





Spectacular view from the back of the fire station. You will see this shot in many of the television series episodes.



By Judy Slack
GR&RD Volunteer

Diane Nielsen is originally from Chicago, Illinois and has lived in Gilbert for 16 years. In the past she has lived in many parts of the country as a member of a military family. Diane has been Volunteering with the Gilbert Fire & Rescue Department for four years. She has also Volunteered at Mercy Gilbert, in the pediatrics ward.

Diane feels the greatest accomplishment of her life is her children. She also very much enjoys being a grandparent.

The great opportunities to serve that are offered by Gilbert Fire & Rescue have become Diane's passion. She promised her mother that she would do great things, and she believes serving through COM 251 has allowed her to keep that promise.

When not Volunteering, Diane works and travels with her husband, Steven. Her other passions include home improvement, decorating, crafts, and photography.



Reviewing CERT

By Johnna Switzer
GF&RD Volunteer

This month is the third in the series of triage review. I hope you did well with the last patients. Let's see how well you do this month.

1. Bleeding from scalp wound; breathing once every 4 seconds; color returns to finger tips in less than 2 seconds.
2. Bone projecting from right leg; breathing once every 4 seconds; color returns to finger tips in 2 seconds; knows name, date, and what happened.
3. Large piece of wood in left thigh; alert; color returns to finger tips in less than 2 seconds; breathing once every 3 seconds.
4. Left ankle swollen and deformed; knows name, date, and what happened; color returns to finger tips in 2 seconds; breathing once every 4 seconds.

Answers:

1. Minor — dress wound if needed
2. Delayed — cover bone & stabilize leg
3. Delayed — stabilize wood, monitor
4. Delayed — immobilize ankle, monitor circulation in toes.

Many A True Word Is Spoken

“The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.” ~ Ernest Hemingway

A Little Laugh

Harry Hill asks, “Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's hardly ever for them.”

And For The Small Fry

A duck walks into a store and says, “Gimme a chapstick and put it on my bill.”

COMING UP

OCTOBER

1-29 Butterbraid Sales

3 ESF Training	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Amphitheater	CERT / FC
5 Everyday Heroes Meeting	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Room 6	CERT / FC
13 Home Safety Team Training	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Room 6	CERT / FC

NOVEMBER

3 Fire Corps Fire Prevention Trailer Training	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Station 2	CERT / FC
3 Annual Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Amphitheater	CERT / FC
5 COM 251 Quarterly Meeting	6:00 PM	Room 6	COM 251
7 My Neighborhood Station Event		Station 8	CERT / FC
14 Annual Meeting	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Amphitheater	CERT / FC

***Fire Administration Will Be Closed
November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving***



△ Open to CERT, FC, and VIPS Volunteers

Gilbert Fire and Rescue Department Volunteers register on line.

All others

Register with Kim Yonda @ 480-503-6325 or kim.yonda-lead@gilbertaz.gov