

Debert Fire Brigade Annual Banquet on March 4th, 2017

(Harrington Photos)



Group photo of Members and Special Guests at the 2017 Debert Fire Brigade Annual Banquet.

By Linda Harrington

The Debert Fire Brigade Annual Banquet was held on March 4th, 2017 at the hall. Once again Members of Debert United Church prepared a wonderful meal, enjoyed by all. Shane Slack, who elected as the new Chief in December 2016 was emcee

for the evening.

The Wendell Barnhill Most Improved Fire Fighter Award was presented by Wendell to Mike Hepburn, who accepted the award on behalf of recipient Kenny Hepburn. Kenny was later presented with the award at a work night by Chief Shane Slack.

Fire Officer of the Year Award was presented to Brandon Slack and Fire Fighter of the Year Award was presented to Mike Hepburn. Service Awards were presented at a later date to Adam Thomas, Gordon Shipley- 5 Years, Brandon Slack- 10 Years, Gordon Myers- 15 Years and Wade Jennings- 25 Years.

2016 Chief Wade Jennings prepared the Annual Report for 2016, thanking members, officers and executive of the Brigade for all the hard work and time spent around the hall.

One new member, Daymen Penny completed Level 1 Fire Fighter Training. Dakota Lockhart completed Pre-Employment cores.

There was a total of 936.75 man hours of training and a total of 119 calls, with a total of 1379 man hours, for a grand total of 3057 man hours for the year.

New members included Mark Allan, Danial McNutt, Alex Johnson, Charles Moore, Tyler Starks and Rodney Hampton. This is the highest number of new members in

one year since the Brigade was formed.

Randy Barnhill has held the position of treasurer in the Brigade for 22 years, the longest held office.

A new Mercedes Van was purchased in 2016 for transportation of man power and equipment for mutual aid calls.

The "I am Responding" was set up through the CFFA and is working well. Work at the hall included fixing a leaky roof and painting the truck bays.

Fire calls for 2016 included: 3 structural fires, 61 MFR, 31 automatic alarms, 2 mutual aid, 2 motor vehicle fires, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 3 ground fires, 6 suspicious odors, 1 electrical, 1 plane crash, 2 CO, 1 Haz Mat for a total of 120 calls.



Chief Shane Slack presents Brandon Slack with the Fire Officer of the Year Award.



Chief Shane Slack presents Michael Hepburn with the Fire Fighter of the Year Award.



Special guests at the annual banquet included: Front Row (l to r)- Fran Forman (Member of Ladies Auxiliary since 1973), Gordon McCully (Charter Member), Frank McMichael (Charter Member); Back Row (l to r)- Bob Davis (Honorary Member), Ed Hingley (Past Chief), Royce Totten (Charter Member).



The following received Membership Service Awards: Gordon Myers- 15 Years, Brandon Slack- 10 Years, Gordon Shipley- 5 Years, and Adam Thomas- 5 Years (left to right) The photo was taken at work night at the hall. Missing from photo but receiving a 25 Year award was Deputy Chief Wade Jennings.



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