

SOOKE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT NEWSLETTER

January 27, 2019

2018 EMERGENCY CALL TYPES*

TOTAL CALLS: 726

ALL FIRES: 57

MVT'S: 65

MEDICAL CALLS: 479

ALARMS: 58

RESCUES: 8

HAZMAT: 6

OTHER: 53

*Unofficial statistics

QUICK RESPONSE LIMITS DAMAGE AT RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

On the afternoon of January 18th, SFRD and Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in the Broomhill area. On arrival, crews found working fire in the attached garage and smoke from the eaves on all sides. A quick attack and strong overhaul efforts limited the damage to the area of origin, and the living space was undamaged. All occupants were safe and accounted for – even the cat!



*A Sooke recruit practices properly
dressing a fire hydrant*

2019 RECRUIT CLASS UNDERWAY

The 2019 Recruit Class, a joint initiative between Sooke Fire Rescue Department and Metchosin Fire Department, is underway! The class of 10 has completed two weekends of training, and have learned a variety of skills ranging from the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, to traffic control, fire behaviour, electrical safety, and fire hydrant connections. Next up: using attack lines!

The class will continue to train every 2nd weekend through early May, when the successful candidates will receive their pagers and begin responding to emergency calls as Probationary Firefighters.

Be sure to read the bi-weekly journal entries from Recruit Firefighter Chris Gregory, to get a sense of what the weekends of training are all about. They'll be arriving in your inbox soon!



Firefighter Nick Robinson gets a customary send off on his last day

SOOKE FIRE VOLUNTEER MOVING ON TO FULL-TIME FIRE SERVICE CAREER

It was bittersweet to see Firefighter Nick Robinson turn in his bunker gear on January 20th. Firefighter Robinson is leaving our ranks to take a position with Victoria Fire Department. In his 5+ years of service, Firefighter Robinson brought immense value to the organization through his work ethic, firefighting skills, and executive position with the Sooke Fire Fighters Association. We all wish Nick well and look forward to seeing him around the Station for an occasional coffee. On-shift crews ensured they sent him off in style, as seen in the photo (*left*).

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CHIEF MOUNT DELIVERS 2019 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

On January 24th, Fire Chief Kenn Mount delivered a brief recap of 2018 and his vision for the upcoming year. Topics included call volume tallies, personal milestones for members, delivery of new apparatus, upcoming personnel changes, and the potential for a significant building review of Station #1. The 2019 Recruit class was invited to attend and were each given a moment to introduce themselves to the membership.



SFRD Tender 1

SOOKE FIRE RESCUE TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW WATER TENDER

January 24th also saw the delivery of the newest addition to our fleet of apparatus. Designed by Captain McCrea and Assistant Chief Barney, our new Tender can hold 1750 gallons of water, boasts a 500gpm-rated onboard pump, and can be refilled in less than 2 minutes from a hydrant! After a few weeks of training the new rig will be placed into service, bolstering our suppression abilities in Sooke's non-hydranted areas and helping us to maintain our Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

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