

# Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Responds to 157 calls in 2013

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At the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade AGM on Monday, Dec. 9th the 2014 Executive was elected. Chief Greg Muise, became Chief in 2006 and has been a member of OBFB for 31 years. Deputy Chief #1, John McKay has been a member for 41 years and became Deputy in 2009. Deputy Chief #2, Leo Morrow, has been a member for 31 years and a Captain since 2006. Captain Derek Richard, has been a member for 9 years and a Captain since 2010. Captain Clint

Verheul, has been a member 15 years and a Captain since 2011.

The assets of the Brigade now total over \$1.9 million. Total estimated fire loss in 2013 was \$131,500, with \$29,500 in vehicle losses and \$102,000 in structure losses.

There were a total of 157 emergency calls in 2013 for a total of 1430 man hours. These included- 84 medical emergencies, 32 vehicle fires, 13 mutual aid, 9 flue fires, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 4 miscellaneous, 3 structure fires and 3 wood/grass fires.

Since the Brigade began in 1961, there has been \$5.5 million in estimated loss.

The Onslow Belmont Annual Christmas Party and Award Banquet was held on Dec. 7th at the Fire Hall. The following awards were presented: **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR** - Vanessa Piercy; **OFFICER OF THE YEAR** - John McKay; **MOST IMPROVED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR** - Randy McCarthy; **SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR** - Leo Morrow; **FELLOWSHIP AWARD** - Bill MacKinnon; **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF**

**THE YEAR** - Aaron Crossman & Blake Otterson.

Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade recognizes each five years of service to the community by issuing a gold bar to its members. In 2013 the following members earned their Gold Bars: Charlie Mackenzie- 30 & 40 years; Marty Woodward- 30 years; Stan Hampton- 30 years; Tony Baird- 20 years; Clint Verheul- 15 years; Randy Currie- 15 years; Darrell Currie- 15 years; Rev. Scott Penner - 10 years and Ron Urquhart- 10 years.



The Clem MacKinnon Sportsmanship was presented to Deputy Chief Leo Morrow. Left to right - Gail Morrow, Deputy Chief Leo Morrow, Judy Archibald (presenter), Chief Greg Muise and Deputy Chief John McKay.



The Clifford. & Pat MacDougall Fellowship Award was presented to Bill MacKinnon. Left to right - Chief Greg Muise, Valerie MacKinnon, Clarie Sinclair (presenter), Bill MacKinnon and Clint Verheul.



Long Service Awards were presented to several OBFB Fire Fighters. Left to right - Randy McCarthy (presenter), Randy Currie - 15 Year, Chief Greg Muise (presenter), Clint Verheul - 15 year, Darrell Currie - 15 Year and Ron Urquart - 10 Year. Missing from photo was Rev. Scott Penner - 10 Year.



John Petrash Most Improved Fire Fighter was presented to Randy McCarthy (left) by Pearl Petrash, Chief Greg Muise and Deputy Chief Leo Morrow.



Charles Whidden was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade. Left to right - Randy McCarthy, Chief Greg Muise, Janice Alchorn and Charles Whidden.



Stan Hampton and Chief Greg Muise presented Blake Otterson and Aaron Crossman with the Stan Groves Memorial Junior Fire Fighter of the Year Award (left to right).



The Carl King Officer of the Year Award was presented to Deputy Chief John McKay. Left to right - Deputy Chief John McKay, Gloria Smith (presenter), Hazel McKay and Chief Greg Muise.

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