



# THE VOLUNTEER

The Volunteer Firefighters'  
Association of BC

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Please note the administration of the fund is with the office of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. in Duncan, B.C. Mail: 921 Jubilee Street, Duncan, B.C., V9L 1Y2

**Please pass this information form on to your Volunteer Firefighters.**

### Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund - 2022

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
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## **Applications for the position of Executive Director are being accepted.**

The position of Executive Director for the Volunteer Firefighters of B.C. and the Volunteer Firefighters Foundations fund will be available starting May of 2022. This position is responsible for the day-to-day workings of the association and foundation fund. Applicants should have a broad knowledge of the volunteer fire service in B.C. and be able to communicate with members and prospective members about the association and other questions that may impact the operation of their departments. Applicants should have a knowledge of financial management and accounting, good computer skills, good communications skills, the ability to plan and record meetings, other skills to enhance the operation of the associations.

This position is open to members of VFABC departments or retired or Honorary/Life members that still want to be involved with service the fire service. For further information contact Art Sanderson at 250 710 5395. Applications should be sent to President Dustin Curry at [trfire@dtr.ca](mailto:trfire@dtr.ca)

## **Accepting applications for the soon to be vacant Lower Mainland Director position**

Should be an active member of a fire department in good standing with the Association. Interested in promoting the volunteer fire service. Willing to be involved to improve, support and maintain the Association. Also be willing to sit on committees that may be struck by the Association, Provincial Government or any other agency that would involve the Association. Attend Association meetings, communicate with members of the Association and member fire departments. Promote the association to volunteer fire departments throughout the region. If interested please contact our President Dustin Curry: [trfire@dtr.ca](mailto:trfire@dtr.ca)

## **Accepting applications for the Thompson/Okanagan Director position**

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## The Tour of Honour

### Honour Ranch Fundraising and Awareness Tour

On Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, Honour House Society will be embarking on their 2023 “Tour of Honour”.



*The donated Honour Ranch H2 Humvee*

Volunteer drivers will be travelling in the Honour Ranch Humvee, the length and breadth of British Columbia and up to the Yukon, to bring awareness to the need to support our military, veterans and emergency services families at Honour House and Honour Ranch.

The non-profit also aims to raise one million dollars along the way to purchase the ranch, so that they can continue to ensure that the facility is there to support those struggling with optional stress injuries, now and long into the future.

The Society will be visiting as many towns and cities as possible over a 12-week period, calling in at Royal Canadian Legions, military bases, fire departments, town halls, police detachments, paramedic stations and more.

In every town that they visit, they will be bringing their story and fundraising goal to the attention of the local media to garner more support from businesses, organisations and the general public. The society carried out a very successful awareness tour in 2016 but this year’s tour aims to be bigger and better, as they cover even more kilometers and reach more people than ever before.

To learn more about the tour and when we they will be visiting your home town, please contact the Honour House team at [admin@honourhouse.ca](mailto:admin@honourhouse.ca) or call (778) 397-4399.



*A stop in Squamish, 2016 Tour of Honour*

Learn more about Honour House and Honour Ranch at [www.honourhouse.ca](http://www.honourhouse.ca)

### Okanagan news

All the departments are looking at the new standard for firefighters and finding ways to meet the new standards, this affects the officers and team leaders the most. Oliver is hosting the spring seminar this May after the COVID postponements for the last couple of years. Everyone is looking forward to the weekend of training and a number of neighbouring departments are helping out as well.

Bob Graham  
Director – Okanagan-Similkameen





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### **This is your newsletter**

Items of interest, training or social activities, photos, events of interest, equipment wanted or items to be repurposed.



Husband and wife team recognized with long service awards.

Byron and Jennifer Sketchley were recently presented some long overdue awards for their dedicated service to the Topley Volunteer Fire Department. They were presented the Federal Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal Recognizing 20 years of service as well as the Provincial Long Service Medal recognizing 25 years. Both Members joined in 1994 and have spent countless hours volunteering their time over the years and have played an instrumental role in getting their department where it is today.



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## WEATHERING THE AFTERMATH:

*An online art therapy group for rescue workers*

**Mondays, Feb 6 - April 3 (No session Feb 20) | 6:30pm-8:30pm PST**

This group is for people on the go and facing Mother Nature at her most extreme in their daily work: coast guard, firefighters, first responders and search & rescue. Participants will be taking time to build resilience, tap into creativity and tune into self. No previous experience with art is necessary to participate. All are welcome.

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## **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF B.C.**

### **921 JUBILEE STREET, DUNCAN, B.C. V9L 1Y2**

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#### **Fire Departments**

First, let me start off by thanking you for taking the time to read this letter. I know all too well that time is at a premium with everyone living busier lives these days and I appreciate you giving up 10 minutes of yours. The intention of this letter is to inform you of the work that the VFABC does in the name of volunteer fire departments across our Province. If you are already a member, you may be familiar with some of them. If you are not a member, it is my hope that this letter moves you to consider becoming one of the many around the Province. We are stronger together as one combined voice and it works!

So what does the VFABC do for you? At its core, the Association is a resource for volunteer fire departments trying to navigate in today's modern fire service. It provides information, guidance, and advocates the voice of the volunteer fire department on a variety of topics at all levels of government. Last year, the Association worked on various committees along with other organizations to help improve public safety and the safety of our firefighters. As a result, volunteer fire departments had a say in changes brought forward through new Minimum Training Standard for Structural Firefighters. The Association also played a role in the discussions around the Pre-Hospital Care Scope of Practice changes, and the Emergency Medical Responder Licencing process that will bring improved emergency care for the public. The list opportunities goes on and we look forward to continuing this important work for our member departments in 2023. One last project, and one particularly important to me, is a joint venture with the BCMSA and other fire service associations to provide Psychological Wellness Training resources to all firefighters within our Province at no cost. The importance of this project cannot be understated as the impact of Post Traumatic Stress Injuries is becoming more and more evident in emergency responders. Stay tuned for more information on this project as it rolls out later this year.

As part of an internal review, the Association has heard your feedback regarding the dues structure and enrollment process being too complex. Thusly, we are making changes to streamline the process. One such change is the dues structure itself. Effective 2023, we have changed the annual dues to reflect 3 ranges based on your department's own membership numbers. The dues are now combined to provide membership in both the Volunteer Firefighter Association and the Volunteer firefighter Foundation Fund in one single fee so you no longer need to calculate and submit 2 sets of dues. For many departments, the outcome of this change will be a decrease in cost. In some cases, costs may increase slightly however, this cost will offset by the advantage in membership in both organizations. When we looked at membership data from years past, we found that many departments did not take part in the Foundation Fund. This is unfortunate as there have been many departments that have used the Foundation Fund to assist members that have been disabled and struggling to make ends meet and we are here to help.





**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF B.C.**  
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The Board of Directors continually works to enhance the services that we provide for our members. As part of that process, we look to you, our members, to identify what services we may provide that could help you with your own departments. I encourage you to contact your regional director to discuss these suggestions. If you are interested in other ways to help the association, we are still looking for 2 regional directors: Lower Mainland and Thompson-Okanagan. Please contact myself or our Executive Director for more information.

In closing, I'd like to ask that if you have not already done so, that you seriously consider membership as it is through your participation that we can continue to support the work of Volunteer Firefighters in B.C. Should you have questions, please contact the Association and we would be more than happy to discuss them.

Respectfully and with gratitude,

Dustin Curry  
VFABC President



When Britannia Beach was first created, Volunteer Fire Department men would run to the fire as they pulled the hose reel behind them. By the early 1960's, they were using an old International flatbed truck, which helped keep the hose reel in good shape.

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## Message from the Provincial Fire Commissioner—Staffing, data trends, new projects, and training

There have been a few new developments in the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) over the past several months that I would like to share with you. Since 2008, the OFC has been with Emergency Management BC. In December 2022, the Province made a few organizational changes, and the OFC now directly reports to Doug Scott, the Deputy Solicitor General, [Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General](#) (PSSG). This is great news for the OFC as it allows us to continue to strengthen our relationships with the BC Coroners Service, Road Safety BC, and other public safety organizations that fall under PSSG.

### *Staffing*

In terms of staffing, we have added two new staff member which increases our regional presence and will result in additional support to the fire services. We are pleased to introduce Fire Service Advisors Dan Wood (Vancouver Island/Coast – south) and Brad McDonald (Vancouver Island/Coast – north). Craig Richardson, who previously acted as a Fire Service Advisor, has taken on the role of Fire Service Training Specialist, which will enable the OFC to provide dedicated support for training. For a full list of our Fire Service Advisors and their contact information, please follow this link: [OFC Fire Service Advisors](#).

### *Data Trends*

The OFC has been reviewing the 2022 fire statistics for British Columbia and the trends are concerning. Between 2018 and 2022, there were 1005 reported fire-related injuries and 257 reported fire-related deaths. The number of reported fire-related deaths has increased each year—from 28 in 2018 to 86 in 2022. The leading causes for structure fires continue to be smoking materials (match, lighter, candle, etc.), cooking equipment, electrical, heating, smoking, and appliances. The number of fires where there were working smoke alarms is also concerning and in 2023 the OFC will be embarking on a campaign to increase public awareness of the importance of working smoke alarms. The quarterly reports for 2022 are located here: [Fire Incident Reporting](#). Please keep sending your fire reports into the OFC so we can continue to provide comprehensive statistics to all our partners. This data provides a critical window into the overall trends which will be reflected in the 2022 OFC Annual Report. The data also informs where to best focus our resources to effectively deliver the OFC's mandate of public education and fire prevention.

### *New Projects*

In terms of new projects, the OFC is embarking on a province-wide jurisdictional scan to better understand the recruitment, retention, and training challenges facing volunteer and composite fire departments. If your fire department is interested in participating in this scan, please email [OFC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:OFC@gov.bc.ca) and include 'Volunteer FD Scan' in the subject line.

### *Training*

If your department requested training curriculum materials from the OFC to support your department in achieving the [BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards](#), you should have received the documents. As a reminder, requests for curriculum materials are to come from the fire chief. All parts of the request form must be completed and sent to [OFC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:OFC@gov.bc.ca). The form can be found at: [Training Curriculum Request Form](#). More information on the training standards can be found on the OFC website: [Structure firefighter minimum training standards](#). For those departments that submitted applications for funding under the 2022 intake for the [Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#),

Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Training and Equipment stream, all applicants have been notified of the funding decisions. The government news release was issued on February 16, 2023.

### ***Thank you!***

As we begin 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the invaluable service that you, as volunteer firefighters, provide to the people of this province. Your dedication to your profession, particularly the time commitment, is commendable. Population increases in both rural and urban areas, demographics, changes to the built environment, technology, and climate change are all affecting our work and the OFC is acutely aware of the impact to volunteer fire services. You are a critical component of the public safety system in this province and I and my team look forward to continuing to work together to prevent and reduce the number of structure fires—keeping our communities safe.



Brian Godlonton  
Fire Commissioner



The Absent Firefighter Table is square, showing the many facets of our first responders: father or mother. brother or sister, son or daughter and citizen hero;

The tablecloth is white symbolizing the purity of our comrades intentions when they answer the alarm:

The single rose displayed in the vase reminds us their families and loved ones:

The blue ribbon represents our trust in and loyalty in our comrades present today:

The slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter taste we have after losing a comrades or loved one:

The pinch of salt represents the tears we have shed for our fallen comrades:

The glass inverted for they cannot toast with us this evening:

The chair is empty – they are not here with us.

Facebook Post – Barlow Creek Fire Department





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## **COMING SOON!**

### **Occupational Awareness Training for BC Fire Fighters**

#### **Program Overview**

The *Psychological Wellness Course Series for BC Fire Fighters* is a 12-module program designed to enhance frontline knowledge of mental health injuries and reduce the emotional and behavioural impact of a career in public safety. The curriculum combines the lived experience of those serving on the frontline with recognized subject matter experts in the field of public safety mental health. After viewing each module, crews will participate in a structured group-based discussion that is designed to: reinforce key learning objectives, normalize common psychological stress injuries and contribute to the collective resilience of each company. By the end of year 1, course participants will be provided a toolkit of "self-rescue" strategies and a clear pathway to accessing occupationally aware healthcare resources in British Columbia.

#### **Program Roll-Out**

Beginning in April 2023, all BC fire fighters – full-time, paid on-call and volunteer, will gain free access to this peer-reviewed, evidence-informed program that is delivered via a digital education platform. Learners will be given access to progressive modules that builds on overarching themes related to positive psychology and the achievement of optimal performance in and beyond the fire service. For best learning outcomes, crews can complete each module in-station and on-duty with access to a downloadable workbook that serves to facilitate group discussions.

#### **How Can You Help - Survey**

In preparation for this new training program, our committee is seeking to gain a snapshot on how fire personnel currently view their existing knowledge of mental health and wellness when it comes to the fire service. The information you provide will be invaluable in forming future educational initiatives that contribute to organizational health and promote individual mental wellness in and beyond the fire service.

For more information and to access the survey visit:

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\*This initiative was only made possible through a broad collaboration across a variety of stakeholders who share the common goal of enhancing the emotional and behavioural health of those who keep our community safe.





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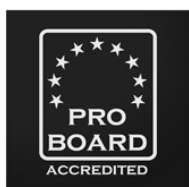
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Jake Jacobson, the original developer of the course in 2006, is a 35-year veteran of the Salmon Arm F.D., a 37-year BCWS Fire Warden and a member of the CSRD's SPU team for the past 9 years.



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108 Mile House VFD	150 Mile House VFD	Barlow Creek Fire Dept
Beaverly Fire Rescue	Blackpool VFD	Boston Bar/North Bend VFD
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Creston Fire & Rescue	Cultus Lake VFD	Dashwood VFD
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Edgewood V F D	Erris Volunteer Fire Assoc	Fanny Bay VFD
Forest Grove VFD	Fort Fraser Fire Dept	Gabriola Vol Fire Dept
Gibsons VFD	Gillies Bay VFD (2)	Greeny Lake VFD
Gun Lake Fire Brigade	Hornby Island FR	Horsefly VFD
Interlakes VFD	Kersley V.F.D.	Keremeos VFD
Lac La Hache VFD	Lake Country FR	Lake Cowichan VFD
Little Fort VFD	Lone Butte VFD	Loon Lake Fire Dept
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McLure VFD.	Mill Bay VFD	Miocene VFD
Nakusp & District VFD	Nanoose Bay VFD	North Galiano VFD (2)
Okanagan Falls VFD	Oliver VFD (2)	Otter Point VFD
Oyster River VFD	Pemberton VFR	Pender Harbour VFD
Port Alice VFD	Port Moody VFA	Princeton VFD
Pritchard VFD	Salmon Valley VFD	Sandspit VFD
Sasamat VFD	Shawnigan Lake VFD	Shirley VFD
Ships Point VFD	Sidney VFD	South Green Lake VFD
Southside VFD	Sproat Lake VFD	Stewart VFD
Sun Peaks VFD	Sunshine Valley VFD	Tahsis VFD
Telkwa VFD	Ten Mile VFD	Thetis Island VFD
Tobiano VFD	Tomslake & District VFD	Topley VFD
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Scott Porritt

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## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF BC

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

**All information collected on this form is kept confidential and for the use of VFABC only.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Application: \_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_ For Which Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 yyyy/mm/dd

Newsletter: Electronic Copy \_\_\_\_ Hard Copy \_\_\_\_ (Number of hard copies needed: \_\_\_\_)

**Type of Membership:** Fire Department \_\_\_\_ Associate/Manufacturer \_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_

(Please complete the rest of the application/renewal based on your membership type)

#### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PO/Street City Postal Code

Tel/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current/Previous Fire Department Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP**

Fire Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Depart. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PO/Street City Postal Code

Hall Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Halls: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Firefighters: \_\_\_\_\_

**Firefighter Status:** Full Time \_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_ Paid on Call \_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_

Funding Body: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Regional District/Municipal/Improvement District/Society Only)

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**Individual membership** \$15 \_\_\_\_

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