

Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department



2012 Annual Report





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Vision Statement

The vision conveys a sense of destiny, discovery and direction. It articulates where the KVFD wants to be ten years from today.

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department is recognized as a first-class fire service that protects people and property contributing to the prosperity of the communities in the coverage area.

Mission Statement

The mission statement summarizes KVFD's nature and purpose. The mission conveys a sense of who we are, what we do and why we do it.

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department protects people and property by ensuring public safety and efficient fire protection and prevention.

Strategic Goal

The overarching strategic goal is:

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department will ensure that facilities, services and personnel provide safe, superior and cost-effective fire services and emergency response tailored to the needs of the coverage area.





Fire Chief's Message



In January of 2012, the Kennebecasis Valley Board of Fire Commissioners approved the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan for the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. The strategic plan contains an updated Vision and Mission statement and is focused on six strategic imperatives that will provide direction for the Department over the next five years. This annual report has been produced to support the strategic imperative of Enhanced Governance and provides a means for the Department to present annual performance oriented information to our important stakeholders. It is with great pleasure that I present the 2012 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Annual Report which summarizes the Department's activities in 2012.

During the past year the Department continued to expand and improve upon its incident mitigation deployment model. In October, two full-time firefighter positions were added to increase the full-time complement to thirty-two paid firefighters. This staffing complement balances our service level between the two communities by permitting the department to operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week with at least four firefighters on-duty at each of our two fire stations. In December, the Department adopted a new on-call model for our twenty-four volunteer firefighters that will make more efficient use of their services and provide more structure to our emergency response system.

Through strategic planning, the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department began the process of ensuring that our resources and capabilities are properly aligned with the community's needs and expectations. We are now using data, best practices and evidence based outcomes to move our department forward. With the ongoing support of the Board of Fire Commissioners, both Mayor's and their respective Councils we can continue this positive progressive transformation towards becoming recognized as a "first class" fire service.

Over the past five years the Department administration services have been provided by the Town of Quispamsis. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution that Mr. Michael Brennan and his staff have made to the Department and the Board of Fire Commissioners during his term as Board Administrator.

Winston Churchill once said that "sometimes it is not enough to do our best; sometimes we must do what is required". Over the past year it has been a tremendous honour to lead a devoted, talented and exemplary team of firefighters who always do what is "required".

Bill Ireland
Fire Chief



Union President's Message



Please, allow me to begin by expressing how fortunate we are to be members of the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department at this moment in our department's history. Never before have we been able to narrow the gap from status quo to proactively pursuing industry standards, and therefore such a profound obligation to staffing, safety of our firefighters, a health and wellness initiative, and equally important improving the morale of such a proud group of professionals. I can assure everyone 2012 was a pivotal year and was an appropriate segue into the next phase of our department's growth.

Our members committed to the Collective Bargaining Process and put forth a tremendous effort alongside the KVFD and their chosen representatives to secure a Collective Agreement in only three days of negotiations. The impact of a successful Bargaining Agreement not only influenced the morale of our members, but we were able to get a full commitment to such valuable programs like the Joint Health and Wellness Initiative which has been promoted as the best initiative in Industry by credible entities like the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Firefighters.

2012 was a year which provided closure on what could easily be seen as the most horrific day in our lives as members of this department. On October 25, 2004 we lost one of our member's just hours after serving his community for the last time. In the spring of 2012 we received word that our beloved brother Jack Logan would be recognized as a line of duty death and will be forever memorialized on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Colorado Springs. On September 10th, during the week of recognition for fire fighter deaths, Local 3591 hosted a memorial to honour our fallen brother.

As public servants, who see our citizens in distressed situations on a daily basis, our members commit to making a difference within our communities, out of respect for people whom are less fortunate or in need. In 2012, we were able to raise over \$18,000.00 dollars in fundraising in which various charities will be receiving funding in hopes of making a difference within our two communities.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not say how proud I am that this Local alongside the Management team of the KVFD and the Executive Board of the Volunteer Association have fostered a relationship second to none across this great country. A Department and a Union cannot be productive if relations do not remain open minded, respectful, and are able to overcome adversity together. I am very proud of this department and our agencies as we share a great respect for one another, and strive to make this department the best department it can possibly be.

In closing, I feel it is important that we use this year as a building block, this is a lifetime commitment for our members and citizens and it is imperative that great consideration is given to both when determining the future of the Fire Service. The community's leaders are blessed to have such an educated leadership devoted to making the difference and satisfying our community's needs. They need to be heavily relied upon on when determining the needs of Public Safety!

J. Reggie Verner, President
Kennebecasis Firefighters Union



Volunteer Fire Fighter Association President's Message



The 2012 year was significant in many respects for the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Fighters' Association and I am pleased to highlight our achievements. This year we marked the 88th anniversary of the volunteer fire service in the Kennebecasis Valley. The dedicated men and women who make up the KVFFA once again carried on the proud tradition of neighbours helping neighbours and contributing to our high quality of life here in the Kennebecasis Valley. Each and every year our volunteer fire fighters give selflessly of themselves and their families to help protect the residents and businesses of our community.

This past year was also the year that we began to see the rewards of our mentorship and retention programs. We marked a significant milestone with 2012 being the first year where our average length of service amongst members did not fall but actually began to rise. This marks the end of a disconcerting phase of retraction for our group that was similar to the issues faced by many volunteer organizations across the country. The involvement level of our volunteer fire fighters in both the association and the department as a whole continues to grow and foster new opportunities for KVFD to be able to realize better service for the communities that we protect. As our membership's collective experience and training continue to grow we are able to evolve and offer more resources to KVFD to help fulfill the mandate given to the department from the towns that we serve.

I am pleased to share that all our contributions were not only in the emergency services field once again this year. The KVFFA has proudly continued its support of many local charities here at home. Some of the more notable events include the 10th anniversary of our Fire Fighter Car Wash to help support the Atlantic Burn Camp for burn injured children as well as our continued support of the Gabriel Kuling Memorial Fund to support children with special learning needs. Also through our charity work this year we were able to support First Steps Housing "Touch A Truck" event, the KV Christmas Exchange, the Salvation Army and the continued hosting of the KV Challenge Marathon.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the members of KVFFA on achieving another year free of any lost time accidents and marked by many productive hours donated to our community. I am proud to say that KVFFA is more than simply the sum of the people who belong to it, but a collection of courageous, committed and compassionate individuals who proudly represent some of the best that our community has to offer.

Mark Braydon, President
Kennebecasis Valley Fire Fighters' Association



Community Events



July 1st – Canada Day Celebrations

This year the annual Canada Day celebrations consisted of both our annual barbeque at the Rothesay Commons as well as the children's fire hose target practice at the Qplex in Quispamsis. In this photo Cadet Devin Graham is shown assisting the children with hitting the target.



Nov 24th – Santa Claus Parade

KVFD participated in the 14th annual KV Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 24th. The float "Santa's Work Shop" was constructed by our volunteer firefighters who graciously donate their time each year to participate in this community event. This year our department also adopted the job of pulling Santa's sleigh down the parade route.



June 8th - Red Fridays Remembrance Run

KVFD supported 13-year-old Marshall Howard with the Red Fridays Remembrance Run. The department raised Quint 1's ladder to proudly fly the Canada flag in the Gondola Point Recreation Center parking lot where Marshall had been running the equivalent of a marathon (42.2km) during his school lunch breaks. The run supports the Private David Greenslade Memorial Bursary and the Military Family Resource Center Youth Programs in Memory of Corporal Patrick Painter.



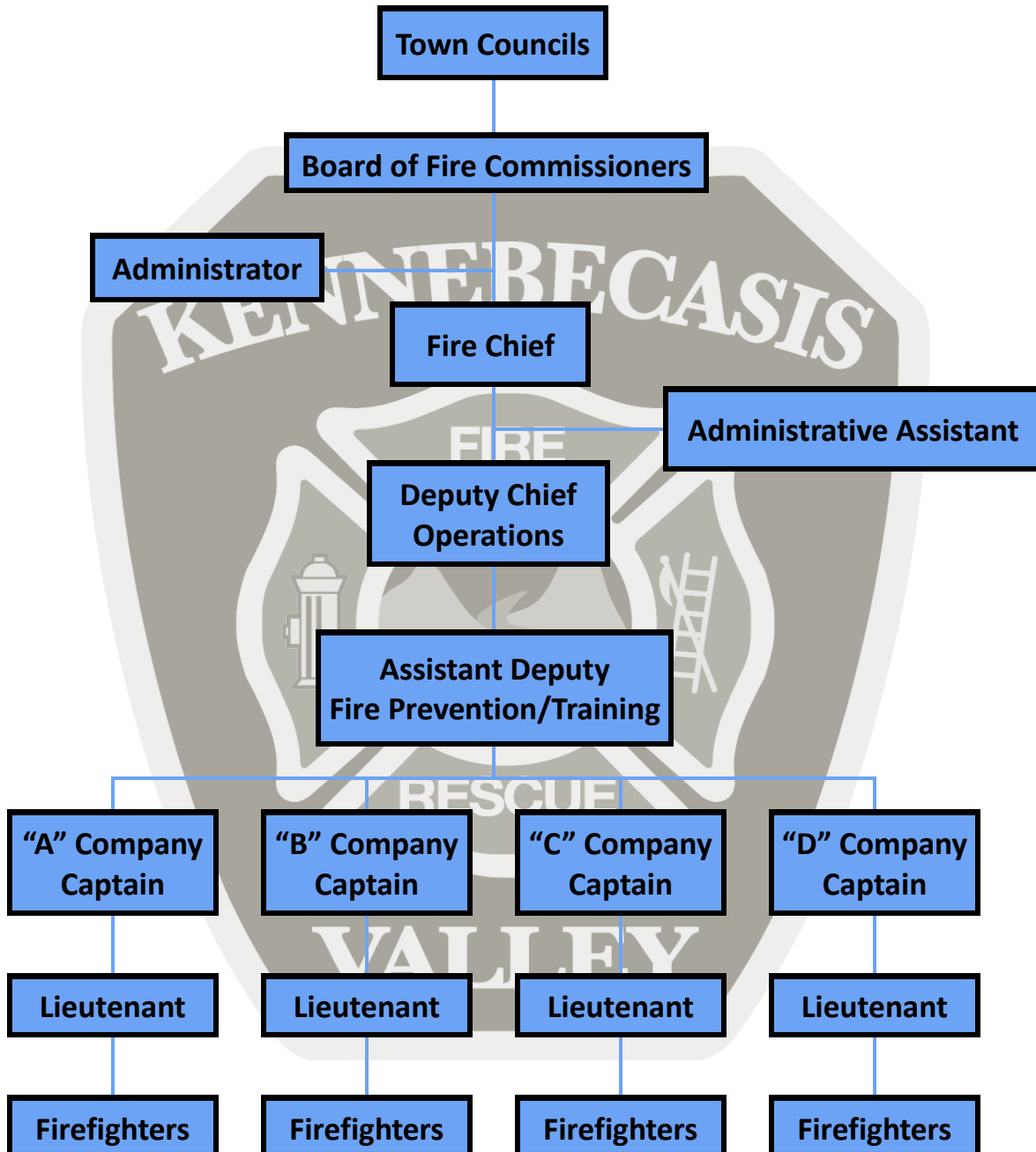
Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Christmas Fund

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Christmas Fund is in its 30th year of operation! This program works together with local churches to provide food and gifts to families within our community. This year delivery day was Dec 21st and we delivered to 87 families. Thank-you to everyone who donates to our families! Together we are making a difference!



Table of Organization

(As of 12/31/2012)



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

(As of Jan 2012) Chair – Councillor Gary Clark

Vice-Chair – Tom Jarrett

Councillor Daryl Bishop

Councillor Scott Cochrane

Councillor Terry Kilfoil

Patrick Ervin

Brian Shanks

Cynthia Benson

ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Brennan

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William (Bill) Ireland, Fire Chief

Daniel McCoy, Deputy Fire Chief

Alick Taylor, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief

Carlene MacBean, Administrative Assistant

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Karen Trecartin, Fire and Life Safety Educator

(As of June 2012) Chair – Tom Jarrett

Vice-Chair – Daryl Bishop

Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara

Councillor Kirk Miller

Councillor Pat Gallagher-Jette

Councillor Blair MacDonald

Patrick Ervin

Brian Shanks

STATION 1

Captain Paul Thompson

Captain James Smith

Captain Roger Finlay

Captain Mark McCully

Captain William Gentleman

Senior Firefighter J. Reginald Verner

Senior Firefighter Michael Boyle

Senior Firefighter Shawn White

Firefighter Robert Hamilton

Firefighter Daniel Richard

Firefighter Robert MacLeod

Firefighter Karey Madill

Firefighter Royden Chase

Firefighter Scott Dunbar

Firefighter Paul Nixon

Firefighter Donald Kearney

Firefighter Grant Graham

Firefighter Matthew McCully

Holiday Relief Firefighter Bruce LeBlanc

Holiday Relief Firefighter Shane Day

Holiday Relief Firefighter Scott Carr

STATION 2

Lieutenant Eric Hardy

Lieutenant Raymond McCaskill

Lieutenant John Codling

Lieutenant James LeBlanc

Lieutenant Douglas Barrett

Firefighter George Cole

Firefighter Paul Broderick

Firefighter Eric Boyle

Firefighter Andrew Boyle

Firefighter Keith Scichilone

Firefighter Michael Nixon

Firefighter Paul Spinks

Firefighter Nicholas Arsenault

Holiday Relief Firefighter Justin Cowan

Holiday Relief Firefighter Mark Richardson

Holiday Relief Firefighter Shane Johnson

Holiday Relief Firefighter Nathan Garrett

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Tim Paulin

Robert Wilson

Mark Braydon

Matthew McQuade

Jimmy Stewart

Brian Williams

Aaron Stewart

William (Ed) Gaynes

Christopher Russell

Stephanie Godin

Joey Godin

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David Aube

Ryan Kennedy

Daniel Boyle

Adam Holly

Cody Livingstone

Devon MacDougall

Hayley O'Brien

Dean Roberts

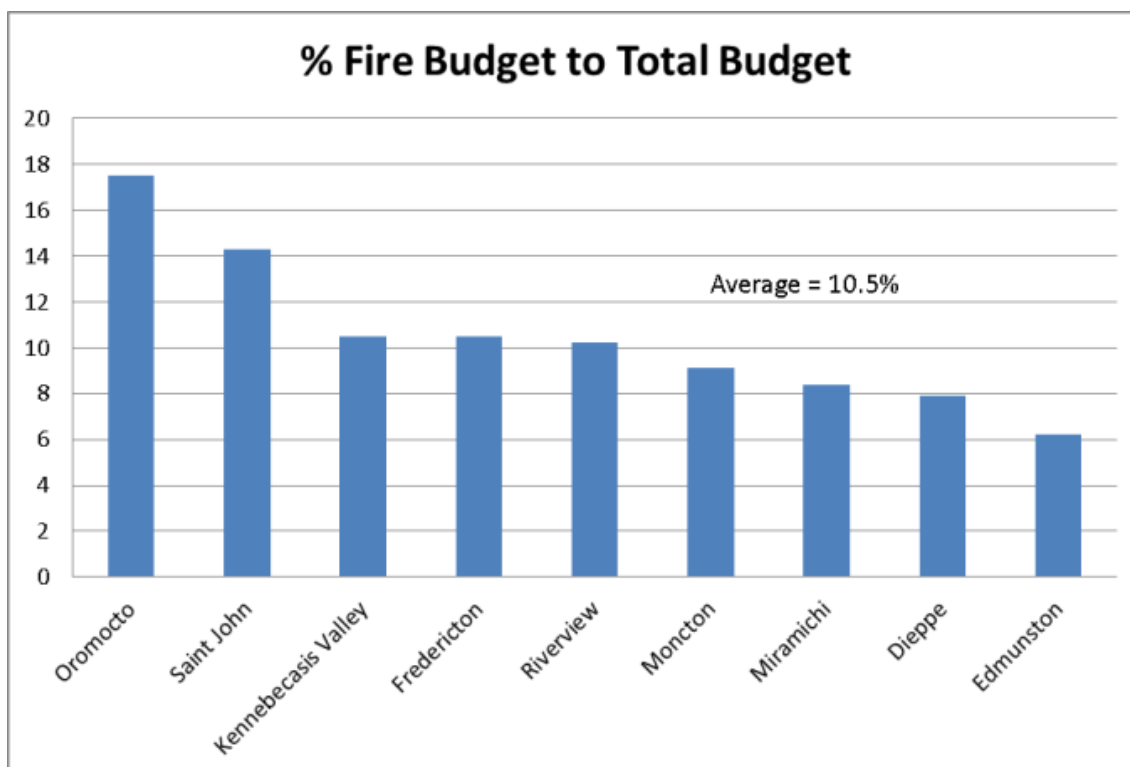
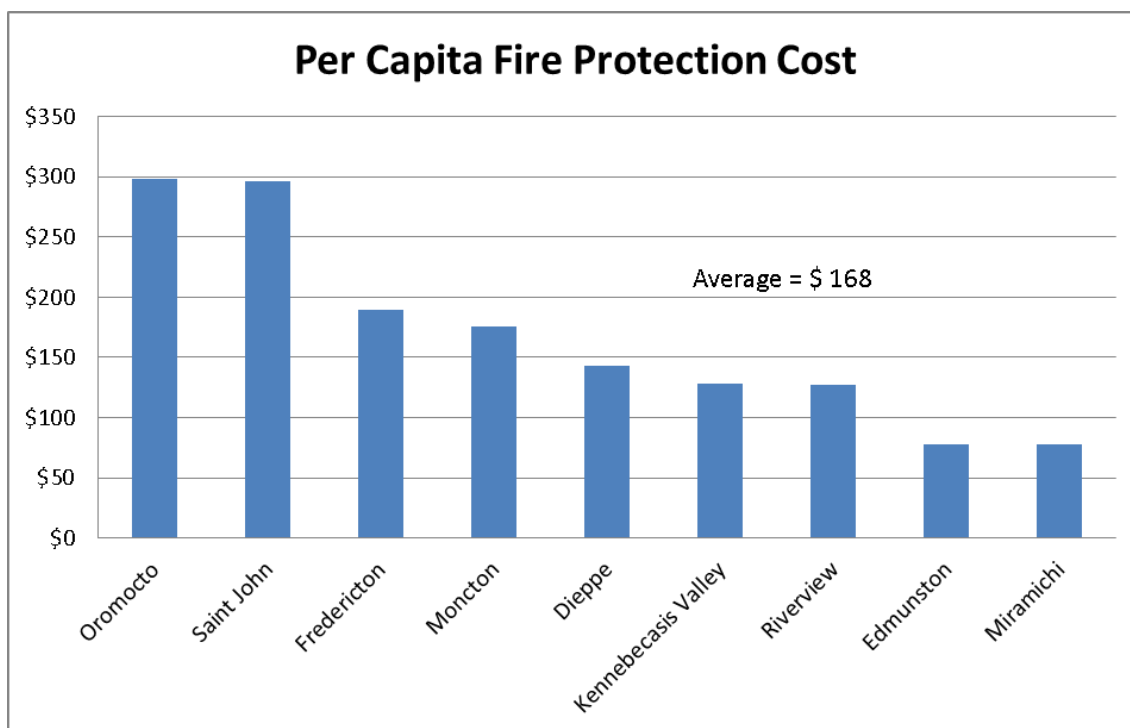
Britt Sanford

Jonathan Stanley

Benjamin Webster



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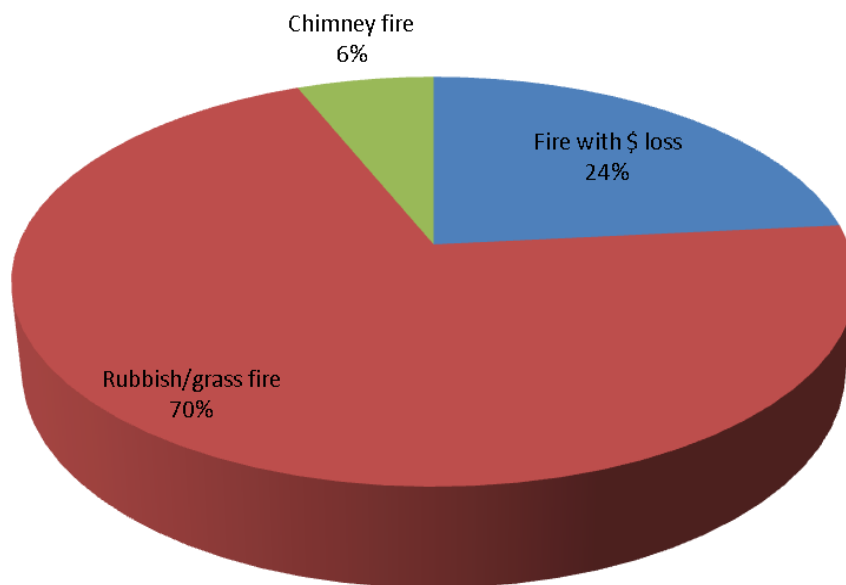
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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET					
EXPENSES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ADMINISTRATION:	\$ 270,786	\$ 388,915	\$ 439,089	\$ 432,513	\$ 459,340
FIREFIGHTING FORCE:	\$ 2,117,134	\$ 2,314,600	\$ 2,466,950	\$ 2,676,180	\$ 2,873,656
TELECOMMUNICATIONS:	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,500
INSURANCE:	\$ 32,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 47,364	\$ 36,000
PREVENTION/ TRAINING:	\$ 27,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,200	\$ 26,600	\$ 28,000
FACILITIES	\$ 210,942	\$ 221,761	\$ 229,610	\$ 232,407	\$ 235,735
FLEET:	\$ 75,583	\$ 89,100	\$ 91,600	\$ 89,000	\$ 103,600
OPERATIONS:	\$ 50,000	\$ 57,500	\$ 57,500	\$ 63,500	\$ 42,300
WATER COSTS:	\$ 20,403	\$ 21,020	\$ 21,464	\$ 22,295	\$ 23,868
OTHER:					
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Retirement Allowance	\$ 11,400	\$ 12,600	-	\$ 33,100	\$ 36,000
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 2,848,209	\$ 3,206,496	\$ 3,395,095	\$ 3,639,459	\$ 3,854,499

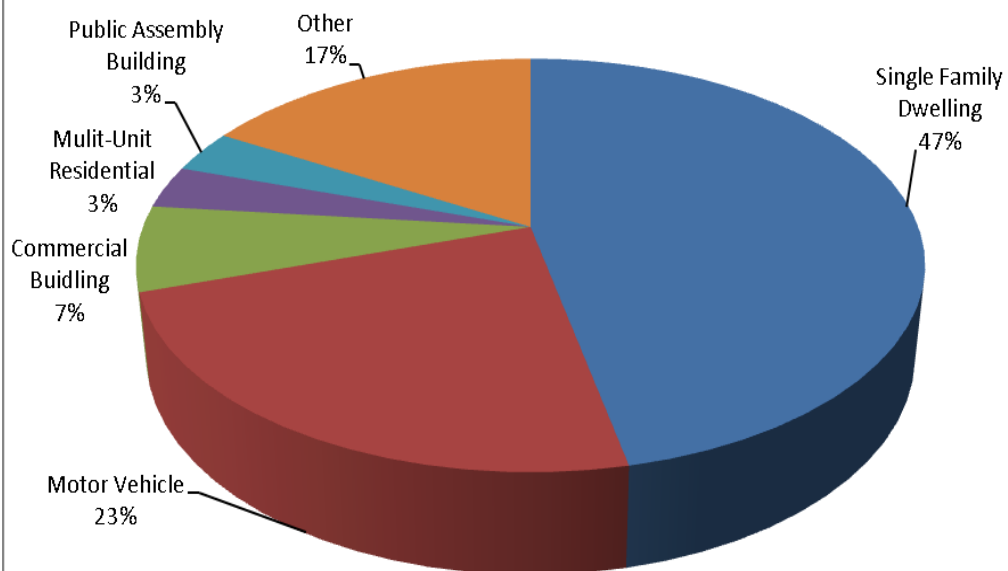


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2012 Fire Incidents by Type



\$ Loss Fires by Property Classification





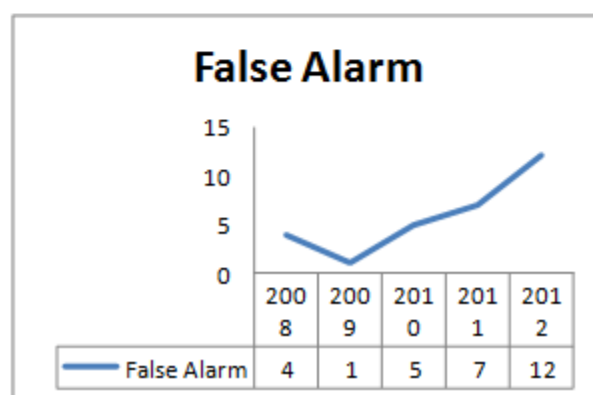
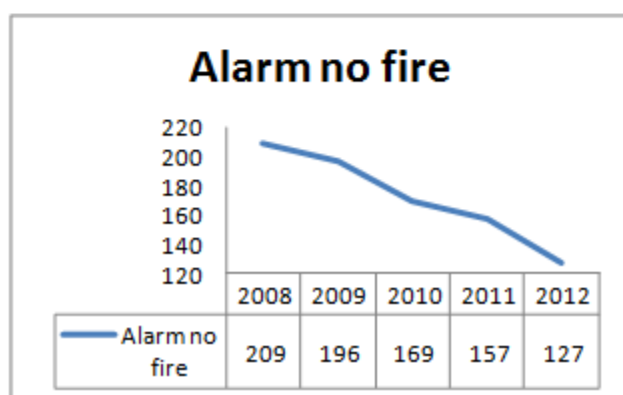
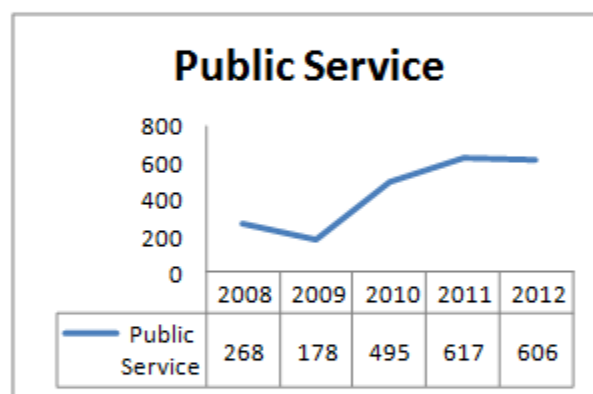
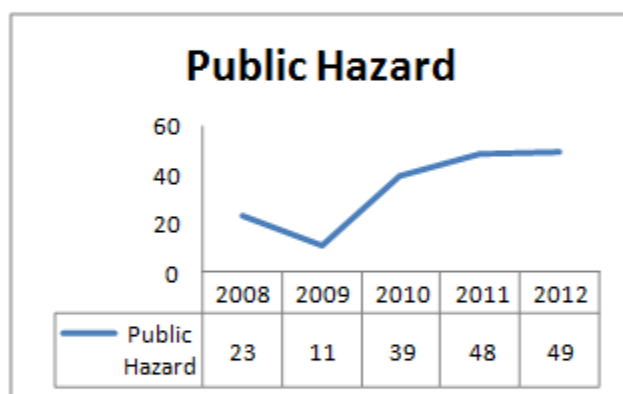
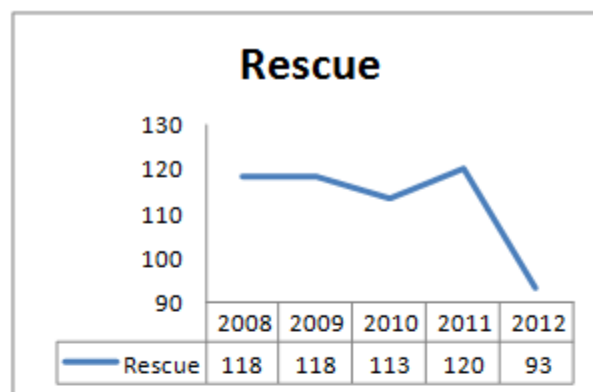
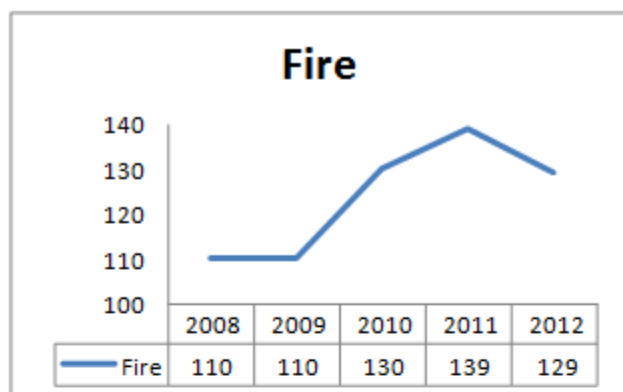
Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department 2012 Responses by Community		Rothsay	Quispamsis	Local Service District	2012 Total
Fire/explosion - dollar loss [10]		9	20	1	30
Rubbish/grass fire - no dollar loss [12]		43	46	2	91
Chimney Fire [13]		2	6	0	8
Total Fire [10-19]		54	72	3	129
Rescue - Miscellaneous [30]		5	8	0	13
Vehicle Accident [31]		41	37	2	80
Total Rescue or Resuscitation call [30-39]		46	45	2	93
Public Hazard - gasoline or fuel spill [41]		4	7	0	11
Public Hazard - power line down / utility pole hazard [43]		8	9	0	17
Public Hazard - miscellaneous [49]		9	10	2	21
Total Public hazard [40-49]		21	26	2	49
Gas Leak - propane [51]		1	4	1	6
Gas Leak - response to carbon monoxide detector alarm [53]		7	2	0	9
Total Gas leak [50-59]		8	6	1	15
Public Service - first aid [62]		253	303	11	567
Public Service - assist police or other agency [63]		7	3	0	10
Public Service - mutual aid [65]		0	0	8	8
Public Service - animal rescue [66]		0	1	0	1
Public Service - flooding [67]		1	0	0	1
Public Service- miscellaneous [69]		8	9	2	19
Total Public services [60-69]		269	316	21	606
Alarm No Fire - accidental miscellaneous [70]		18	13	0	31
Alarm No Fire - smoke or steam mistaken [71]		11	5	1	17
Alarm No Fire - sprinkler surge or discharge [72]		0	0	0	0
Alarm No Fire - detector activated [73]		30	23	1	54
Alarm No Fire - unknown odours [75]		4	4	0	8
Alarm No Fire - miscellaneous [79]		9	8	0	17
Total Alarm no fire - No malicious intent [70-79]		72	57	2	127
False Alarm (Mischief) - municipal alarm system [81]		2	2	0	4
False Alarm (Mischief) - miscellaneous [89]		2	6	0	8
Total False alarm - Mischief [80-89]		4	8	0	12
Total Reponses		474	526	31	1031
Percentage by Community		46%	51%	3%	



Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department 5 Year Comparison		2008 Total	2009 Total	2010 Total	2011 Total	2012 Total	5 Year Average
	Fire/explosion - dollar loss [10]	33	32	40	43	30	
	Rubbish/grass fire - no dollar loss [12]	66	68	83	84	91	
	Chimney Fire [13]	11	10	7	12	8	
	Total Fire [10-19]	110	110	130	139	129	124
	Rescue - Miscellaneous [30]	8	1	10	12	13	
	Vehicle Accident [31]	110	117	103	108	80	
	Total Rescue or Resuscitation call [30-39]	118	118	113	120	93	112
	Public Hazard - gasoline or fuel spill [41]	19	11	16	10	11	
	Public Hazard - power line down / utility pole hazard [43]	0	0	13	30	17	
	Public Hazard - miscellaneous [49]	4	0	10	8	21	
	Total Public hazard [40-49]	23	11	39	48	49	34
	Gas Leak - propane [51]	6	8	4	5	6	
	Gas Leak - response to carbon monoxide detector alarm [53]	10	10	9	12	9	
	Total Gas leak [50-59]	16	18	13	17	15	16
	Public Service - first aid [62]	186	123	366	577	567	
	Public Service - assist police or other agency [63]	0	0	80	5	10	
	Public Service - mutual aid [65]	20	16	6	8	8	
	Public Service - animal rescue [66]	0	0	0	3	1	
	Public Service - flooding [67]	55	24	2	9	1	
	Public Service- miscellaneous [69]	7	15	41	15	19	
	Total Public services [60-69]	268	178	495	617	606	433
	Alarm No Fire - accidental miscellaneous [70]	156	149	39	29	31	
	Alarm No Fire - smoke or steam mistaken [71]	0	0	13	17	17	
	Alarm No Fire - sprinkler surge or discharge [72]	0	0	10	3	0	
	Alarm No Fire - detector activated [73]	36	33	75	74	54	
	Alarm No Fire - unknown odours [75]	13	13	10	11	8	
	Alarm No Fire - miscellaneous [79]	4	1	22	23	17	
	Total Alarm no fire - No malicious intent [70-79]	209	196	169	157	127	172
	False Alarm (Mischief) - municipal alarm system [81]	0	0	2	2	4	
	False Alarm (Mischief) - miscellaneous [89]	4	1	3	5	8	
	Total False alarm - Mischief [80-89]	4	1	5	7	12	6
Total Reponeses		762	656	974	1111	1031	907



Five Year Trend 2008-2012





Operations Division



2012 was another busy year for the Operations Division. Our emergency response totals for 2012 are consistent with historical averages and were highlighted by a spectacular wind-driven residential fire that quickly consumed a two-storey home and threatened neighbouring properties. It is not often that we find such an overwhelming challenge upon arrival in the “core” area of our response district. Our ability to contain this fire and prevent it from spreading serves to validate the operational structure and systems we have implemented to improve our operations.

In April, we awarded a contract to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the construction and delivery of a new crew cab, 2500 gallon water tanker. Delivery of this new vehicle is expected early in 2013 and this will complete the renewal of our front-line fleet. The next major apparatus purchase is not expected until 2020. Our new equipment purchases included new ice rescue suits, new high-volume hose, the complete replacement of our portable radio batteries, and specialized storage/transport units for our breathing air cylinders.

The division of operations requires the combined efforts of all members of our department to provide both rapid and efficient response to all emergencies. Our new personnel notification system used for second alarm emergencies has now been in effect for a full year and has proven to be both practical and cost effective. The text message notification system was initiated by Volunteer Firefighter Matthew McQuade and sends off-duty firefighters a text message when additional staffing is required due to an emergency incident within the community.

Bravo Company took the initiative to research various hose loads being used in the fire service as part of a trial designed to assess the efficiency in deployment of hose lines for fire attack. The Cleveland Hose Load was found to work the best and provides a quick and safe single firefighter deployment model for our attack lines. This load will speed up the deployment of the hose to the front door and eliminate kinks from occurring. All of our apparatus have been re-loaded to include this style of hose load.



I would like to express my thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work. We look forward to meeting the many challenges that 2013 will bring.

Dan McCoy
Deputy Fire Chief



Significant Events



April 17th – Cameron Road

A second alarm was immediately called for this confirmed structure fire at 10:06 hrs. While on route to the scene the communications center provided an update explaining that a passerby had knocked on the door with no answer and reported that smoke was coming from the eaves. No one was home at the time.



August 30th – Motor Vehicle Accident

Eastbound Highway 1, at 14:03 hrs, a truck pulling a float trailer with a mini excavator and a compactor flipped over after the trailer uncoupled from the truck.



June 17th – Seventh Street

Father's Day plans were interrupted by a late afternoon fire that caused significant damage to this mobile home. Crews had to remove exterior cladding and use large volume hose lines to suppress this stubborn blaze.



Sept 9th - Devonshire Crescent

At 02:30 hrs, KVFD responded to a fully involved residential fire while police simultaneously began evacuating nearby residents. The family was home sleeping when the fire started but were woken up by a neighbour after his daughter alerted him of the fire and all safely exited the home. KVFD utilized mutual aid for water supply from Hampton Fire Department, Nauwigewauk Fire Department and two tankers from the Saint John Fire Department. As well, a second alarm for additional firefighters.



Significant Events



Disabled Man Saved From Fire

In the early morning hours of October 20, 2013, the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department responded to a report of a possible structure fire at 695 Hampton Road in Quispamsis. Lieutenant James LeBlanc, who was the officer in charge of the first due apparatus, recognized the address from previous medical first responder calls to the home and knew that the owner was wheelchair bound and lived alone.

The house was located up a long driveway behind a row of trees and was not visible from the street. Lt. LeBlanc and Firefighter Mark Richardson proceeded on foot to the home to investigate, as they approached, they could smell smoke and see the glow of flames through the front window of the residence.

The occupant was found in his wheelchair near the front of the home within feet of the fire. The fire had spread from a chair across the floor to the wall and ceiling. Initially, they attempted to remove the victim from his chair to carry him but couldn't lift him as his clothing was caught on a part of his wheelchair. Lieutenant LeBlanc and Firefighter Richardson were forced to stand and face even higher temperatures so that they could remove him from the home by pushing his wheelchair. They retraced their path to the back door where the wheelchair ramp was located. This was difficult due to the congestion in the home. Once the victim was out of the home, they then wheeled him approximately 100 yards to the street and assisted with placing him on a stretcher and into a waiting ambulance. He was suffering from smoke inhalation and burns. He spent three days in the ICU and survived the incident.

Although the decision to enter the structure fell within the parameters of our department's risk/benefit analysis model, the actions of the firefighters did require them to enter an immediately dangerous to life and health environment without the protection of a hose line which placed them at considerable personal risk. Based on the recommendation by Deputy Chief McCoy, who is a Board member for the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs Medal of Valour Program, Lieutenant LeBlanc and Firefighter Richardson have been nominated for the Certificate of Courage based on their display of exceptionally meritorious conduct while in the performance of duty.



Fire Safety Hero Award

On September 9th shortly after 02:30 hrs, Alex Russell, a 10-year-old student, awoke to the crackling sound of fire coming from her neighbours house. She immediately recognized the seriousness of the situation and alerted her parents. Her father, Scott Russell, quickly ran to their neighbours house to alert them of the fire while her mother, Natalie Russell, dialed 911.

On September 21st members of KVFD visited Lakefield Elementary School and presented Alex with an award certificate in front of her classmates. The "Fire Safety Hero Award" is given to children who use fire safety information they have learned in school in real life emergency situations to save themselves or others.



Fire Prevention Division



The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department has been very active in public fire prevention education efforts over the last year. One significant initiative to enhance awareness within our community was the rehabilitation of our public elementary school program. This initiative involved the complete restructuring of both the department's class room fire safety curriculum as well as the reorganization of department station tours. The complete education initiative saw department changes both internally and externally and standardized all fire and life safety education conducted by KVFD.

The fire safety behaviour objectives taught throughout our public school system and station tours varied in depth according to the age of the child. The lesson plans were presented to each individual class room, in an effort to decrease the teacher-to-student ratio, providing increased interaction with each child. Safety behaviors taught included:

- Recognize the firefighter as a helper.
- Demonstrate crawling under smoke.
- Demonstrate match and lighter safety.
- Demonstrate Stop, Drop and Roll.
- Demonstrate how to cool a burn.
- State you must "Get Out and Stay Out".
- Identify two ways out of each room.
- Describe the procedure for reporting an emergency.

Fire and Life Safety Education	
Public Event Requests	8
Fire Safety School Presentations	49
Site Visit Requests	13
Station Tours Provided	13
Truck Visit Requests	8
Total Students Taught	3582
Total # of Classes Taught	228
Total Teaching Hours	153.5

After completing the lessons, the students have an understanding of basic fire safety behaviours as well as what a basic home escape plan consists of. This specific program was designed to target children, one of the most high risk age groups in regards to fire safety.

A major challenge in public education is the ability to reach each of the various age groups within our community with safety information. To help reach another high risk age group, our department participated in the Rothesay Regional Police Force's Seniors Police Academy educational workshop and attended numerous local senior citizen residential complexes to conduct fire safety seminars.

A new initiative this year to improve our outreach was the use of social media to aid in the dissemination of public fire safety information. The department now has active accounts on both Facebook and Twitter. This new use of technology has proven to be a cost effective method of providing immediate public updates on product recalls, information on fire safety behaviours as well as a method of advertising our department's public events. Our followers have also experienced quick responses to questions regarding fire safety involving smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in their homes.

Alick Taylor
Assistant Deputy Chief



Fire Prevention Division

Fire Prevention Week (Have 2 Ways Out)



This year on October 6th our department attended the official launch of Fire Prevention Week in St. Martins, NB. During the ceremony our public education efforts and partnerships were recognized when the department was awarded the annual New Brunswick Fire Prevention Award for career departments. In photo from left: Acting Fire Marshal Norman Thibodeau presents Fire and Life Safety Educator Karen Trecartin the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Award.

Open House



The Open House is an annual event when members of the public are encouraged to tour the fire station and sit inside various types of emergency response vehicles. Members of the department provide continuous tours of the fire station, presentations on how to properly don firefighter personal protective equipment as well as a review of smoke alarm safety and how to crawl under smoke. There is a free barbeque, fire safety information pamphlets and handouts for children. A new addition to this year's event was a free extrication equipment demonstration at 13:00 hrs. During this

event, 150 visitors gathered to watch various emergency rescue extrication techniques performed on a vehicle in the stations rear parking lot. Inside the station, with the help of their parents, children used a wooden prop to practice exiting their bedroom through a window and then safely descending down a ladder. Approximately 400 people visited the fire station in only three hours.

Firefighter for a Day Contest



In 2012, our community had 390 grade three students and all were provided with information about the "Firefighter for a Day" contest. To enter, students must complete a home fire escape plan for their residence. This year, 108 students entered the contest compared to last year's 67. Many school teachers demonstrated their support for the program by assigning the home escape plan as homework for their students.

This year's "Firefighter for a Day" winner was eight-year-old Nathan Fawkes from Lakefield Elementary School. He was an honorary firefighter at station 1 on November 2nd. In the photo to the left, Firefighter Shane Day demonstrates how to use a fire hose with winner Nathan Fawkes. The participation of each firefighter on-duty allowed the student to become an active part of the crew.



Training Division



In 2012, many changes were made in the delivery format of all department training initiatives. In an effort to provide consistency within the department, each of the training objectives and lesson plans were developed in advance and distributed to each of the department's four firefighter companies. The training was then facilitated by the eight certified fire instructors throughout the department.

The delivery of numerous core firefighter skill lessons and exercises were broken down by shift so one topic was covered during each shift rotation. All of the training conducted can be divided into three segments: medical training (including initial and required ongoing education), fire suppression/technical rescue (including fire behavior, extrication, ice rescue etc.), and special operations (including incident command, aerial operations, reading smoke, etc.). The Department conducted over 484 working hours of training which consisted of 45 classes.

In an effort to enhance firefighter safety and personalize training to meet our needs; this year, firefighters built an in-house training prop called the "Firefighter Bail-out". This prop allows crews to practice various types of rescue maneuvers and also provides the ability for firefighters to train indoors during inclement weather. This simple project was a cost effective method of keeping training new and interesting and is also something that can be reused annually in both training and public event demonstrations.



In 2012 we were pleased to welcome cadets from Nova Scotia Firefighters School and Holland College to complete their on-the-job training with our department. These eight cadets were each assigned to one of our four companies and then paired with a mentor for an eight week period. This training program consisted of a combination of lecture and practical delivery and covers a number of areas including proper use of personal protective equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus training, hose evolutions, search and rescue and truck operations.

In late December, we upgraded our "Sayre Room" with the purchase of a SMART Board to aid with the lecture sessions of our training program. We are committed to the improvement of skills of our firefighters and we continue to develop a plan for the current, on-going and future needs of our department. This new technology enhances our ability to not only protect ourselves but also the people within our community.



In the photo to the left, firefighters from "C" company (station one). These firefighters contributed our new training initiatives by constructing the "Firefighter Bail-out" prop shown above. From left: Firefighter Grant Graham, Firefighter Scott Dunbar, Firefighter Scott Carr, Firefighter Karey Madill and Captain James Smith.



2012 Education Certifications

Certificate in Fire Service Administration

Captain William Gentleman

Fire and Life Safety Scholarship

Firefighter Karen Trecartin

Fire Department Instructors Conference

Assistant Deputy Chief Alick Taylor

Senior Firefighter Shawn White

Work Safe Supervisor Due Diligence

Captain James Smith

Captain Roger Finlay

Captain William Gentleman

Captain Mark McCully

Lieutenant John Codling

Lieutenant James LeBlanc

Lieutenant Douglas Barrett

Senior Firefighter J. Reginald Verner

Senior Firefighter Michael Boyle

Senior Firefighter Shawn White

Blue Card Command Training

Deputy Chief Daniel McCoy

Captain Roger Finlay

Firefighter's Elevator Emergency Rescue Training Program

Assistant Deputy Chief Alick Taylor

Lieutenant John Codling

Lieutenant James LeBlanc

Lieutenant Douglas Barrett

Senior Firefighter Michael Boyle

Atlantic Fire Department Information Conference

Captain Mark McCully

Firefighter Karen Trecartin

Firefighter Scott Carr

Volunteer Firefighter Mark Braydon

Volunteer Firefighter Matthew McQuade

Ice Rescue Certification

Volunteer Firefighter Christopher Russell

Volunteer Firefighter Stephanie Godin

Volunteer Firefighter Stephen Noseworthy

Volunteer Firefighter David Aube

Fire Prevention Management

Firefighter Karen Trecartin

Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II

Holiday Relief Firefighter Shane Day

Holiday Relief Firefighter Justin Cowan

Volunteer Firefighter Robert Wilson

Volunteer Firefighter Mark Braydon

Volunteer Firefighter Matthew McQuade

Volunteer Firefighter Brian Williams

Volunteer Firefighter William (Ed) Gaynes

Volunteer Firefighter Christopher Russell

Volunteer Firefighter Stephanie Godin

Volunteer Firefighter David Aube

Volunteer Firefighter Ryan Kennedy

Volunteer Firefighter Daniel Boyle

Executive Certificate in Leadership and Management - University of Notre Dame

Fire Chief William (Bill) Ireland



2012 Long Service Recognition Ceremony

Our member's career achievements from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 were honoured on March 31, 2012 at the Quispamsis Civic Building. This bi-annual event demonstrates the dedication and commitment each one of our members has to the community.

Federal Fire Services Exemplary Service Awards

Second Bar - 40 Years of Service

Presented by: Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners Gary Clark



Firefighter Paul Broderick

First Bar - 30 Years of Service

Presented by: Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners Gary Clark



Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Alick Taylor



Captain Paul Thompson



First Bar - 30 Years of Service

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Captain James Smith



Volunteer Firefighter Robert Ferguson

Provincial Fire Services Awards

Service Medal - 25 years

Presented by: The Honourable Blaine Higgs, MLA



Lieutenant James LeBlanc



Firefighter Andrew Boyle



Firefighter Daniel Richard



Service Medal - 25 years

Presented by: The Honourable Blaine Higgs, MLA



Firefighter Robert MacLeod



Volunteer Firefighter Tim Paulin

Service Pin – 15 Years

Presented by: The Honourable Blaine Higgs, MLA



Firefighter Royden Chase



Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Awards

Departmental Award – 25 years paid service

Presented by: Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners Gary Clark



Captain Mark McCully

Promotions

Karen Trecartin – Holiday Relief Firefighter to Full-time Firefighter to Fire and Life Safety Educator (term)

Matthew McCully – Holiday Relief Firefighter to Full-time Firefighter (term) to Full-time Firefighter

Scott Carr – Holiday Relief Firefighter to Full-time Firefighter (term)

Bruce Leblanc - Holiday Relief Firefighter to Full-time Firefighter (term)

Justin Cowan - Volunteer Firefighter to Holiday Relief Firefighter

New Members

Holiday Relief Firefighter Shane Johnson

Holiday Relief Firefighter Nathan Garrett

Volunteer Firefighter Adam Holly

Volunteer Firefighter Cody Livingstone

Volunteer Firefighter Devon MacDougall

Volunteer Firefighter Hayley O'Brien

Volunteer Firefighter Dean Roberts

Volunteer Firefighter Britt Sanford

Volunteer Firefighter Jonathan Stanley

Volunteer Firefighter Benjamin Webster

Volunteer Firefighter Daniel Boyle



Robert “Bob” Charles Ferguson

January 7, 1929 – June 13, 2012



On June 13th, our department was deeply saddened by the loss of Bob Ferguson, one of our most dedicated volunteer firefighters. Bob started with the department on October 1, 1981 at the age of 51 and was a member until his death on June 13, 2012 at the age of 82. He served as a volunteer for over 30 years and received his Federal 30 year bar at the Long Service Recognition Ceremony on March 31, 2012. In April, Bob was recognized by the Town of Quispamsis with a Volunteer Appreciation Award.

Over the years, the exceptional amount of time Bob volunteered towards the fire service allowed him to take-part in many different events and emergency response incidents. Bob was a fearless firefighter and a tireless worker. When he got older and could no longer run into burning buildings he committed himself to assisting our members in a support role by changing air cylinders, documenting and recording fire incidents and investigations, and providing scene security on long cold nights well after the fire had been extinguished. Bob was very active with the department's annual Christmas program and gave generously of his time to help others.

Dedicated, devoted and a friend to all who know him, Bob's contributions to this department and the citizens of our communities have set the standard for volunteer service and his legacy will live on for years to come.



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