

THE CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Chief:

Welcome to the first issue of the CFPD Newsletter. We will use the newsletter to increase the flow of information from the district to the people we serve and protect. This first issue will tell you a little about the volunteers who represent Cachagua Fire. We have decided to start with our ladies. Please let us hear from you via our website www.cachaguafireprotectiondistrict.com.



Chief Gregg Curry

Meet Cachagua Fire:

Just who comprises Cachagua Fire? We are a group of 22 volunteers, ranging in age from 18-66, 19 men and three women, from all walks of life. A few of us are lucky and are retired but most of us have to go to work daily, where we are contractors, engineers, heavy equipment operators, ranchers, medical assistants, teachers, HVAC specialists, PG&E employees, electricians, stewards, construction workers, city employees, professional firefighters, and even a high school senior. We train every Tuesday evening on every aspect of firefighting and emergency medicine, several of us have taken more extensive training to become emergency medical technicians, others have become

certified in specialized fire and rescue techniques, such as white water rescue and rappelling. We are your friends and neighbors, maybe the parents of your kids' friends, and we are willing to drop everything or get up in the middle of the night to respond to the emergency call. Every quarter we will turn the spotlight on a few volunteers. In this first issue we focus on the women of Cachagua Fire.



Bear Kimber, Felicia Fisher, Heather Curry

Heather Curry can scarcely remember a time where Cachagua Fire wasn't a part of her life. Growing up she watched her father, now our Chief, and the other Volunteers train and respond to emergencies. As she grew older Heather would participate in training drills, playing the part of the victim. These experiences led her to want to help others so it was only natural that she would follow in her father's footsteps and join the

department. Heather is currently a firefighter/EMT and works as a medical assistant in Monterey. She lives with her fiancée in Cachagua, enjoys country music, and rides horses.

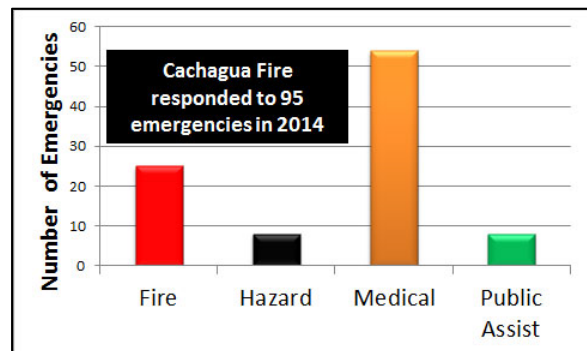
Bear Kimber has been a member of Cachagua Fire for 10 years, serving as a firefighter/EMT. She became involved after taking a CERT course and being told by an instructor in the fire service to look into volunteering with Cachagua. For years, Bear was the face behind the wheel of Rescue 7761 as she used to live right across from the firehouse. You may also recognize her from Kasey's and the Christmas Eve bicycle give away. Bear is a landscape contractor who likes to garden, visit the desert, play pool, and spend time with her girlfriend, Susan. This year she plans to fulfill a lifelong dream and travel to Alaska.

For **Felicia Fisher**, it all started with the Basin Complex. "I went to the firehouse to look at maps and the next thing I knew I was assisting the county EMS instructor in recertifying several of the Cachagua Volunteers". That grew into serving as the Secretary of the Volunteers Association, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, EMT, and anything else that is required to support the mission. Felicia works as a

substitute teacher and on special projects for the Carmel schools and lives with her husband and adult daughter in Jamesburg. She has ridden horses all her life, "Why walk when you can ride?" and loves the rural life.

2014 In Review:

Cachagua Fire was busy saving lives in 2014. We responded to an emergency about twice per week. Our average response time was a staggering 5 min and 5 secs (it ranged from 1:14 to 15:25) per emergency. This is pretty amazing when you think that we are all volunteers. We couldn't do it without the support of our families and our community.



You can read more details about most of our calls by visiting our Facebook page. We typically highlight the calls for the week and sometimes provide photos from the incidents.

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