

Saluting our Volunteer FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade News

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

Jan.Our 2004 Freightliner Tanker was completely paid off. (Original cost \$310,000)
Mar.Structure fire (Garage at the Swinkles Property in Belmont) resulted in a total loss.
May.Successful fund-raiser dances continued at Onslow School
Total loss of garage at Onslow Mountain
June.The Colchester Fire fighters Association implemented new county wide paging system.
.....Several members attended the Nova Scotia Fire Service Association Conference
Jul.Former Chief Walter McElhinney and Deputy Chief John MacKay attended the Maritime Fire Chief's Conference. #9 Mini Pumper was re-painted
Aug.A new Zodiac Rescue boat was purchased
Sept.Another very successful Harvest Sale netting over \$18,000. Old Zodiac sold at harvest sale.
New entrance doors ordered for front of hall. New sign placed on front of hall & memorial monument placed back in front of hall after alterations.
Oct.Successful open house at the fire hall on fire prevention week. Schools visited during FP week.
Nov.OBFB wins first in the annual Truro Christmas Parade.
.....Various renovations & upgrades to the hall begin.



Chase Donavon was all smiles as he helped Debert firefighter Murray Melanson aim the fire hose. There was plenty to see and do at last year's Open House held at the Debert Fire Brigade. Another event is being planned for June 2010. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Fire Brigade Stats

By Linda Harrington

Brigade Executive includes: Chief- Wade Jennings; Deputy Chief- Don Geldart; Captains- Robert Stone and Shane Slack; Lieutenant- Bob Davis; Treasurer- Randy Barnhill; Secretary- Murray Melanson; Stewart- Mark MacKay; Radio Operator- Gordon McCully.

Other active members include Gordon Meyers, Derrick Lockhart, Craig MacKay, Kevin Totten, Eric Barnhill.

Junior Members include Colin Jennings, Brandon Slack and Ian Jennings. Both Colin and Brandon completed and achieved Level 1 Fire Fighter in 2009.

Honorary Members are Ron Hoyt (past Fire Chief), Wendell Barnhill (past Fire Chief), Aubrey Gamble (past Fire Chief), Ted Totten (past Fire Chief), Ed Hingley (past Fire Chief), Frank MacMichael, Raymond Davis and Royce Totten.

The pumper truck loan was paid off in 2009. The purchase of a new rescue/medical truck has been approved. The 2011 Ford F550 will be purchased this year using Brigade funds and a loan for any outstanding debt.

On behalf of the Brigade, Fire Chief Wade Jennings attended the semi-annual and annual meetings of the FSANA, all meetings of the CFFA and sat on the executive as a director of the CFFA. He has conducted and completed fire investigations in conjunction with the NS Fire Marshall's Office.

Kyle Slack, Shane Slack and Wade Jennings completed the PSI Course to continue to inspect Breathing Apparatus bottles.

The Training Committee continued to provide challenging and informative trainings.

Training Stats: 16 regular trainings- total 300 man hours in house and another 720 man hours at other facilities; 2 tours of

Shannex building (once under construction, once when finished).

Total man hours at the hall for 2009 was 1150 hours plus 525 man hours for emergency calls.

Call Stats: Flu fires- 2; ground fires- 6; MVA fires- 2; MVA medicals- 2; automatic alarms - 46; mutual aid- 4; structure related- 2; medical MFR-53; misc- 1; residential- 2; life flight-2.

Auxiliary Executive: President- Wanda Wallace; Vice/Secretary- Gail Himelfarb; Treasurer- Betty Jennings.

Other members of the Auxiliary are Fran Forman, Jean Slack, Sharon MacDonald, Cheryl Myers, Ann Geldart, Rose Smith, and Dianna MacKenzie.

The Auxiliary will be attending the annual dart tournament on March 6th hosted by Salmon River Fire Brigade Auxiliary and the annual bowling tournament hosted by Hilden Fire Brigade Auxiliary on April 27th. They will also travel to Wedgeport on May 1st for the bi-annual NSFLA meeting.

The Auxiliary is planing to organize scrapbooks of past and present Brigade and Auxiliary functions. Anyone with old photos or newspaper clippings is asked to phone Betty (662-2490). She will scan the items and return them .

New members are always welcome in the Auxiliary, a spouse does not have to be involved in the Brigade to be a member.

An afternoon of music and fellowship was held on Feb. 21st in honour of firefighter Terry Gordier.

The Annual Banquet will be held on March 27th.

The Debert Fire Brigade will be hosting an Open House/Family Day in June, similar in format to the Open House held last June.

Anyone interested in coming out to see what the Brigade is all about, is welcome to stop by the fire hall any Tuesday evening after 7:00PM. New members are always needed.

Bass River Fire Brigade Roster

The following is the roster for the Bass River Fire Brigade with the year they joined: Bob Abbott (84), Paul Boggs (85), Martha Brown (00), Steve Brown (82), Samantha Brown (06), Peter Christensen (85), Donald Cooke (85), Don Conrod (03), Stan Corbett (70), Craig Creelman (89), Gavin Davidson (03), Arthur Dickie (60), Blaine Dickie (06), Rhonda Dickie (07), Mi Faulkner (00), Rod Faulkner (09), Miranda Fisher (06), Charles Foster (08), John Gilley (02), Alfred Grue (83), Cindy Grue (00), Derek Grue (06), Holly Grue (06), Kohl Grue (06), Kollin Grue (09), Randy Grue (84), Tammy Grue (04), Tommy Grue (71), Jim Knight (91), Terry Lewis (94), Dave MacFarlane (99), Bob McLellan (95), Reg Myatt (89), Kyle Patriquin (04), Terry Patriquin (04), Tim Rushton (90), Martin Starritt (62), Rob Stephen (08), Harvey Swallow (97), Ted Taggart (84), Tom

Taggart (78), Thomas Taggart (03), Rob Tanner (08), Nathan Tower (09), Pierre Tremblay (96), Al Zimmer (97).

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Unfortunately, even though we tried our hardest, we were unable to secure updated information from Great Village and Economy Fire Brigades for this feature.

We will publish current data once it has been received.

911 CIVIC ADDRESS PROGRAM

In an effort to provide visible signage of civic address's for emergency response units we are continuing with the O.B.F.B. 911 Civic address program. The signs include the civic address assigned to your home. They are located at the end of the driveways in a clearly visible location so they can be easily seen.

The civic numbers are the numbers that the Fire Brigade, Police & Ambulance look for when called to your home, so they are very important. If you wish to purchase one please clip the application below and bring or mail it to the fire hall or call.

The cost of the signs is \$25.00 installed

Cheques should be made payable to Onslow - Belmont Fire brigade, Civic numbers

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