

2011

# FIRE

## PREVENTION WEEK

Photos by Linda Harrington



# FIRE SAFETY IS FIRE PREVENTION

## WENTWORTH

### Wentworth Volunteer Fire Fighters Recognized



Carrying on a family tradition as practiced by former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague, his son, present Fire Chief Kevin Sprague and his granddaughter Melanie Sprague attended the recent Awards Banquet of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Kevin Sprague was at the Awards Banquet head table and Melanie Sprague was a waitress at the Banquet. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

*By Hope Bridgewater*

The 2011 Awards Banquet of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department was held recently at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. The Wentworth United Church Women catered the meal of roast beef and a variety of pies with their members cooking the food, working in the kitchen, and clearing up afterwards. Servers of the food were Joanne Ferdinand, Ben Ferdinand, and Melanie Sprague. Serving tea and coffee were Rev. Brian DeLong, Wentworth United Church minister, and Winston Patriquin.

As one of the UCW members working in the kitchen, Arden Little, Deputy Fire Chief, reported to me the happenings out in the hall. The event began with a meet and greet from 6 pm to 7 pm. Deputy Fire Chief, Arden Little, welcomed everyone and requested all to stand for a minute of silence in respect to the firefighters who have passed on. Baptist Pastor Darryl Dykens offered a prayer and thanksgiving for the meal.

The United Church Women were congratulated for the excellent meal and given a round

of applause. The Head Table included: Penny Henneberry, acting Fire Coordinator with the Municipal Office; Kathy Redmond, Municipal Councilor; Fire Chief Kevin Sprague and his wife WeeWana; and Deputy Fire Chief Arden Little and his wife Barb.

Special guests included the wives of deceased firefighters, and Jean Wood expressed a thank you for the widows being invited. Members from neighbouring Fire Departments in attendance included Ian and Nancy MacDonald from Tatamagouche, Paul Leblanc from Wallace, Robert and Sara Carter from Pugwash, and Tory and Tracy Rushton from Oxford.

The Awards Presentation for the firefighters of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) began with each member being called to the podium for an appreciation gift. The Awards to the following were: to Todd Seymour and Al McLellan a one year Membership Pin in the WVFD and Certificates from the Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments; Carl Black and Glenn Rushton a Five Years of Service Bar from the WVFD and Certificates from the Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments; Dale Patriquin a 35 Years of Service Commemorative Helmet to hang in the Fire Hall from the WVFD, both Plaque and Certificate from the Municipality, and Certificates from the Provincial and Federal governments; Norman Gower, Vernon Sprague, Orland Carter, Kevin Sprague and Arden Little gifts from the WVFD recognizing perfect attendance at all business meetings; Carl Black a Firefighter of the Month Award for September, 2011, from the Municipality; Kevin Sprague a Firefighter of the Month Award for October, 2011, from the Municipality; and Todd Seymour a 2011 WVFD Firefighter of the Year Plaque and gift.

Fire Chief Kevin Sprague closed the Banquet event, but his father, former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague, kept activities going until 11:30 pm by encouraging everyone to join in the favourite game of Wentworth, Auction 45's.

## The Shoreline Journal

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### FIVE ISLANDS



Fire Islands firefighters wearing their turnout gear at last year's fashion show. (submitted)



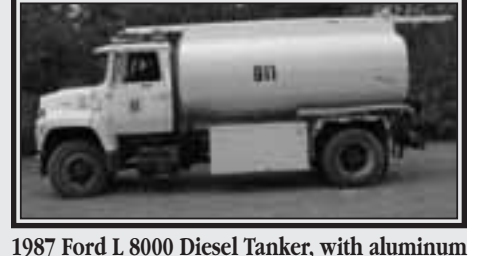
A 1998 Dodge van, used as the Marine Rescue Van. This unit is used to tow the Zodiac unit to the launch point from which any operation would begin. (submitted)



1986 Ford Econoline 350 Walk Thru Rescue Van, equipped with a diesel engine and automatic transmission. (submitted)



1986 Federal Pumper/Tanker with 2000 gallon aluminum tank. (submitted)



1987 Ford L 8000 Diesel Tanker, with aluminum tank and onboard pump. (submitted)



The Five Islands & District Fire Hall. (submitted)



The Five Islands & District Fire Hall with fleet of vehicles all lined up. (submitted)

### Five Islands 2011 Slate of Elected Society Officers

**Chairman- Gerry Roberts**  
**Vice Chairman- Tim Reid**  
**Secretary**  
**Mike Lewis / Ted Lock**  
**Treasurer- Ted Lock**

**Deputy Chief**  
**Maurice Thompson**  
**Captain- Robert Webb**  
**Lieutenant- Tim Reid**  
**Training Officer (Fire)**  
**Glendon Davis**  
**Training Officer (Medical)**  
**Mike Lewis**

**Members- Paula Rochon ,**  
**Jackie Leslie, Krista Vey**  
**Medical First Responders -**  
**Darrel Spence, Stephen**  
**Hingely, Aubrey Eagles,**  
**Doug McCarthy, Dennis**  
**Ross, Gillian Davis, Gloria**  
**Lewis, Carole Lewis**

### Five Islands Fire Hall Serves Many Purposes

*By Linda Harrington*

Four diverse and well equipped vehicles assist the Five Islands & District Fire Brigade when an emergency call is received.

A 1998 Dodge van has been converted to a Marine Rescue Van. This unit tows the Zodiac unit to the launch point from which any operation would begin. It was purchased in 2006 and originally converted to a Rescue Van for use until the Brigade acquired a suitable replacement. It was used to carry such items as a generator, a river pump, medical equipment, including such items as defibrillators, back boards, stretchers and personal breathing apparatus. It was also the main vehicle for responding to medical emergencies.

The 1986 Ford Econoline 350 Walk Thru van is equipped with a diesel engine and automatic transmission. The box is eighteen feet long and eight feet wide, made of fiberglass with a full width roll-up door at the rear. This unit was obtained late in 2010 and it had been stripped of all equipment in the box. Volunteers proceeded to install a new plywood floor and walls so that items could be fastened down. Shelving was purchased and applied after the interior had been painted. A light bar was applied on the cab roof and flashing strobes as well. The truck was loaded with all of the equipment from the previous Rescue Unit plus the bunker gear for the firefighters, emergency lighting for the scene and

numerous other pieces of equipment.

Water is supplied using two vehicles. One is a 1986 Federal Pumper/Tanker. This is a four hundred horsepower diesel unit with automatic transmission, 1750 gallon per minute pump and a two thousand gallon aluminum tank. This unit was acquired in January 2009 and has been a vast step up from the previous pumper, especially the automatic transmission.

The second source of water and fourth truck in the fleet is a yellow 1987 Ford L 8000 Diesel Tanker with an aluminum tank, another converted vehicle. The unit has a standard transmission and onboard pump.

The Zodiac is equipped with a fifteen horsepower Mercury outboard motor. It is of note that a donation of five thousand dollars was received from Don and Wilma Mulek of Grimshaw, Alberta. This couple was rescued from the bar out in the Bay of Fundy, having been stranded there by the incoming tide, and they saw fit to reward the Fire Brigade with that donation to go toward a rescue boat.

The large Fire Hall, has three truck bays, and is often used for social functions such as dances, show-ers, open mic, parties and gaming such as Bingo and Washers. It is equipped with a great canteen, which turns out great snacks for the various functions, as well as meals for special occasions.