



Sasamat Vol. Fire Department November News



Camp Ignite: This past summer, the SVFD sponsored Anmore resident Clare Heisler to participate at Camp Ignite. This is a four-day program run by female career fire fighters that introduce grade 11 and 12 girls to the world of firefighting. Each participating member learns about fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork as they acquire some new firefighting skills. Congratulations Clare! We hope to see you in a Sasamat uniform in a couple of years!



Belcarra House Fire: A few weeks ago, the SVFD fought a structure fire in Belcarra. Mid-day, mid-week, we had 21 of our 42 members respond, first containing, and then quickly knocking the fire out. Once again, the hours of training paid us back with the best result possible: no one hurt and the house saved. The building was unoccupied and thanks goes out to neighbours for noticing the fire early on. As always, please ensure that your home has working smoke detectors – they last about 10 years. For a few dollars, you can save yourself some big headaches.

SCBA Fundraiser Update: Our crews used our old Scott air-packs during this fire. Being limited to 15 minutes of air, our members face restrictions that other departments no longer contend with. In the effort to modernize our breathing apparatuses for today's larger homes, the SVFD has raised \$65,800 from **90** local residents and businesses, with \$104,200 left to go. Thanks this month goes out to local business donors: Anmore's **Houle Games & Entertainment** and Anmore's **Maid-in-Italy Cleaning Service**. Thanks also to Anmore's **C.E.L. Electric** for their recent help at Belcarra fire hall. All of us at the SVFD appreciate your generosity. If residents are looking to donate this year, please consider us as a local option. Donations can be made at www.svfd.ca, with tax receipts automatically generated. Thanks!

Safety First: The SVFD prides itself on its safety record. During the Belcarra structure fire, a dedicated officer was appointed to focus entirely on firefighter and scene safety. This happens on all large calls. Outside of emergency responses, a committee meets monthly to review and resolve potential risks to our members. As SVFD Safety Officer, **Mario Piamonte** chairs those meetings and takes the lead with our safety program. Always willing to lend a hand, Mario spends many hours diligently maintaining our radios & pagers. Most famously though, Mario cooks up fabulous multi-course Italian meals for our crews. You know Mario is cooking on a Wednesday night when you're the last one upstairs and all of the chairs are taken!

If you and your family are looking for a local Remembrance Day service, *Port Moody Power Squadron* holds a great ceremony and lunch on November 11th at Belcarra Park dock. We highly recommend it.

Sincerely,
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Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)
Jol Drake (*Dist. Chief Belcarra*)

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