



Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department May News



Illegal Campfires: Each summer our communities face a significant threat from wildland fire.

Last month, the SVFD was dispatched to our first unattended campfire of 2018. Illegal fires will become increasingly dangerous as the weather becomes drier. Just a reminder: forest fire prevention is a community-wide effort. Local residents are our first line of defense in catching these fires before they spread, so please don't hesitate to call 911 if you see something dangerous. Thank you as always for your help.



Illegal Campfire – Crystal Creek

Fire-Fit: Several SVFD members attended the first part of the 2018 FireFit championship during the last week in April. FireFit is a competitive test of six disciplines firefighters use in emergency situations: carrying a hose pack up six flights of stairs, hoisting hose to the top of a tower, simulating breaking a wall with a mallet, running 140 feet, dragging a charged line to a target, and then pulling a mannequin backwards 100 feet. Some people refer to it as the “toughest two minutes” in sports. Congratulations to those who trained and competed in Port Moody!

New Recruits: The SVFD has brought on 8 potential new members. These recruits have already begun training and we wish them the best of luck in the months ahead. In the mean time, our regular crews are working through wildland fire coursework and school pre-planning orientations this month – getting ready for the summer.

SCBA Upgrade Update: The SVFD has purchased 18 MSA breathing apparatuses. This has been made possible thanks to the amazing support of 200+ local donors and contributions from the two Villages. We could not have gotten to this point without your generosity and we're extremely grateful. Thanks goes out also to the many SVFD personnel who have quietly worked on this project – the firefighters demoing SCBAs for community groups, the members going door to door to hand out “thank you” T-shirts, the advertisers, the sign-makers, local media, and all those on our Association handling the banking and accounting. Within the Department and within the two communities, this has been a great group effort. Thank you, everyone!

We hope to see you all at our 40th Anniversary Celebration on *Saturday, July 7th*. The SVFD has played a big part in both communities over they years and we'd love to see you all there.

Sincerely,

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