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## A Letter from Chief Jay Sharpe

Dear Anmore Resident,

*Thank you... we  
are almost  
there!*

Some eighteen months ago, the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department engaged our communities in an important task and frankly, it scared us all... to fundraise for new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). You see, firefighters as a group are not very good at asking others for help, but we knew this was something that could not wait. Historically, we are a well-funded department that is governed by progressive Fire Trustees who understand the importance of budgeting for good equipment and training. However, with a rapidly growing population, a few aging firetrucks, and the challenge of bigger and bigger homes, we realized we could not afford everything we needed without asking you for help.

Our goal was to replace our 25-year old SCBAs and air tanks at the daunting price of slightly over \$170,000.

To say that our members saw this as overwhelming ask is an understatement. Our entire department is 100% Volunteer and we are on call 24 hours a day, each year to serve you. How could they do more? But, I am delighted that the members stepped up. They did so because they knew the 10 to 15 minutes of air our antiquated systems provided was not enough to serve you! With 10 minutes of air, we could not effectively douse the flames of a burning home, nor could we even train to a level where we could conduct interior rescues during a fire. Truthfully, that thought keeps me awake at night.

*We asked and happily, the  
community responded.*

Thanks to the support from local residents, we have about \$60,000 to go and our SCBAs will be fully funded.

This year we purchased more than half the number of SCBAs and air tanks we needed and with three large house fires in Belcarra in the past 6 months, we are glad we did. The 45 minutes of air the new equipment provides was invaluable in controlling and extinguishing the fires.

This is the time of year that many of us think about giving to a charity that truly makes a difference. Like all of our members, I continue to volunteer my time because I know how big a difference the fire department makes to anyone needing help in Anmore or Belcarra.

Please join me in contributing to the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department SCBA Fund by clicking on the donate button on our webpage at [www.svfd.ca](http://www.svfd.ca), or for cash or cheque donations call Neil at 604-839-5313 to make arrangements.

Please remain safe this holiday season and thank you for your support.

Best regards,



Jay Sharpe

Fire Chief, Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department

*P.S. All donations to SVFD are tax deductible and for any donation over \$50, you will receive a much-coveted SVFD Supporter T-shirt.*

*Our first training night with new SCBAs*

