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Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department

The fire prevention weekend was capped off with activities for the children at the Parrsboro fire hall. Activities included: Rides on the fire truck followed with a chance to see, and hands on with the extrication tools including moving an egg without crushing it. Fun was had by all, and perhaps a little awe at the power of the tools.



It's not a golf ball. The white item at the end of this extraction tool is an egg just from the nest. The challenge for this operator is to pick the egg up and move it without crushing it. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



The child's eyes and smile tell the story of the joy of using Jaws of Life extraction tool to crush a plastic water bottle on October 16th. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



During Fire Prevention Week, the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department held a event to show youth the equipment using on the scene during a fire or accident. In this photo it's a big handful for the youth to hold and turn on an extraction tool. He gets guidance and help from one of the volunteer firefighters. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Cumberland County Firefighters Rise to Meet Fiona's Challenges

By Darrell Cole

In the days following post-tropical storm Fiona numerous people across Cumberland County rose to the challenge of assisting those when they were most vulnerable.

One of those to rise to the occasion was a 14-year veteran firefighter with the Parrsboro Fire Department, who not only staffed the fire station throughout the storm but stayed there to help others in the commu-

nity by cooking up his own storm.

"I knew my place on Whitehall Road would have no power, so I hunkered down here at the fire department," said Dave 'The Hammer' Young, who spent six days at the fire department. "I knew someone would be needed to look after things here, so I volunteered to stay and help and I'd do it again if needed."

Over a six-day period, Young cooked close to 700

meals for those affected by the storm, serving everything from bacon and eggs to pot roast.

"I love to cook and love being in the kitchen," Young said. "To me, it was no big deal."

"I'd start cooking around 7 a.m. and kept cooking until people wanted supper. We had bacon and eggs and ham."

The storm on Sept. 23 and 24 caused extensive damage across Cumberland County with thousands being left in the dark for extended periods

of time as Nova Scotia Power crews worked around the clock to reconnect people to the power grid.

Damage was extensive in Parrsboro area as it was in other areas, such as around Wentworth, Wallace and Pugwash, with extended power outages for several days following the storm as well as a lot of tree damage.

Young said Fiona was one of the worst storms he has ever experienced, and the damage was quite evident even in the storm's early hours on Sept. 23.

"It wasn't long after the lights went out that we got a call here at the station about a downed tree that was a hazard," Young said. "The way it was laying across the road, I was afraid someone driving would come upon it and not see it until it was too late. So, we grabbed a couple of chainsaws and went out to cut it up. After that we used shovels to push it aside. The wind was so strong that it kept pushing our shovels away. It was hard work."

It was after the storm that Young went to work with his peers in the fire department opening a comfort centre where people could come to charge their electrical devices, have a cup of coffee and enjoy some electricity before going back to their homes.

Young, who is retired from his carpentry business, is quick to deflect any praise saying it was a community effort to get through the storm. He said people emptied out their freezers to support the cause

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Research Platform to be Recovered

In an email on October 16th, Sandra Currie, facilities Manager, Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy advised in the coming days Fundy Ocean Research

Centre for Energy is planning to recover a research platform as part of the VITALITY project.

The VITALITY Project is supported by



Four RR Ore cars appeared in Parrsboro at the Harbour on the local property. The cars are going to be filled with cement and used as anchors for the new tidal turbine. Currently, they are on land near the furnace factory with flat portions being welded. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Canada's Ocean Supercluster and is a project aimed at finding solutions to the shared data challenges of the ocean economy. More information about the project and its partners can be found here: <https://vitality.piscesrpm.com/>

The research platform was deployed for approximately 6 months and will be recovered Nova Endeavour of Huntley's Sub Aquatic Construction. After this platform is recovered the Nova Endeavour will deploy the FORCE tide gauge. This data is streamed to the FORCE Data dashboard at fundyforce.ca

If you have questions or concerns about this work, you can reach Sandra Currie from Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy at sandra.currie@fundy-force.ca or 902-254-2510.

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