



Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Member Profile



NAME: Judy Evans

Work Background: Customer Service BC Tel

Years as SVFD: Member: 33 years

Home Municipality: Belcarra

Why I joined the SVFD:

I for some reason had an attraction from the start. I had worked in the election that voted to create the fire dept. My preference would have been to join from the beginning, like my husband, Keith. That was difficult due to the fact that we had 2 young children and we were expecting a 3rd. I did join when our children were old enough to be on their own. I found it very stressful being home and not knowing what is happening when my husband was attending an all-night call out. It was much better to be involved. I felt that I needed the knowledge of how to deal with emergencies, especially medical emergencies both on and off the department. I'm a strong believer that one needs to be involved and take part in the community, making it a nicer place to live.

What the SVFD means to me:

They are a great group of people. We have made many long term friends over the years. I have always felt accepted, never belittled or criticised. When I considered retiring a couple of years ago, I was encouraged to stay. Now with the new volunteers, there are enough members for me to become an associate member. Maintenance nights are food nights and we have some terrific cooks, always a pleasure to attend.

Memorable moment:

They are many. I have attended four major house fires: one on Robson Road, one on Sunnyside, one directly across the street from the Belcarra fire hall - that one featured multiple exploding propane tanks, and the one last summer on Birch Winde.

We have always been warmly appreciated by the community, making our efforts very much worthwhile.

