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Meet your Fire Service Advisor Office of the Fire Commissioner



Within the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC), there are several Fire Service Advisors (FSAs), strategically located throughout the province, ready to provide assistance to those fire departments and other fire service partners or groups who request it.

How your FSA can support you

- **Enhancing regional fire reporting compliance:** Provide training to local fire departments and local governments of this statutory responsibility under the Fire Service Act
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- **Promote compliance with minimum selection and training standards:** provide instruction and assistance to fire departments and local governments on the mandatory requirements. Assist those who need help in meeting the compliance. FSAs can help identify any problem areas and recommend corrective actions.
- **Assist with and/or conduct fire investigations and inspections:** Provide guidance and advice to Local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner (LAFCs) and fire personnel on conducting and reporting fire investigations, such as when there are large fires, fires where there was a loss of life, or in rural or unincorporated areas.
- **Assisting with or issuing fire Orders and reviewing appeals:** Provide advice and intervention support to LAFCs, Fire Chiefs and local governments when fire Orders need to be processed or are being disregarded.
- **Public education, provincial and federal long service recognition & training:** Connect you with the appropriate people who can help with your fire prevention education programs, awards and recognition programs, fire reporting questions and much more.

The OFC is the senior fire authority in the province of British Columbia with respect to fire safety and prevention. Our mandate is to minimize the loss of life, injury and damage to property from fire by administering and enforcing British Columbia's fire safety legislation. The OFC leads provincial fire prevention and fire reporting programs, promotes fire safety awareness, and establishes minimum training standards for fire services personnel. The OFC provides structure fire expertise and coordinates fire services during regional and provincial-scale emergencies.

We work hard to ensure all fire departments in the province get the support they need to keep their communities safe from fire. Please contact your FSA for more information. * Check out page 15 for email addresses! *

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Oliver May 2022
Cancelled due to
Covid**

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THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FUND

This Foundation Fund was established to help Firefighter's or their family members when needs arise. It has been used in the past to grant funds in the case of death in the family, severe illnesses, a need to travel for health care and so on. The Fund is maintained through donations of \$10 per firefighter per year. Membership is optional but is only open to those who are members of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. and a contributing member of the foundation fund.

To Become a member, you simply begin to send your \$10 per firefighter into the Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund at:

Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund:
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921 Jubilee Street, Duncan, B.C., V9L 1Y2

Claims are made through your local Fire Chief who can contacts:

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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.

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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

Accepting applications for the Thompson/Okanagan Director position

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Application 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



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Lithium Ion Battery Safety

for Consumers



Lithium ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

High-Tech Luggage

Some major airlines no longer accept 'smart' luggage with non-removable lithium ion batteries as checked or carry-on luggage. The powerful batteries can potentially overheat and pose a fire hazard during flight.

In some instances, smart bags with removable lithium ion batteries will be allowed on board if the battery can be removed on site and taken on board with the customer. Check with your airline for restrictions.



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Before a Wildfire

MAKE YOUR PLAN

An emergency plan is a playbook for how you and your household will respond to disasters, including wildfires. Knowing what to do will reduce anxiety and help keep you focussed and safe.

Start by downloading a fill-in-the-blanks emergency plan from

www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

It will compile the vital information you'll need and establish how you'll communicate and connect with loved ones, particularly if you become separated. When you're done, make copies for grab-and-go bags at home, at work and in your vehicle.

Make a grab-and-go bag

A grab-and-go bag is a small emergency kit that's easy to take with you, in case you need to leave right away. It's a good idea to make grab-and-go bags for your home, workplace and vehicle.

- Food (ready to eat) and water
- Phone charger and battery bank
- Small battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Small first-aid kit and personal medications
- Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Copies of important documents, such as insurance papers and identification
- Cash in small bills
- Local map with your family meeting place identified
- Seasonal clothing and an emergency blanket
- Pen and notepad
- Whistle



Get prepared





Welcome out newest representsative for Kootenay West



My name is Rebecca Borhman, I have been with the Robson Volunteer Fire Department for six years. In 2018 I was promoted to Lieutenant as an Intake officer. In that role I created an intake program that is focused on safety and ensuring new recruits join the hall with confidence and are aware of our expectations. So far this program has had great results, almost everyone who started and did their whole orientation with me are still members - except for two who have left the area. I started the transition into Dustin LePage's role in summer 2021 so I am now the Safety Officer in Robson, an MD Canada Chair, and of course, this role with VFABC.

In my normal life I am a Registered Nurse – I work in a variety of mental health and substance use positions in Castlegar and Trail.

I'm really excited to learn more about VFABC and what I can bring to the table

This Valentine's Day, show some love for our unsung heroes.

These past two years have been trying on all of us, especially our first responders and military. From floods to fires, throughout the pandemic, our men and women in uniform have been there during our time of need.

At Honour House and Honour Ranch we provide a home away from home and a place of recovery for our Canadian Armed Forces, Emergency Services Personnel, Veterans and their families.

Supporting the health and well-being of our nation's heroes is your chance to open your heart and give back.



Master of Disaster: Youth emergency preparedness

Master of Disaster is a free classroom program designed to help young people learn about emergency preparedness. The program teaches youth in grades 4 to 8 about hazards in B.C.—like floods, wildfires, earthquakes and tsunamis—and shows them how to get prepared.

What's included in a classroom kit

Each classroom kit comes pre-packaged with printed resources, small gifts for each student, and helpful instructions. There are also additional resources available, including [learning materials](#) and [lesson plans](#).



Each learner will receive:

- A colourful [Get Ready Guide \(PDF, 9.7MB\)](#) for classroom instruction and activities
- A fill-in-the-blanks [Home Emergency Plan \(PDF, 20.9 MB\)](#) to take home and complete with their household
- A drawstring bag to help kick-start their personal preparedness

Each educator will also receive:

- A [Teaching Guide \(PDF, 1.22MB\)](#) to explain curricular alignment and help you plan your lessons
- A grab-and-go bag poster game to create some fun and to decorate your classroom

Contact Us

If you have questions about the Master of Disaster program, contact us at masterofdisaster@gov.bc.ca.



NOTICE OF POSITION AVAILABLE

February 2022 - The Cortes Island Fire Fighting Association has a permanent part-time position available for a new **FIRE CHIEF**.

The Cortes Island Volunteer Fire Department is a self-directed fire department with two halls and approximately 30 volunteers and three duty officers. The department has been very well managed by our current chief and is highly capable and well organized.

- We are willing to work with and develop the right candidate even if they are not fully qualified at this point.
- Residency on island is required
- Temporary accommodation can be provided.

About Cortes Island: Cortes Island is located 300 kilometres north of Victoria, the island is about 25 kilometres long, 13 km wide and 13,000 hectares in area. The southern half of the island has a paved ring road for accessing residential properties in addition to the shops and services located in our 3 village centres. The island offers tremendous natural beauty with old growth and second growth forest, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and boating and more.

Given the relative remoteness and isolation of Cortes Island, the Fire-Fighting Association provides a critical role in the public safety, rescue, and emergency preparedness of our community.



Start time: As soon as workable.

Annual Salary: negotiable
Website: www.cortesfire.org.

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North/West News – Jason Blackwell – Regional Fire Cheif

The Cluculz Lake Fire Department recently acquired a new fire hall. Construction began in June 2021 with completion of the project at the end of December. A grand opening is to be held May 7, 2022.

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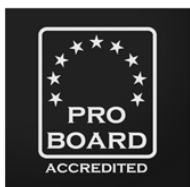
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Used equipment available
The 70 mile house vfd has some expired gear that we would like to donate, helmets, gloves, boots, turn out gear, ect. we also have 50 + scba setups, some are still tested. if you know of anyone that could use any of the above please contact myself 70 mile fire chief.

FC Jeff Warner 250-945-5664, DC Jessie McMahon 250-945-4895



Fred Parker, 88, has retired from Sooke Fire Rescue after nearly seven decades of fire service in Calgary, Sooke and as a private fire investigator in the U.S. (Justin Samanski-Langille - Sooke News Mirror)

Sooke firefighter retires after nearly seven decades of service

'I had the best career,' says Fred Parker, 88

- [JUSTIN SAMANSKI-LANGILLE](#) – Sooke News Mirror
- Feb. 4, 2022 5:30 a.m.
- [LOCAL NEWS](#)
- [NEWS](#)

Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Deptment

Mike Huntley, Lead Instructor and volunteer firefighter with the CLVFD, retired at the end of January 2022 from over 30 years of service with the Vancouver Fire Department. Graduating in 1991, Mike has had an exemplary career in firefighting ever since. Retiring as Battalion Chief, Mike continues on with his long history of volunteerism and community service by serving the people of Cluculz Lake. As a community and fire department, we are grateful to have Mike and his beautiful and supportive family amongst our ranks. For those of you that know Mike, you've undoubtedly witnessed his passion for his craft. A passion that still burns bright as ever.



Mike,

Congratulations on your well deserved retirement! We'd like to promise you relaxation but we still have far too much to learn from you.

If you have a BCWS S-100 Wildland Fire Fighting certificate and need to take the annual WorkSafe BC required S-100a safety refresher course, it is available online at www.s100a.com



Any B.C. Fire Department is eligible for a 20% discount if registered with Wildwood Resources Ltd.



The course is an easy to use review of the pertinent safety features of the S-100 course.

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.



For more information, phone 250-832-2300 or email jake@s100a.com
~ *Be careful out there and remember safety is always the first priority* ~



Don't forget it's that time of year to replace the batteries and test the Smoke Alarms in your homes! Please encourage friends and neighbours to do the same!

Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ! Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ! Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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Mrs. O'Leary's Cow may have gotten a bad rap but the folktale reminds us fire safety is an important part of farm life. People, animals, and property are in danger when fire breaks out on the farm. Inspect your barn and outbuildings for fire hazards to reduce the risk of tragic loss.

- ✓ Heat lamps and space heaters are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- ✓ Heaters are on a sturdy surface and cannot fall over.
- ✓ Electrical equipment is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
- ✓ All wiring is free from damage.
- ✓ Extension cords are not used in the barn.
- ✓ Lightbulbs have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
- ✓ Damage is identified quickly and repairs are completed with safety in mind.
- ✓ Dust and cobwebs around electrical outlets and lights are removed.
- ✓ Oily rags are stored in a closed, metal container away from heat.
- ✓ Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids are stored away from the main barn.
- ✓ The barn is a smoke-free zone.
- ✓ Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
- ✓ Fire drills are held frequently with everyone who uses the barn.
- ✓ Workers are trained to use fire extinguishers.
- ✓ Everyone in the barn knows personal safety is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
- ✓ Hazard checks take place on a set schedule.

Required Equipment

The following safety equipment may be required by local building codes and will help protect your barn. Install and maintain:

- ABC-type fire extinguishers near every exit and within 50 feet from any point in the barn.
- Fire alarm system
- Sprinkler system
- Carbon monoxide detection system



Talk with your local fire department to address safety concerns unique to your farm.

Go to www.nfpa.org/farms to learn more about fire safety on the farm.



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Executive Directors Report

Feb. 20, 2022

With the beginning of the year of course comes the time for dues payments. We tried a new process this year by e-mailing out the revised renewal forms directly out to the members. We did not do a mass mailing to all fire departments in B.C. There were changes to streamline the process and to cut the costs of mailing out over 500 individual packages.

The response so far has been good, and the memberships are coming in. However, the method of receiving the application form and payment is varied. Many departments have opted to send the form and cheque together, others have emailed the form and the payment has come later from a governing body such as a regional district. Other members are sending e-transfer. Also, methods are working however, I am getting some regional district cheques that do not identify the fire department. This of course causes some difficulty in determining who has paid. This is not a new problem and you have seen me mention this before.

If you did not get a renewal e-mail please contact me at vfaofbc@telus.net and I will send out the information. If you know of a department that was not a member that would like to be the form is on the website. I will also attach in the newsletter.

As you may have heard once again the spring training has been cancelled. The restrictions due to COVID and the rate of rolling the back made it too difficult for a department to do the planning and preparation for the May timeframe. We will look for other options and hope that next year will be open to all events.

As you see in this newsletter the association is looking for a new Executive Director. I am stepping down as I do not have the time for this and a Fire Chief position at the same time. The job requires good organizing skills and knowledge of computer processes such as Office apps like Word and Excel. Please let us President Curry know if you or someone you know is interested. In the meantime, be patient it may take me a little longer to respond to your requests.

Art Sanderson



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THE VOLUNTEER

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The advertisement rates for non-members are:

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Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. Membership as of May 2021

Fire Departments

108 Mile House VFD
 Arras Fire Brigade
 Bouchie Lake Vol Fire Dept
 Britannia Beach Fire Dept
 Cortes Island Fire Fighting Assoc
 Deka Lake & District VFD
 East Sooke VFD
 Fairmont Hot Springs Fire Dept.
 Forest Grove VFD
 Greeny Lake VFD
 Hornby Island Fire Rescue
 Kamloops Fire & Rescue (3)
 Lac La Hache VFD
 Lantzville VFD
 Loon Lake Fire Dept
 Malaspina Volunteer Fire Dept
 Mill Bay VFD
 Nanoose Bay Vol. Fire Dept
 North Cowichan Fire Dept (Maple Bay Hall)
 Okanagan Falls VFD
 Oyster River VFD
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 Port Moody Vol. Firefighters Assoc.
 Salmon Arm Fire Dept
 Sechelt VFD
 South Green Lake VFD
 Sun Peaks VFD
 Telkwa Vol. Fire Dept.
 Tobiano Fire Department
 Tumbler Ridge VFD
 Whistler Fire Rescue Service

150 Mile House VFD
 Barlow Creek Fire Dept
 Bowen Island Vol Fire Dept
 Burton Volunteer Fire Dept.
 Dashwood VFD
 District of Taylor Fire Dept.
 Edgewater Fire Dept
 Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade
 Gabriola Vol Fire Dept
 Gun Lake Fire Brigade
 Horsefly Volunteer Fire Dept
 Keremeos Volunteer Fire Dept
 Ladysmith Fire Rescue
 Little Fort VFD
 Lumby Vol. Fire Dept
 Mayne Island VFD
 Miocene VFD
 Nelson Fire & Rescue (Auxiliary Fire Dept.)
 North Galiano VFD (2)
 Oliver VFD (2)
 Panorama VFD
 Pender Island Fire Rescue
 Pritchard VFD
 Salt Spring Island VFD
 Shawnigan Lake V.F.D.
 Sproat Lake Vol. Fire Dept. (3)
 Sunshine Valley VFD
 Ten Mile VFD
 Tofino Vol. Fire Dept.
 Union Bay Fire Rescue
 Wildwood VFD

Abbotsford fire Rescue
 Blackpool Vol Fire Dept
 Bralorne Vol Fire Dept
 Coombes-Hilliers Fire Dept.
 Deep Bay VFD
 Duncan VFD
 Edgewood V F D
 Field Fire & Rescue
 Gillies Bay VFD (2)
 Hayes Creek Firefighters'
 Interlakes VFD
 Kersley V.F.D.
 Lake Cowichan VFD
 Lone Butte VFD
 Malahat VFD
 McLure Vol. Fire Dept.
 Nakusp & District VFD
 New Denver VFD
 North Saanich VFD
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 Thetis Island Fire Dept.
 Tulameen & District VFD
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Bob Dubbert (Firefighters Without Borders)
 Jake Jacobson (Wildwood Resources)

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Attention All Departments

Please update the following information. This information is collected to track the demographics of the volunteer fire service on a year-to-year basis. The association may need this in discussion with the government or other organizations. This information will be aggregated so that individual fire departments cannot be identified.

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Full Time: _____ Volunteer: _____ Paid on Call: _____ Not Paid: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

Funding Body: _____

(Regional District/Municipal/Improvement District/Society Only)



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF BC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Date: ____/____/____ New Application ____ Renewal ____ For Which Year ____

Type of Membership: Fire Department ____ Associate/Manufacturer ____ Individual ____

(Complete the application/renewal based on your membership type)

Newsletter: Electronic Copy ____ Hard Copy ____ Number of copies (hard) ____

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Name: ____ Address: ____

PO/Street

City

Postal Code

Telephone: ____ Cell ____ Email: ____

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name: ____ Fire Chief: ____

Phone ____ Cell ____ Email: ____

Address: ____
PO/Street City Postal CodeHall Tel: ____ Email Hall ____ Web Site ____ Number of
Firefighters: ____**ASSOCIATE/MANUFACTURER**

COMPANY NAME ____ CONTACT NAME ____ Product or Service

Related to Fire Services: ____

Address: ____
PO/Street City Postal Code

Tel: ____ Cell: ____ Email: ____

Website: ____

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