

# Bible Hill Fire Celebrating 80 Years

By Maurice Rees

Bible Hill Fire & Emergency is celebrating its 80th anniversary, having been founded in 1946. It is an all-volunteer department made up of individuals from diverse backgrounds who share a common goal - helping their community.

The website describes what Bible Hill Fire activities are: Responding to Fires and fire-related emergencies; Serious accidents (at the request of RCMP or Emergency Health Services); Rapid Intervention Team (support) for neighbouring fire departments; Thermal drone operations; Non-swift water emergencies and rescues and Fire prevention education and community safety programs.

Volunteer members follow a rigid weekly training program of about 30 sessions per year are notified through pagers, portable radios, text, and email for quick and coordinated response. Other expectations from members include,

but not limited to: Participation in committees, fire prevention, community events, and fundraising; Willingness to complete Basic Firefighter Level 1 training

Volunteer members do receive some benefits, but are pale when compared to the hard work and dedication. Some of the benefits include: 24/7 insurance and Workers Compensation coverage; Honorarium of up to \$1,000 per year from the Village of Bible Hill; Provincial Firefighter Tax Credit (up to \$500) and possible Federal Tax Credit of up to \$6,000 since 2024, plus One free vehicle registration with firefighter licence plate

To serve the constantly growing 5,000 plus community, Bible Hill Fire is always accepting new members. To learn more about the application process contact: Bible Hill Fire & Emergency, 69 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, NS, B2N 2R9, Phone 893-8083 (Village Office) or Email: recruitment@biblehill-fire.ca

Thousands of volunteer members across the province describe their dedication to their local community as:

*Making a difference in your community and being a volunteer firefighter is one of the most rewarding ways to serve your neighbours. You'll gain valuable training, join a supportive team, and play a vital role in keeping your community safe.*

## Bible Hill Fire Recognizes 4 Members

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The highlight of Bible Hill Fire 80th anniversary, founded in 1946, Award Banquet held in mid-April was recognizing four of its dedicated members with several dignitaries and village officials in attendance in addition to most of the volunteer members.

Firefighter Todd Morrison was recognized as Firefighter of the Year- presented by Chief Justine Kelly and Steward Avis McNutt.

Deputy Chief Arnold Stewart and Steward Avis McNutt made presentation of Honorary Fire Fighter of the Year to David Haner.

Captain Michael Snyder was named Officer of the Year in a presentation by Steward Avis McNutt.

The coveted Merle Newson Training Award- presented by Captain Rod Dykeman and Steward Avis McNutt was awarded to Firefighter Todd Morrison.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were Minister David Ritcey, MLA, Truro-Millbrook-Bible Hill-Salmon River, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage as well as Gaelic Affairs; Colchester Mayor Christine Blair and RCMP Staff Sergeant Marc Rose.



Firefighter Todd Morrison was named Firefighter of the Year at the 80th anniversary award banquet held in mid-April. The presentation was made by Chief Justine Kelly and Steward Avis McNutt. (Contributed)



Captain Michael Snyder was named 80th Anniversary Officer of the Year in a presentation from Steward Avis McNutt. (Contributed)



Firefighter Todd Morrison is recipient of the Merle Newson Training Award. Presented by Captain Rod Dykeman and Steward Avis McNutt. (Contributed)



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The Municipality of the County of Colchester and the Town of Truro recognized the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers who help our communities thrive during a ceremony held at the Truro Fire Hall (George Jones Memorial Room) on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.



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*Thank you to all the nominees for your outstanding volunteer contributions.*

**Volunteers are truly the heart of our communities.**

2026 winners are: **Front Row (from left to right)** Dwayne Vidito, Allie Helfrich, Linden Helfrich, Reham Khaled Al Radi, Brenda Mentis, Marion Shearer, Nancy Crosby, Linda Finnie. **Middle Row: (from left to right)** County Councillor- Charlene Fletcher, County Councillor Marie Benoit, County Councillor Paul Weatherby, Town of Truro Councillor Deb Pryor, Millbrook Cultural & Heritage -Heather Stevens, Town of Truro Mayor Cathy Hinton, Anita MacLellan, Jeanine Clague, Colchester County Mayor Christine Blair **Back Row: (from left to right)** County Councillor Al Kennedy, Town of Truro Councillor Ian McGrath, Kathy Barnhill, Town of Truro Councillor Alison Graham, Brian Yorke, Wendy Gould, Brooklyn Hipson, Melissa Blaauwendraat, Lisa Armsworthy, Mary Main, Lisa Hinton. Ted Ash, Greg Currie, Daniel Quinn.

