

Great Village Fire Brigade Adds New Rescue Truck



Great Village Fire Bridgade New Truck

By Linda Harrington

Great Village & District Fire Brigade is thrilled with the arrival of their brand new Rescue Truck, a replacement for their No.5 truck, a rather outdated 1978 vehicle, purchased second hand from Wolfville Fire Department.

The new truck is a 2011 Dodge 5500, 6 speed automatic with a Cummins diesel engine, 4 door, with a 6 man crew cab and was purchased

from Blaikie's Dodge Chrysler Ltd., Truro. It has been outfitted with all the "bells and whistles" by Lantz Truck Body, Port Williams and includes an onboard 7000 watt generator and a 9000lb winch.

Members of the Truck Committee made a few trips over to Lantz Truck Body the last few months to check on the progress and to make sure the vehicle was designed to meet the needs of the Brigade.

There are plenty of storage areas for rescue equipment, such as the jaws of life, and the body features a walk through rescue box. "We now have room for a stretcher in the back," says Gregg Kinsman, "We felt this was important to allow us to move a patient inside out of the elements at the scene of an accident."

The Great Village Fire Brigade's Truck committee was extremely pleased to work with Lantz Truck Body and Blaikie's Dodge Chrysler Ltd. "Anything we asked for, Lantz Truck Body was able to deliver and then some," says Larry Kinsman, "They even mounted the tools and gear for us at no cost. We couldn't be happier."

Gary Slack had similar rave reviews for Blaikie's Dodge, "We appreciated the very good price they were able to offer us and the extras they were more than happy to supply. They were very willing to work together from the beginning and we couldn't beat their deal or service."

Money to purchase this welcome addition to the fleet will come from the county tax base along with additional fund raising, including the annual auction and Lobster Supper. The Brigade was recently able to pay off their previous loan on Truck No. 1, earlier than they expected.

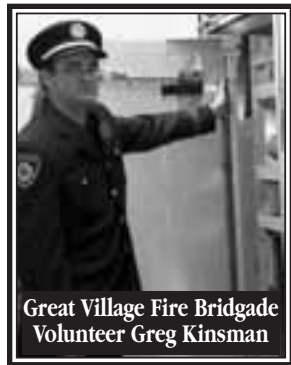
Great Village and District Fire Brigade has three fire trucks in their Great Village Hall and two stationed at the Londonderry Hall.



Great Village Fire Brigade Truck Committee



The Slacks - A Great Village Fire Brigade Volunteer Family



Great Village Fire Bridgade Volunteer Greg Kinsman

Great Village Fire Brigade Chooses New Executive

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

Many's been the time when I talked about the heroes among us. Today, I thought that maybe I should say thanks to some of the unseen heroes as well.

The other day, I was thinking about my early years as a Firefighter. On 24th Dec. one year, we were paged to a structure fire. I was a single Mom and it was Christmas Eve and I was torn between duty to family and duty to the community. My son broke the silence and informed me that he was capable of keeping the fire going. My oldest daughter told me that she could handle getting the cookies set out for Santa and would get the stockings

ready. My decision had been made for me and I responded. When I came home, all had been made ready. There was nothing left to do but fall into bed.

The next morning, just as we were getting ready to go for the traditional Christmas morning at the grandparents, the pager sounded again for a structure fire. I again looked around at my three kids sitting there and again, I was torn.

That was when my youngest looked at me and said "You better go Mommy... if the fire was here, the guys would all come." My decision had been made for me once more.

While we have heard

"thank-you" many times, maybe there are a few more people who should hear that too.

We, as Firefighters signed up for this job. We kind of knew what we were getting ourselves into. Many times, I've apologised for being late to family or work or an appointment, however, the call comes...unplanned.

This time around, I wanted to say thank you to the people in our lives who have kept a holiday or birthday dinner warm (or any other meal), cancelled meetings, waited for a drive from work (or arranged other transport), put up with us when we were tired, cranky, sad, and, oh yeah, did I say cranky.

Historic Sites Along The Shore - Great Village By The River

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map # 302 locates the site on the banks of the Great Village River where this photo was taken in 1895. The young ladies taking art lessons are being taught by English artist Knight Eaton, who with his friend Canadian George Hutchinson gave art lessons in both Great Village and Truro in the 1890's. We believe that the gentleman sitting amongst the students is George Hutchinson, great uncle of Great Village's literary genius, Elizabeth Bishop. One of these young ladies was Marion Peppard, daughter of Dr. J. L. Peppard, who was a Village doctor from 1866 until 1907.

She died in 1898, and we have in the archives the invoice marked paid, from Mr. Eaton for her art lessons and supplies over a two year period, a total of about \$20.00. The



bridge in the background, still existing, was built in 1883/84, replacing an earlier structure on the same site. The group are sitting beside the lane which led to the river ford, or crossing place. In horse and buggy days, nearly all bridges had such a fording near them, where teams could be rested and watered as they passed along the roadways.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.

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