



2026 GVFD FUNdraiser News



Front row L-R: John Maxwell, Dean Woinarowicz, Warren Bogert Sr, Shane D Mohn, Jeff Moe, Ken Popiel, Blue Lopez and Rick Beyer.
Back: Zachary Latraille, Saul Cruz, Matthew Richardson, Lance Eide, Darrin Wollitz, Mark Buck, Jacob Kulwicki, Jim Oihus, Chad Ruzicka, Matt Mohagen, Clark Unruh, Andrew Martens, Lance Heck, Kyle Truesdell, Brad Martinson and Brent Loftsgard
Not Pictured: Leroy Erickson, Al Sieben, Brian Hildebrandt, Chad Bjorneby, Spencer Potts, Lorenzo Lucio, Derek White, Pieter Cronje, Bill Atwood, Kalob Heck, Ethan Scotting, Brandon Latraille, Xavier Rodriguez and Mark Martinez

Welcome Friends!

It's hard to believe that this is our 14th annual fundraising event. Time sure does fly when you are having FUN! On behalf of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, welcome to our event! We really hope you do have the best night ever and we certainly wish you all the best of luck as you try your luck at many of our games of chance. This event has grown to be a major attraction each year thanks to YOU! Without the extraordinary support of our entire region, this event would have went by the wayside years ago. Please stop any of the volunteers working the event tonight and let them know if there are any issues or compliment them if things are going great. We would like to extend our gratitude to each and every one of you for purchasing tickets and coming out to hang out with us tonight! REMEMBER: If you have one too many beverages tonight, we will once again be offering our ride home program for you AND your car within 30 miles of Grafton. Please be safe, have FUN and remember to buy those tickets early for next year's event!

With Gratitude,



All the Members of GVFD and Sparky



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Current GVFD Members

Clark Unruh, Chief, 4 years service
Lance Eide, 1st Assistant, 2 years service
Kyle Truesdell, 2nd Assistant, 1 year service
Derek White, 101 Captain, 4 years service
Lance Heck, 102 Captain, 10 years service
Leroy Erickson, 56 years service
Warren Bogert Sr., 51 years service
Al Sieben, 41 years service
Brian Hildebrandt, 39 years service
Ken Popiel, 38 years service
Dean Woinarowicz, 37 years service
Chad Bjorneby, 35 years service
Shane Mohn, 35 years service
Blue Lopez, 33 years service
Jeff Moe, 32 years service
John Maxwell, 29 years service
Rick Beyer, 28 years service
Mark Buck, 23 years service
Brad Martinson, 22 years service
Matt Mohagen, 20 years service
Spencer Potts, 17 years service
Jim Oihus, 15 years service
Chad Ruzicka, 8 years service
Lorenzo Lucio, 4 years service
Pieter Cronje, 2 years service
Darrin Wollitz, 2 years service
Bill Atwood, 2 years service
Andrew Martens, 2 years service
Matt Richardson, 2 years service
Jacob Kulwicki, 2 years service
Kalob Heck, 1 year service
Ethan Scotting, 1 year service

Apprentices:

Brent Loftsgard
Zachary Latraille
Brandon Latraille
Xavier Rodriguez
Mark Martinez

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

If you think you have what it takes to be a firefighter, ask any of the members here tonight or reach out to any of them at any time and we will get you an application! Please consider helping protect our community!

GVFD VOLUNTEERS

The members of GVFD had a busy 2025 with training, community outreach and volunteering for duties with other groups. There were around 100 calls for service in either city or rural areas. GVFD continues to hold weekly training sessions, and we are one of the few volunteer fire departments in the state to train weekly.



Members of GVFD also appeared at school-related events and gave the students some hands-on activities to try out some of the tools of the trade. GVFD makes several appearances at the school each year including Fire Prevention Week as well as helping to escort sports teams out of town as they head for the state tournaments.

FIREGROUND LEADERSHIP

GVFD saw a change in command as 22-year veteran Chief Ken Popiel retired and Clark Unruh was elected to serve as Chief of GVFD. Clark works for Hanson's Auto and Implement and is married to Jami and has a young son, Macklen. Other changes included Lance Eide stepping up to be 1st Assistant Chief and Kyle Truesdell as 2nd Assistant Chief. Derek White and Lance Heck continue as Captains at halls 101 and 102, respectively.



GVFD was new to the Giving Hearts Day movement this year, and members hosted an open house on February 12th to welcome community members in for tours and treats. GVFD was lucky enough to receive enough donations, making it possible to purchase the new cribbing and chocks to be used for vehicle accident stabilization. The Marvin Bright Squad members even had a soup fundraiser at the plant and donated the proceeds to GVFD at Giving Hearts Day.



IN THE COMMUNITY TO SERVE

SPONSORS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many sponsors who have donated goods, services or time to make this event all that it is! There is no doubt that we would not be able to continue this event without their support, so we are now asking **YOU** to also support **THEM!**

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- Extra End
- Tom and Mary LaHaise

PLEASE NOTE: If you were lucky tonight and won a larger prize and wish to pick it up tomorrow, Sunday April 12th GVFD will be at the Centennial Center from 12:00-3:00 PM so you may come pick up then.



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