

## Some Key Things to Share:

- Quick 911 calls make an enormous difference in outcome. If you smell smoke, investigate and report. Don't presume somebody else is doing it. The house that the SVFD saved on Watson Road last fall was reported before the flames could breach the walls and roof. Once the flames get out and spread, there is very little anyone can do.
- Close construction, slope, and overhanging trees were contributing factors to the blaze. Cedar building materials on siding and decks ignite quickly. Had this fire occurred in July or August, it would likely have mushroomed into a severe forest fire event. Please ensure that all trees and vegetation are well back from your homes. Please help us by following the recommendations in BC's Fire Smart manual. It is available online at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca>
- If you become aware of a fire in either Belcarra or Anmore, please help us by restricting your domestic water usage. And then please ask your neighbours to do the same. Our crew want as much water as they can get.
- Having working extinguishers and fire alarms in your home are critical tools to buy the precious minutes for emergency response.
- The Vancouver Fire Boat was requested but was tied up at a second fire. Had they been available, their involvement would have been useful but not timely enough to change the outcome. Our trucks will always be the first arrivals. When we need to attack from the water (as we did here), we can use our two large hale pumps.
- Our crews need space to work (a clogged single-lane road proved difficult for our tanker to navigate). In an incident, please do not park your car where it can conceivably be a nuisance to us. If unsure, leave your keys in the ignition so that we can move it if need be.
- The VPD were instrumental in helping us with pump transport and crowd control. Thanks to all supporting agencies (BCAS, RCMP, Fortis and BC Hydro). Thanks also to neighbours for watching out for each other and supplying us with extra fuel for our hale pumps. Great community support.
- The investigation found no evidence of foul play
- Go Fund Me pages were setup to support the victims of the blaze