

Wentworth Firefighters Celebrate At Their Banquet



Several awards were presented at the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Brigade annual banquet. (l-r) Vernon Sprague, Norman Gower, Harold Smiley, Orland Carter, Deputy Chief Arden Little, and Chief Kevin Sprague accept their awards for perfect attendance. (Submitted)

By Hope Bridgewater

The executive of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department once again asked the members of the United Church Women to cater a banquet for them at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Arden Little, Deputy Fire Chief, gave me an excellent report about the names of all who participated at the banquet and Jordan Sprague, son of Fire Chief Kevin Sprague, sent me wonderful photos taken at the banquet.

The following is a text summary (slightly edited) of the information which Arden Little e-mailed to me.

The banquet began with a moment of silence to honour former firefighters who have passed away. Master of Ceremony, Arden Little, asked Pastor Darryl Dykens to give a blessing on the meal to be served.

The meal was catered by the United Church Women, and member Ethel Gilroy announced before the meal was served that UCW mem-

bers had decided to donate this year's meal at no charge in appreciation for services the Fire Department provides to the Wentworth community.

The plates were served to the tables by Jordan Sprague, Jordan Rushton and Melanie Sprague. Joanna Little took individual photos of the Wentworth firefighters as they arrived at the banquet.

The head table included former MLA Murray Scott, Municipal Councillor Kathy Redmond, current MLA Jamie Baillie and executive assistant Angie, Fire Chief Kevin Sprague and wife Weewana and Wentworth Deputy Chief Arden Little and wife Barb.

Special guests in attendance included wives of deceased firefighters, Pastor Darryl Dykens and his wife Phyllis, Westchester Fire Department Chief Justin Rushton and his wife Andrea, Tatamagouche Fire Department Chief Jim Forbes and Deputy Chief Ian Macdonald.

Various awards were presented by MLA Jamie Baillie, Councillor Kathy Redmond and Fire Chief Kevin Sprague as follows: Doug Gilroy with federal, provincial and municipal certificates and a decorative fire helmet recognizing 35 years service with the Wentworth Fire Department; Curtis Swallow (recently deceased) with federal provincial and municipal certificates recognizing 30 years service with the Wentworth Fire Department (accepted by Harold Smiley) and David Ogilvie (absent) with provincial and municipal certificates recognizing 30 years of Fire

Department service (accepted by wife Linda).

Jeremy Tattrie was presented with federal, provincial and municipal certificates, a WVFD pin recognizing one year service and a plaque and award in recognition of Firefighter of The Year; Conor Scailion with a certificate recognizing fire school training; Norman Gower with an award recognizing outstanding dedication and Orland Carter with an award recognizing outstanding dedication.

Vernon Sprague, Norman Gower, Harold Smiley, Orland Carter, Kevin Sprague and Arden Little were presented with awards for perfect meeting attendance. The banquet was concluded with remarks from Wentworth Fire Chief Kevin Sprague.

The Wentworth Community salutes the Wentworth Fire Department for their courage and caring for the people of all ages whom they voluntarily help at all hours of the day or night when a call comes in. Just after the 2010 banquet ended, several Wentworth firefighters went to the help a home with a flooded basement and pumped the water out of the basement.

The next day Wentworth firefighters returned to pump out the basement again as water had once again flooded it. Fortunately, on the third day a new drainage system was placed in the basemen of this home. It was certainly fortunate that the Wentworth firefighters had the right equipment to pump out that water-flooded basement and the willing firefighters who came to do it.



Connor Scailion receiving his certificate for the successful completion of rescue-vehicle driving training. (Submitted)



Chief Kevin Sprague and MLA Jamie Baillie were present at the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Banquet during which several awards were presented to brigade members. (Submitted)

December Church Schedule

By Chris Urquhart

Upcoming Church Services for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge will be: Every Sunday 9am at Erskine United, Glenholme. Rotating services at 10:15am, with Sunday School, between Masstown and Debert. November 28th - Masstown, December 5th, Debert, December 12th - Masstown, December 19th - Debert with Communion (also communion in Glenholme), and December 26th - Masstown. Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24th, 7pm at Debert United, Debert. We welcome all those who wish to join us at any and all of these services and look forward to meeting you and making you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our Church services or other Church matters feel free to call our Minister Rev. Don MacQueen at 662-2617.

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