

# SOOKE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT NEWSLETTER

June 4, 2019

## SUMMER 2019 DATES TO NOTE

06/08 – Dynamic Rescue  
Forcible Entry course

06/16 – Interagency Wildland  
Urban Interface training  
scenario

06/23 – Recruit Open House

06/27 – SFFA Recruit Dinner

08/17 – SFFA Annual  
Campout

09/11\* – Recruit Information  
Session

09/30 – 2019/2020 Recruit  
Class Application Deadline

\*Dates subject to change

## 2019 RECRUIT CLASS MEMBERS BECOME PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTERS

On May 19, the members of our 2019 Recruit Class completed their final examinations and practical evaluations, and were handed their uniforms, station keys, and pagers! Sooke Fire Rescue Department is excited to welcome Heather Lane, Alex Guitar, and Travis Steeves as the newest probationary firefighters to join our ranks – all three have worked incredibly hard since January to achieve their goals. Each new member has already logged their first emergency call and they are well on their way to learning the skills that will make them valuable assets on the fireground.



## SOOKE FIRE WELCOMES NEWEST ADDITION TO FULL-TIME STAFF

After a comprehensive competition, filled with strong applicants, Sooke Fire Rescue Department and Sooke Fire Fighters IAFF Local 4841 are excited to welcome Fire Fighter Kyle Sutherland to the ranks of our career staff. Fire Fighter Sutherland will draw on his 11 years of volunteer experience with Sooke Fire, a lengthy military career, and a former executive position with the Sooke Fire Fighters Association to bring fresh perspective and ideas to the organization. Fire Fighter Sutherland begins his new adventure June 8, 2019.



*New Fire Fighter Kyle Sutherland*



*Fire Chief Kenn Mount will be selecting and assigning mentor pairings in June*

## 2019 MENTORS PAIRED WITH PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS

Applications have been submitted and are in the review stage for the first team of Sooke Fire Rescue Department recruit mentors. This new program sees each new Fire Fighter paired with a seasoned veteran from our volunteer ranks throughout their Recruit and Probationary phases. Mentors will help guide and support our newest additions as they navigate their first year in the department and the Fire Service. Pairs will be assigned based on station assignments, and personal fit.

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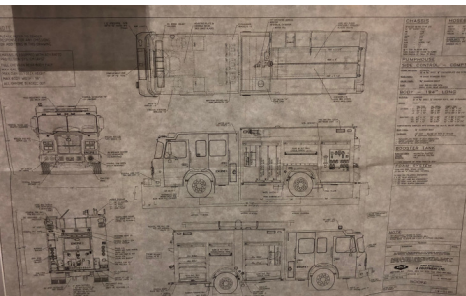
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## RECRUIT OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23

June 23<sup>rd</sup> will see 2019’s first Recruitment Open House of the year. The event, running from 10am – 1pm at Station 1, will offer opportunities for potential recruits to learn more about Sooke Fire Rescue Department and to experience some of the skills and activities common to the fire fighter role. Attendees will have the opportunity to try hose handling and nozzle control, feel what it’s like to wear bunker gear, tour the trucks, operate auto extrication tools, experience a high-angle rope rescue simulation, and even breath from Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Applications will be available and department personnel will be on hand to answer questions. There will be hot dogs and beverages available. Those interested are encouraged to bring family members for the experience.

## COUNCIL APPROVES NEW APPARATUS FOR STATIONS ONE AND TWO

Sooke’s new Council has acknowledged the need to begin replacement of the aging fleet at Sooke Fire Rescue Department, with the approval of a new Engine and two new Utility vehicles. Production of the new Engine has been awarded to Hub Fire Engines – Capt. McCrea and DC Barney have completed a set of pre-build meetings in Abbotsford, BC, and expect final delivery by July 1, 2020. The utility vehicles, which will see one assigned to Station 1 and the other to Station 2, should be in service by end of summer 2019.



*Detailed specification drawings for SFRD’s newest Engine can be viewed on the window of Capt. McCrea’s office*

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