



# Sasamat Fire Department September News



**Summer Callouts:** Our crews have had a fairly busy summer. As of this writing, the most significant response was for a structure fire in Belcarra. Under normal conditions, fighting a fire like that is an extremely hazardous and difficult task. In the middle of a hot summer - next to a dry forest - it becomes something much more dangerous.



A huge acknowledgement goes out to the 35 volunteers who responded that evening. These dedicated men and women did the communities proud - using all of their skills and training to prevent something far worse from unfolding.

**\$100,000 raised!** Thanks to the generosity of *147 residents and businesses* over the past 18 months, our crew had 11 of the new 4500 PSI breathing apparatuses available at the Belcarra fire. These made a huge difference for our firefighters in terms of air time and improved capability. We are now only \$67,073 away from being able to outfit all our trucks with new SCBAs. If anyone wishes to support us - donations can be made at [www.svfd.ca](http://www.svfd.ca) with tax receipts automatically generated. Thanks for the help!

**Thanks to the Fire Trustees:** We'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Mayor McEwen, Mayor Drew and the other fire trustees for the work they do quietly behind the scenes with fire truck replacement, planning and budgeting. There is a lot of work that goes into maintaining and equipping an effective fire department and we're grateful to these seven people for their collaborative efforts. It makes a big difference to have that kind of support.

**Three new recruits:** Congratulations to Anmore's *Steven Chisolm* and Belcarra's *Owen Wood* and *Dan Switzer* for completing basic training. All three probationary firefighters have had previous emergency response training and they will now be responding to emergency calls in the two communities.

Our roster is at capacity, but we never stop looking for motivated people who want to contribute. If you've got something to offer or are hoping to join the team at some point, please feel free to contact us at [sasamatrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:sasamatrecruitment@gmail.com).

Please continue to watch out over the next few weeks as we transition to wetter weather. The forests are still very dry out there. Thanks as always.

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

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