



Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department September News



Summer Responses and Training: The SVFD responded to 20 local emergencies in July and the first half of August – roughly half of these being medical incidents. As we wind down on the dry weather, please continue to be vigilant about any threat of wildfire. Please report anything dangerous to 911.

Congratulations to *Britt Anderson, Dave McCloskey, Al Harmer, Darin Macdonald, Doug Bakker* and *Jamie Roberts* for completing the First Responder Instructor Course. These members will now work together to keep our crew’s medical skills and certification up-to-date. Thanks guys for volunteering the extra time!

2016 Recruit Class: The SVFD received 15 applications to join our organization this September. With our roster near-capacity, we could accept 4 new recruits this year: Congratulations to *Luke Guerin, Peter Thomsen, Amanda Kong,* and *Anush Saidmuradov.* They will begin basic training this month. Going forward, our plan is to continue accepting applications from local residents, bringing in more volunteers each fall as roster space opens up.

Help Us Help You: We’ve passed the \$60,000 mark in raised funding for new breathing apparatuses. Our goal is \$170,000 – enough to replace all 20 of our SCBAs and upgrade our oxygen filling station. These new packs are lighter, safer, and provide our volunteers with 45 minutes of clean air for fire suppression and rescues.

This fall, the SVFD initiates a recognition of local businesses and service providers who have stepped forward to give us a hand with upgrading our firefighting equipment. We want Anmore and Belcarra residents to consider supporting the people and businesses who support our local volunteers. Their donations help the community and could ultimately make a big difference to someone you know.

To contribute to our fundraiser, please go to “make a donation” at www.svfd.ca. Tax receipts are automatically generated through *Canada Helps* - you just print them off. Thank you to all of those who have stepped forward to help us.

The SVFD A-Team: The SVFD has had several sets of family members volunteer with us over the years. **Tom Albanese** and his sons, **Chris** and **Adon**, are the most recent example. Tom runs his own manufacturing business and volunteers with *Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise*, while Chris and Adon work full-time jobs and have young families. What they contribute to our organization with their enthusiasm and mechanical skillset makes them a great addition. We are very fortunate to have the Albanese family on the team.

Enjoy the last weeks of summer weather!

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

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