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## WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

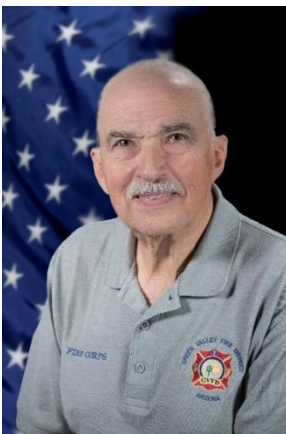
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### Congratulations to Fire Corps Members



This year I would like to recognize three outstanding volunteers for their service to the Fire Corps. **Ellen Brancazio** has volunteered with the Fire Corps since May of 2019. She helps coordinate all the SWAG for Fire Corps and GVFD Community Outreach Events. This past year she was instrumental in assisting GVFD with a grant to provide each of our stations with pickleball equipment and marking pickleball courts at each of our stations.

**David Vleck** has volunteered with the Fire Corps since March of 2014. He has handled training records, interviewed new volunteers, taught our desert pest removal classes, and numerous other activities. David is an example of a servant leader in all that he does as he volunteers with numerous organizations in our area.



**Denny Mart** has worked in the Fire Corps since December of 2008. There isn't anything related to the Fire Corps that Denny has not been a part of. Denny, along with a few others, has been instrumental in ensuring our lockbox program is a success in our community. Denny's passion for our community and his dedication is why he is being selected as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year for the Fire Corps. There are over 8000 lockboxes installed in our community. Thank you, Ellen, David, and Denny, for your outstanding performances over the years.

## Behind the Scenes:



Peggy Allen



Peggy Cederstrom



Kimberlee Jacobs-Hopkins

**Peggy Allen** tracks the hours of each of our fire corps volunteers each month. She has done this for several years. These hours are reported to the GVFD Board at each monthly meeting. **Peggy Cederstrom** tracks the number of smoke alarms, batteries, and lockboxes we use each month. She reviews every ticket and customer and lets us know who the new fire corps customers are. **Kimberlee Jacobs-Hopkins** has been instrumental in putting together a chirper log and comparing it to our fire corps database. This allows us to see where the GVFD has made multiple visits to homes for chirper calls and allows us to improve training and troubleshoot training deficiencies and evaluate product performance to reduce emergency personnel responses and multiple visits. **Susan Jones** and **Kay Mertes** spend numerous hours each month ensuring our customers' information



Susan Jones

records are up to date, preparing and printing tickets, and ensuring that any updates needed are completed for future field visits. They have also spent the last few months building an actual database in ACCESS to help better protect our fire corps records. You may not see them in the office, but they have a pivotal role in making Fire Corps a success.



Kay Mertes



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## **Save the Dates:**

<b>March 4</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Chirpers with Chuck Fire Corps Office Training</b>
<b>March 6-9</b>		<b>Continental Plaza Sidewalk Fire Corps Static Display</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>9-4 PM</b>	<b>Fire Corps Annual Training – Continental Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor there is an elevator in the courtyard if needed.</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>3-6 PM</b>	<b>Fire Corps Annual Dinner @ the Longhorn Grill</b>
<b>March 25 – 29</b>		<b>Fire Corps Office Closed for Construction</b>
<b>April 6</b>		<b>Relay for Life Static Display Rancho Resort</b>
<b>April 6</b>		<b>Fiesta Sahuarita</b>

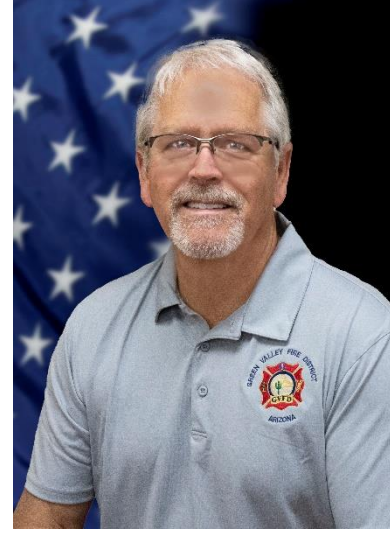
## **New Fire Corps Members:**



**Vera Shafer**



**Phil Leibfried**



**Steve Muretta**





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## Fire Corps Making a Difference:

It was obvious **Maureen** and **George** enjoyed the good work they do. Both were friendly, courteous, helpful, and professional. Wonderful assistance provided. Thank you, **Jack** and **Carol**. **Rich** and **Mark** were so helpful. They had to bring a 10' ladder in to be able to reach our smoke detector in the living room. There were no complaints and that is not the easiest task. Although my husband is in good shape, he has a bum ankle that gives out on him without warning. Climbing a 10' ladder would not be a wise thing for him to do. I so appreciate this and other services the Fire corps provides. Thank you for all you do! **Maureen** was very thorough and helpful. **John** and **Dan** were timely, professional, and the epitome of excellent public service. **Mark** and **Tom** did a great job at our house. **Bill** and **Jack** were here to replace the batteries in the smoke alarms. They ended up replacing all the smoke alarms which were manufactured in 2014. This kind and professional service is greatly appreciated. **Carol** is fantastic. Very respectful, courteous, and professional. **Dale**, **Gary**, and **Steve** installed new smoke detectors and gave instructions on how to make our home safer. They did a good job and were most helpful. It is very relieving to know that we have this service in our area. Thank you all! **Steve**, **David**, and **Tom** did a great job of installing two new smoke alarms. **Paul** and **Lance** were fabulous! They were very professional and upbeat. I really enjoyed the time they were here, as silly as it sounds. They are just two wonderful gentlemen! **Chuck** and **Steve** were on time. They performed a quality service. Both gave educational advice. They were very quick, neat, and tidy. Service could not have been better! **Carol** and **Rich** arrived when they told me they'd be at our home and changed out the batteries and replaced two alarms. Great job! **Tom**, **Mark**, and **Vera** were very informative. We were very pleased as they phoned ahead, changed the battery on our current smoke alarm, installed a second smoke alarm in our bedroom. John and Dan were knowledgeable and professional and pleasant to have in our home. Thank you to them and for all our Fire Department does! Chuck, Rick, and Dave were very efficient and didn't make a mess!





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## Departures from Fire Corps



Tom Conner

Please join me in thanking Tom Conner and Dick Deaver for their service to the Green Valley Fire Corps. Tom joined the Fire Corps in May of 2022 and has been an asset to us and the Green Valley Community. Dick started volunteering with Fire Corps in January of 2012. Thank you both for making a positive impact in our community by volunteering with Fire Corps!



Dick Deaver

## March Fire Corps Birthdays



Karen Rowell



Ted Hoeger





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## **Safety Tip of the Month**

### Spring Cleaning

Spring is just around the corner. This means Spring Cleaning and the potential that boxes and other heavy items may have to be moved. Below are some things to keep in mind to keep yourself and others safe:

- 1- Examine items to be moved for potential problems prior to moving them.
- 2- Determine approximate weight to see if you can safely move yourself or if you need assistance.
- 3- If no assistance is needed, bend your hips and knees to squat down and properly lift.
- 4- Keep objects close to your body when lifting.
- 5- Straighten your legs to lift (use your leg muscles to stand up and lift the heavy item off floor).
- 6- Avoid lifting heavy items above your head.
- 7- Avoid turning or twisting your back while lifting or holding a heavy object.

**IMPORTANT** - Never lift with your back. According to NASA.gov the most common injuries include muscle strains and ligament sprains, lumbar vertebral herniations, and abdominal hernias.

