

The Annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Awards Banquet Dec. 8TH at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall.

(Photos by Linda Harrington)



2018/19 slate of officers (left to right)- Derek Richard- Captain, Darrell Currie- 1st Deputy, Greg Muise- Chief, Clint Verhuel- Captain. Missing from photo is Darrell Currie- 1st Deputy.



OBFB members pose for a photo following the Annual Meeting on Dec. 10th.

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Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade held their annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet on Dec. 8th at the Fire Hall in Lower Onslow. A delicious meal was served by members of Trinity United Church and entertainment was provided by the band Millstream.

A moment of silence was held for those who had passed away this year.

The Clifford MacDougall Fellowship Award was presented by Clarie Sinclair to Walter McElhinney. The Keith Hamilton Fire Fighter of the Year Award was presented to

Derek Richard, by Ellen Hamilton. The Stan Groves Junior Fire Fighter of the Year Award was presented to Johnathon Debay by Deputy Leo Morrow. The John Petrash Most Improved Fire Fighter was presented to Dennis Faber. The Clem MacKinnon Sportsmanship Award was presented to Leo Morrow by Judy Archibald. The Carl King Officer of the Year Award was presented by Chief Greg Muise to John McKay.

2018 Long Term Service Awards were presented to the following: Sam Currie- 5 Years; Robert Johnson- 5 Years; Rev. Scot Penner- 15 Years; Darrell

Currie- 20 Years; Randy Currie- 20 Years; Clint Verhuel- 20 Years; Stan Hampton- 35 Years and Marty Woodward- 35 Years.

Outstanding Service Awards for previous attained years were presented to the following: Steve Willis- 25 Years; Leo Morrow, Greg Muise- 35 Years; Charlie MacKenzie, Walter McElhinney, Bill MacKinnon and John McKay- both 35 and 45 Years.

In 2018 the Brigade had two new members join and 4 members were lost.

Chief Greg Muise gave his annual report. There was a total of 214 calls for the year, a record year for the Brigade. This was comprised of 1 flu fire, 12 grass/brush fires, 126 medical calls, 29 miscellaneous, 8 mutual aid, 28 MVA, 2 structure fires and 8 vehicle fires. The Brigade had a total of 15,056 man hours for training and incidents. The average response time was 7:34 minutes, average time on scene was 34:55 minutes and there were 2 calls over 5 hours in length and 2 calls over 3 hours.

There were 21 regular general training nights, which ac-



Overdue Service Awards for 35 and 45 years were presented to Bill MacKinnon, John McKay and Walter McElhinney by Membership Committee Chair, Chantal Hamilton. Missing from photo, but recipient of the 35 and 45 Year Award was Charlie MacKenzie.

counts for a little over 560 personnel hours, with an average 21 members per training. This past October, two members completed Level 1 Certification, and other members took training and courses to update their skills. This amounted to a little over 1100 personnel hours of training for the year.

A new truck 932, 2018 GMS 2500 4x4, was purchased in April. A new furnace and duct work was purchased for the truck bay in June and

Streamlight flashlights were installed in all the trucks.

This year's Harvest Sale raised a record amount of money. A 10-acre pond was donated by Reg Culgin in September.

Santa made his appearance at the end of the Banquet and handed out gifts to everyone in attendance.



The Carl King Officer of the Year Award was presented to John McKay (left) by Chief Greg Muise (right). Also pictured is John's wife Hazel.



The Clifford MacDougall Fellowship Award was presented by Clarie Sinclair (center) and Leo Morrow (left) to Walter McElhinney (right).

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