



# Sasamat Fire Department Incident Report



**Incident:** Structure Fire: Senkler Road, Belcarra

**Date:** August 2-3, 2017

**Time:** 19:29 (Aug 2) – 08:00 (Aug 3)

**Responding Members:** 35

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the SVFD was dispatched to a two-story structure fire in Belcarra.

An occupant of the home in question smelled smoke and investigated. A quick assessment with a neighbour determined a fire in the attic space and 911 was called.



At 7:29PM, our Dispatch paged out our volunteers. As members responded and smoke and flames began to breach the roof, more calls from neighbours flooded 911.

Our first crew arrived 8 minutes after the page out. Quickly surveying the scene, the incident commander focused on two things: containing the fire to the top floor of the home, while keeping fire embers from spreading to neighbouring properties and to the surrounding forest.

Supplementing hydrant supply with tender shuttles and hale pumps, our firefighters battled the blaze for many hours. Firefighters did some outstanding work to contain the blaze to the top story and then moved into a mop-up and overhaul phase after dark. A fire patrol remained overnight, extinguishing hotspots and drowning embers. Final mop-up ended on August 3rd. All together, 35 SVFD firefighters responded.



This fire was a tragic loss for the long-term tenants and homeowner, but thankfully nobody was injured. Containment also worked – the incident commander and firefighters did a first-class job of saving the bottom floor of the structure, while keeping the flames from spreading to the forest. Considering the time of year and the very real potential for forest fire spread, the result was by far the best possible outcome. Huge accolades go out to the crew for what they accomplished.