



## Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department November News



**Live Burn Training:** 15 of our firefighters are set to train in a live-fire facility in Langley this month. In preparation, most of our upcoming Wednesday night practices will lay the groundwork for this event. Our crews will use our new fundraised SCBAs as they receive hands-on experience fighting car fires, extinguishing interior fires, and conducting patient rescues in smoke-filled environments. Live fire training is an invaluable and unforgettable experience and all are looking forward to it.

**Check Your Tires:** As we transition to colder weather, please take a moment to check the depth of tread on your vehicle's tires. Nobody saves money in the long run by skimping on tire replacement. Good winter tires keep your car on the road in cold and icy conditions and will reduce the likelihood of you or a loved one being in a car accident. Although you can't control the behaviour and condition of the other cars on the road, you can improve your own vehicles readiness. Please take a few minutes this month to ensure that your vehicles are ready for winter.

**1000 Social Media Followers:** Last month the SVFD registered its 1000<sup>th</sup> follower on social media. For a fire protection area encompassing about 3000 residents, this represents a significant and valuable connection for us. We'd like to pass along thanks to the *Anmore Times*, *Anmore Alternative*, *Belcarra Baranicle*, *Tri City News*, and the two Villages for their ongoing help in spreading our public safety messages. We don't share confidential or private incident information online, but there are times on extended calls when we will be able to post messages that may save residents from lengthy traffic delays or unnecessary anxieties.

**SCBA Fundraiser:** Thanks to the two communities' fundraising efforts, we have purchased 13 of 20 new SCBA breathing apparatuses. We are still short roughly \$65,000 to purchase the last 7 units. If anyone in the two communities wishes to contribute a charitable donation before year-end, it would be greatly appreciated. When you donate online through [www.svfd.ca](http://www.svfd.ca), you also will automatically be able to print out a tax receipt. On behalf of our volunteers, thank you for the support!

**Remembrance Day:** One last note: If you and your family are looking for a local Remembrance Day service, *Port Moody Power Squadron* holds a first-class ceremony on the morning of November 11<sup>th</sup> at Belcarra Park dock. It is a great event with a lunch served afterwards. If you haven't already attended, we would highly recommend it.



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Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

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