

ECONOMY



Some members of the Economy Fire Brigade posed for a photo recently. Left to right- Avary McLaughlin (future member), Chief Garett McLaughlin, Alexia McLaughlin, Emily McLaughlin, Brad McLaughlin, Robin Davis, Aaron Gates, Burchell Fulmore, Eric Moore, Captain David Soley, Paul Yorke, Miles McLaughlin, Jason Flemming, Jennifer Welton and Training Officer Greg McLaughlin.



Eric Moore, David Soley and Burchell Fulmore look over the newly completed memorial plaque honouring past members of the Economy Fire Brigade. Some names on the plaque were volunteer fire fighters before there even was a fire hall in the community.

Economy Fire Brigade Membership

Chief- Garnet McLaughlin
Deputy Chief-Geoff McLaughlin
Training officer-Greg McLaughlin
Secretary- Shannon Breen
Treasurer- Alexia McLaughlin
Base Communications- Brian Hiltz, Bill McLaughlin
1st Captain- Logan Elliot
2nd Captain - Eric Moore



Economy Fire Brigade has a 5 member Medical First Response team consisting of (1 to r) Emily McLaughlin, Robin Davis, Jason Flemming, Jennifer Welton and missing from photo is Shannon Breen. A dedicated vehicle purchased in 2010 allows the team to carry all their equipment including back-boards, defibrillator, multiple oxygen tanks, and all medical supplies.



Economy Fire Brigade's Truck No. 1 is shined and ready for service.



The original Economy Village Hall was remodelled into the Economy Fire Hall back in 1973-74.

First Responders- Shannon Breen, Robin Davis, Jennifer Welton, Emily McLaughlin
First Responder Coordinator -Jason Flemming
Members: Burchell Fulmore, Jim Walsh, Miles McLaughlin, Brad McLaughlin, Bobby McLaughlin, Keith and Nathaniel Chisholm, Joelle McLaughlin, Kevin Welton, Michael Welton, Chris Morrison, Aaron Gates, Steven Faulkner, Paul Robinson, Ron Davis, Jeff Roberts, Paul Yorke, Mike Elliott, David Soley, Don Priest, John Linkletter, Ryan McLellan.

Economy Fire Brigade Medical First Response Team

By Linda Harrington
Economy Fire Brigade has been a Medical First Response agency since shortly after the program was conceived by Emergency Health Services (EHS) in 2003 to enhance pre-hospital patient care. With rarely more than 1 certified responder and limited resources in the past, Economy Fire Brigade has been striving to become a more dependable and capable resource for the community. Now, with 40 hours of in-class training each and dedication to a consistent regimen of continued practice, Economy Fire Brigade has a 5 member Medical First Response team consisting of Shannon Breen, Jennifer Welton, Jason Flemming, Robin Davis and Emily McLaughlin.

Early assessment and treatment can be vital in the response to an unexpected condition and it can often take 30 minutes to reach rural communities such as Economy. A Medical First Responder can be a vital and immediate form of patient care while EHS services respond to the scene. In most cases, by triaging, assessing vital signs and obtaining medical information ahead of time, Paramedics are able to more quickly determine their course of action on arrival. In more severe cases, Medical First Responders can provide oxygen, defibrillation and

treatment of injuries while updating EHS directly. Since acquiring a dedicated vehicle in 2010, the Economy Fire Brigade Medical First Responders are now able to carry all of their equipment which includes back-boards, defibrillator, multiple oxygen tanks, and all medical supplies. The spacious GMC Suburban has been a welcome addition and a much-appreciated area for victims to be treated or to just relax on the side of a snow covered highway.

Update from Economy Fire Brigade
In 2010 the Economy Fire Brigade began to receive a yearly operating grant from the Municipality of the

County of Colchester to assist with the deliverance of emergency services to the community of Economy. One of the requirements of this grant was for the Brigade to develop a five year business plan to aid in the planning and operation of services provided. With the assistance of a consultant hired by the County we have been developing our business plan over this past summer and into the fall. We hope to have the plan approved by the Brigade later this month and submit it to the County so that we can move forward and continue to provide emergency services and support to our community. If you would like to become involved or have any questions you can call Alexia or Garnet McLaughlin at 647-2271.

DEBERT

Debert Fire Brigade's fleet of trucks.



Debert Fire Brigade's Deputy Chief Don Geldart and Captain Chris Geldart pose with a plaque the Brigade recently received from Emergency Health Services MFR Services in recognition of the Brigade's outstanding performance and dedication to the community and MFR Program in 2010.



Debert Fire Brigade's Chief Wade Jennings and MFR Donna LeBlanc display a Rapid Attack Monitor. The Brigade will use money from a Service Provider Grant to purchase an assortment of new nozzles and hose, including one of the R.A.M. shown here.

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