

# Annual Awards Banquet - Great Village & District Fire Brigade

## Always On Call, Even at Awards Banquet!

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Fire Fighter of the Year Award presented to Derrick Works.

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A Moment of Silence was observed for those who have fallen, with a second minute of silence in honour of Robert Layton, a longtime member of the Brigade, who passed away last month.

As the meal was being served, the alarm page went off and Medical First Responders didn't hesitate to answer the call. Day or night, 365 days a year, in all sorts of weather...these volunteers always look out for their community.

Chief Dave Lundie reported the Brigade answered a total of 115 calls in 2013. This was broken down in to 48 medical, 35 motor vehicle accidents, 6 structure fires, 6 chimney fires, 5 grass fires, 4 Mutual Aid calls, 3 brush fires, 3 car fires, 1 garage fire, 1 camper fire, 1 smoke in house, 1 power pole and 1 other. The calls totaled 1135 man hours and members put in another 733 training hours plus 438 man hours working on equipment and maintenance.

From January, 2014 to present time, the Brigade has answered a total of 34 calls.

This year's Slate of Officers includes: Chief Dave Lundie, Deputy Chief Larry Kinsman, 1st Captain Gregg Kinsman, 2nd Captain Joe Slack, 3rd Captain David Slack, 4th Captain Jeremy Smith, Lieutenant of Fire Police Pat Flemming,

1st Lieutenant Gary Slack and 2nd Lieutenant Chris Congdon.

Ladies Auxiliary Service Awards were presented to the following: 5 Years- Rubby Skinner, 15 Years- Cheryl Slack, 25 Years- Carla MacNeil and 45 Years- Meredith Layton and Betty MacNeil.

Ladies Auxiliary President Betty MacNeil presented Fire Commission Chair Steve Karrell with a \$3000 cheque for the Great Village Fire Commission.

MLA Karen Casey was guest speaker and she offered her congratulations to the Brigade on their 88th Anniversary and to all those who have contributed to the Brigade throughout the years in so many ways, paying special tribute to Robert Layton, who upon his death was the longest serving volunteer fire fighter in the province.

Fire Service Awards were presented as follows: 5 years- Kate Cameron, 10 Years- Chris Congdon, 15 Years- Kathy Giles, 20 years- Gary Slack, Wade Rutherford, Gregg Kinsman, Joe Slack.

Special Brigade Awards included: Officer of the Year Award- Joe Slack, Firefighter of the Year Award- Derrick Works, Claude O'Brien Fellowship Award- Terry Spence, Most Improved Firefighter- Trevor Spencer, Steve Francis Memorial Award- Masstown Hardware.



Most Improved Fire Fighter Award presented to Trevor Spencer.



Officer of the Year Award presented by Chief Dave Lundie and Deputy Chief Larry Kinsmen to Joe Slack (left).



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Claude O'Brien Fellowship Award presented by Greg O'Brien to Terry Spence.

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