

WELCOME FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Thank you for your interest in joining Sooke Fire Rescue! Firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community, learn valuable new skills, and make lifelong friends.

We rely on a diverse and robust membership to ensure that we can serve the residents of Sooke. Sooke Fire Rescue is a full-service department that responds to 1,000+ incidents annually, including, structure and wildland fires, emergency medical responses, automobile incidents and extrication, hazardous materials releases, technical rescue and public assistance calls. To carry out this work, our members are committed to doing what they do each day with integrity and heart.

It is my honour and privilege to represent the outstanding members – who proudly serve the District of Sooke – as Fire Chief. I admire the unwavering dedication that is demonstrated by the men and women of the membership. As this progressive and vibrant community grows and flourishes, so must the department – these are exciting, and rewarding, times for Sooke Fire Rescue.

Join us in our commitment to protect lives and property in the community that we all love and serve. Our combined efforts will most assuredly enhance the quality of life for ourselves, our families, and our neighbours.

Thanks again for your interest,



Edward (Ted) Ruiters, Fire Chief



By joining Sooke Fire Rescue, you are joining a longstanding history of commitment and dedication. From its humble beginnings in the early 1900's, the department has now evolved into a modern, full-service emergency service organization. Supported by long-serving career members, you can expect to receive:

- **Paid on Call remuneration, based on training levels**
- Accredited/nationally recognized training – online and hands-on
- Mentorship and leadership development
- Skills advancement
- Specialized gear and equipment
- Full access to the Firefighter's gym
- Community/agency partnerships
- Wellness and stress management
- Annual appreciation banquet
- Camaraderie

Sooke Fire Fighters Association (SFFA) events, including:

- Weekend campout
- Social activities – golf, floor hockey, Super Bowl parties, hockey pool, etc.
- Recruit dinner
- Spousal appreciation dinner
- Seasonal parties for the whole family
- Access to the Firefighters Lounge