



Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department March News



AGM & Awards: Last month, our Department held its annual AGM and Awards ceremony at Anmore Fire Hall. Friends, family and local government officials were on hand to congratulate and award medals to Chief Jay Sharpe (30-year service), Cpt. Rob Schofield (30-year service), Cpt. Colin Richardson (20-year service), Cpt. Dave Anderson (20-year service), Cpt. Jamie Roberts (20-year service), and FF Jason Sadler (10-year service). Congratulations and well done!



New SVFD Training Officer: With a big roster, the SVFD is fortunate to be able to draw from a large and talented pool of skilled people. Accordingly, we feel very fortunate to officially welcome Mike Bolam into the role of SVFD Training Officer. Mike is a retired Burnaby FD Captain with extensive fire training experience. His skillset will hopefully take our department to the next level in terms of operations and capability. Mike takes over from Cpt. Jamie Roberts, who recently moved out of the area. We'd like to thank Jamie for 16 years of dedication as head trainer. Our Department would not be where it is today had it not been for all his tireless work. Thank you, Jamie!

SVFD Pink Shirts: The SVFD has been proudly sporting pink callout duty shirts in the month of February. Alongside the efforts of School District 43 and local students, Sasamat Fire is proud to support this movement to end bullying. All our crew look great in the colour pink! Thanks to firefighter Amanda Kong for organizing.

Tribute to Jim Jones and Herb Mueckel: Some sad news to report. Former SVFD fire chief, Jim Jones and founding member, Herb Mueckel have recently passed away. Jim was Sasamat fire chief from 1981-1985 and later served on Anmore Council. Herb was one of the SVFD's pioneering members and his son, Trevor currently serves with us. Both Herb and Jim were people who was very community-minded... always proud to be present and involved in local events. Our thoughts and sympathy are with both families. Their legacy and spirit will not be forgotten by the SVFD family.

Sincerely,

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

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