



Sasamat Fire Department February News



2016 Stats: 2016 was another busy year for the SVFD. Our 42 volunteer firefighters responded to 110 emergencies in the villages (including fires, car accidents & medical calls). We'd like to thank our members for collectively dedicating over *5000 hours* in training and response time for the two communities. Small-town pride in action.



First Responder training

Winter Weather & Training: Thanks to the road-clearing efforts of Belcarra and Anmore's public works staff, we were not unduly delayed on any 911 responses during snow events. With the cold snap, our crews focused extra practice time on ice rescues and treating hypothermic patients.

New Members & Medical Endorsements: Congratulations to Luke Guerin, Amanda Kong, Kieran Lancaster, Anush Saidmuradov and Peter Thomsen for completing basic training. Our 2016 recruit class now joins our regular crews, continuing to be mentored through their rookie year. We'd also like to acknowledge the *16* members who earned their First Responder Level III medical endorsements, with particular gratitude to our instructors who facilitated it.

SCBA donations: The SVFD was also very grateful to receive some SCBA donations over the holidays, including an anonymous \$10,000 contribution. We've got *\$89,436 left to go* before meeting our goal and securing 11 more breathing apparatuses. These units promise to boost our capabilities significantly - particularly with the length of time that we can conduct rescues and fight fires. This month, work commences on upgrading our filling station to meet the increased capacity required to fill 45-minute air bottles.

If anyone is looking to make a charitable donation this year, please consider our SCBA fundraiser as a worthwhile local option. Donations can be made at www.svfd.ca with tax receipts automatically generated. Thanks for continuing to support our volunteers as they protect your community.

Lots of new and exciting initiatives for the SVFD in 2017. Next month, we'll hopefully be able to give you a first glimpse of the communities' new fire engine. Have a wonderful February everyone!

Sincerely,
Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)
Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)
Jol Drake (*Dist. Chief Belcarra*)



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