



Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department July News



New Fire Truck: The communities will be receiving a new fire engine by year-end. The contract was awarded to *Dependable Truck & Tank*, representing both the lowest of five bids and the truck model that best meets our municipalities' needs. The cost will be met by the SVFD's existing capital reserves.

What determines the schedule for fire truck replacement? Ultimately, each municipality is rated by the Fire Underwriters Survey to determine residential insurance rates. To meet the best standard (and cheapest homeowner rate), a community must have a frontline fire engine no older than 15 years. There is therefore a financial incentive for purchasing at set intervals. The SVFD would like to thank past and present fire trustees, former Chief Scott and, ultimately, all local residents for facilitating the growth of those capital reserves. The new engine represents a long legacy of cooperation between Anmore and Belcarra. It will permit our volunteers to continue responding effectively to all local emergencies at a cost that is reasonable for our population and tax base.

Want This Shirt? Speaking of new equipment- the SVFD has collected \$57,714 toward our \$170,000 goal to secure new self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). Our volunteers need these safer and longer-lasting packs to meet BC's higher rescue-response standard. Donations can be made through *Canada Helps*, accessible via www.svfd.ca. As a token of our appreciation, those making a minimum donation will receive a custom Sasamat crew shirt. The community totals have incited a bit of a rivalry between Anmore and Belcarra firefighters. Thanks to all of the donors so far.



Annual SVFD BBQ: Past and present SVFD firefighters and their spouses attended a BBQ at Anmore Fire Hall on June 4th. It was great to see so many members together at one time, representing 38 years of the Department's history. Thanks to those who organized it.

Recruitment: After the large intake last year, we're planning to add two or three new firefighters to our roster in 2016. Basic training will begin Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm in September. If you think that you might be interested in joining the team, please contact us at sasamatrecruitment@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful and safe summer, everyone.

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

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