



## Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department April News



**Ladder Truck:** Big news! Last month, the SVFD secured a 75' ladder truck (also known as a Quint) from Vancouver Fire Department for \$10,980. The VFD recently upgraded their fleet and this truck was surplus to their needs. It comes highly recommended and will permit us a bunch of new fire attack options with an elevated fire stream. After extensive training, we're hoping to unveil this truck to the communities by the summer. Thanks goes out to Metro Van and our fire trustees for making this acquisition possible.



Ladder Truck acquisition

**Auto Extrication:** Each year our volunteers respond to car accidents in Anmore and Belcarra – we had one last month. Our trucks carry tools that permit us to secure a vehicle and extricate trapped occupants as safely as possible. We use V-Struts to stabilize overturned cars (pictured), hydraulic spreaders to open doors, air bags to lift vehicles, a ram to move steering columns and use a lot of other equipment as well. Even though it is not our most frequent type of call, our members spend a great deal of time each year practicing with this equipment to be ready.



**Public Works Thank You:** The SVFD would like to pass along a BIG “thank you” to the two Villages’ public works staffs for all their hard work in clearing snow and de-icing roads this winter. These guys do a heck of a job keeping our roads clear and give us confidence when we’re responding to emergencies in poor weather conditions. In larger communities, side streets are often left unploughed – here we get top-notch service. Thanks again guys for everything you do to help us get to where we need to go.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update:** A group of firefighters are busy planning the SVFD’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It is coming together nicely. We’re looking to host a fun event that will be enjoyable for all residents. It will take place at Spirit Park in Anmore on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be sold by food truck vendors, Moody Ales will have a beer garden, there will be kids’ activities, and we’ll have a great live band for the occasion. Please see the attached advertisement and RSVP at [sasamat40th@gmail.com](mailto:sasamat40th@gmail.com) so that we can get a sense of numbers. Thanks!

Sincerely,

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