

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Elects Officers for 2012

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The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade held the AGM on Monday December 12, 2011 in the Brigade Rooms at the fire hall. Chief Muise highlighted the events of 2011 as outlined in the annual report.

After all officers and Chairs gave their annual reports, the annual election of officers took place resulting in one change for chief officers and several others for Lieutenants and Chair's. One position was left empty but is expected to be filled soon.

The following officers were elected & re-elected: Chief- Greg Muise, Deputy, Chief 1-John Mackay, Deputy Chief 2- Leo Morrow, Captain- Derek Richard; Captain- Clint Verheule,

Lieutenant, Belmont- Sean Foley, Lieutenant, Lower Onslow- Ron Llewellyn

Lieutenant, Onslow- Tony Baird, Lieutenant, Crowes Mills- Rick Johnson- Lieutenant, Masstown- Dustin MacCarthy.

OBFB answered a total of 144 calls in 2011 for a total "man hours" of 1317.6 hours. These included 7 wood/brush fires, 8 flu fires, 62 medical emergencies, 15 mutual aid calls, 27 motor vehicle accidents, 6 motor vehicle fires, 2 structure fires and 17 miscellaneous. The estimated value of fire loss for 2011 was \$76,500.

This past year was highlighted by the 50th Anniversary of the Brigade. Several special events included the 50th Anniversary Open House, two dances and a Pork Chop Supper.



Santa was telling some interesting stories about Chief Greg Muise at the Onslow Belmont Christmas Party on Dec. 3rd.

In 2011 the following members earned their Gold Bars:

Bill MacKinnon- 45 years,
Eric Johnson- 35 years,
Eric Devanny- 25 years,
Fred Newcombe- 15 years,
Kevin Crowell- 15 years,
Rod Nelson- 15 years,
Hazen Gamblin- 10 years,
Derek Richard- 5 years (in 2009).

50 Year Presentations were made to

Vaughan Dickie,
Russell Jennings and
Lee Higgins.

2011 Annual Awards, presented at the Christmas Party, were:

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR - Derek Richard;
OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Leo Morrow;
MOST IMPROVED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - Rick Johnson;
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - Leo Morrow;
FELLOWSHIP AWARD - Bill MacKinnon.



Rick Johnson received the John Petrash Most Improved Fire Fighter of the Year from Pearl Petrash and Chief Greg Muise. Also pictured is Catherine Johnson.



Jean King presented Deputy Chief Leo Morrow with the Carl King Officer of the Year Award. Looking on were Leo's wife Gayle Morrow, Deputy Chief John McKay (right) and Chief Greg Muise (left).



The Clifford and Pat MacDougall Fellowship Award, presented by Clarie Sinclair (right) to Bill MacKinnon. Also pictured is Valerie MacKinnon and Chief Greg Muise (left).



The Keith Hamilton Fire Fighter of the Year Award was presented by Ellen Hamilton to Captain Derrick Richard. Also pictured is Deputy Chief John McKay (right), Susan Lewis and Chief Greg Muise (left).



Judy Archibald presented Deputy Chief Leo Morrow with the Clem MacKinnon Sportsmanship Award, while his wife Gayle looks on. Also pictured are Deputy Chief John McKay (right) and Chief Greg Muise (left).



MLA Karen Casey congratulates Eric Devanny on his 25 Year Service Award.




Eric Devanny presents a special award to Deputy Chief Leo Morrow and his wife Gayle.



Eric Devanny presents a special award to Deputy Chief John McKay and his wife Hazel.



Eric Devanny presents a special award to Chief Greg Muise and his wife Colleen.




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