



## Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department December News



**Live Burn Training:** 16 of our firefighters got to train last month at a live fire burn building in Langley. SVFD crews used our new fundraised MSA breathing apparatuses to work through a variety of interior fire and rescue scenarios. Check out some great photos on our social media sites. Thanks goes out to our volunteers for completing this important training. Appreciation also goes out to Mike Bolam for helping to prep and coordinate. This is our 2nd trip to Langley in the past few years and we look forward to making another outing soon.



Live Fire Training in Langley

**Christmas Trees:** If your family buys a live Christmas tree this year, please remember to keep the base stand filled with water. A fire that begins on a dried-out tree will spread to the surrounding room much faster than a properly watered tree. Please don't let your Christmas tree dry out.

**Power Outages and Generators:** Power outages are a fact of life in our communities each winter and many people rely on backup generators. These portable generators are great, but they also carry the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Remember to follow all manufacturer directions and never operate generators in an enclosed space. During power outages, BC Hydro response crews will work through their calls on a priority basis. To avoid the risk of electrocution, people must stay back **10 metres** from any downed power lines. As with other communities, a road will be closed until Hydro safely removes downed powerlines from that road. Please be courteous and patient to road crews as they look to ensure everyone's safety.

**SCBA Fundraiser:** We had some great fundraising news in November. The Alfreds family from Belcarra generously pledged to match SCBA breathing apparatus donations made by neighbours on Belcarra Bay Road. As of November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Babineau family had taken them up on their offer. Thanks to that, and to generous donations from Candice & Bill Davidson, Don Reid & Donna Smallpiece (their 3<sup>rd</sup> donation), Mary & John Andruschak and Karen Araki & Paul Wan we're now working on funding SCBA unit #14 of 20. Thanks guys!

If anyone in the two communities wishes to make a charitable donation before year-end that will directly benefit public safety in the two communities, we're looking to raise the last \$62,000. When you donate online at [www.svfd.ca](http://www.svfd.ca) or via our Facebook account's donation button, the funds will go directly toward putting another breathing apparatus on our trucks. These packs are lighter, provide more breathing time, and come with the modern safety features to keep our firefighters safe. On behalf of our volunteers, thank you for the support!

We hope that everyone in Anmore and Belcarra has a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday.

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

Jol Drake (*Dist. Chief Belcarra*)

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