

Update from Great Village & District Fire Brigade



Kate Cameron gives Larry Kinsmen a hand stabilizing the ladder as he hangs a Fire Prevention Week banner, while Fire Chief Dave Lundie looks on. Great Village & District Fire Brigade wants everyone to install smoke detectors and remember to regularly check the batteries. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Fire Prevention Week is the first week in October and The Great Village & District Fire Brigade is hoping to make a stop at the Great Village Elementary School for their annual visit.

This year, the Brigade purchased new PASS alarms for the interior attack crews. These are protective devices that alert if there is a firefighter down. They are loud enough for other fire fighters to hear the alarms, and try to find them.

There are three new sets of bunker gear in this year's budget.

The equipment that is used on a regular basis, during fire emergencies, has to be kept in top shape and, because of the nature of its

use, it can have a very short life. It is regularly inspected and replaced as necessary.

This is why community support (both in donations and attendance) at the Annual Great Village Firemen's Auction is so important. Stop by on October 23rd, and have some bidding fun.

Great Village & District Fire Brigade has answered a total of 86 calls so far year: 3- With regard to power poles; 1- Snowmobile fire; 1- Vehicle fire; 1- Tractor fire; 4- Chimney fires; 3- House or minihome fires; 1- Grease fire; 4- Fire alarms sounding; 4- Grass fires; 1- Brush fires; 1- Mutual aid; 1- False alarm; 2- Controlled burns; 1- Assist to RCMP; 1- ATV accident; 15- Motor vehicle collisions and 41- Medical calls.



Longest serving meets newest fire fighter! Robert Layton has been volunteering for 65 Years as a Fire Fighter and fifteen year old Roger Roode has only been with Great Village & District Fire Brigade for the past two months. They are shown in front of Truck#4, the truck Robert always drives to an emergency call. Robert Layton is thought to be the longest serving fire fighter in Nova Scotia. (Harrington Photo)



The newest fire truck (back) purchased by Great Village & District Fire Brigade sits along side the oldest vehicle in the fleet. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Fire Brigade Notes

By Linda Harrington

Debert Fire Brigade is anxiously awaiting the delivery of their new 2011 Ford F550. This brand new 4x4 truck has a crew cab, 12 foot rescue body and comes complete with a built in generator and command light. The body was built by Metalfab Firetrucks, of Centreville, NB, with a total cost of \$204,000. The Brigade has funding for half of the estimated cost and they have secured a loan for the remaining cost, which they expect to have paid off in 3 to 4 years. This versatile vehicle will be used for both medical and rescue calls.

The new truck will replace the current Medical First Responder Truck, which was

actually a 4-wheel drive mini-pumper. This truck will now be used to respond to brush fires.

Brigade members will be visiting Debert Elementary and Debert Playschool during Fire Prevention week, and they usually stop by The Meadows Senior's Apt., as well.

Debert Fire Brigade has answered 96 calls so far this year. There are twenty members, with three new members (one female member) in the last few months and the return of one former member. New members are always welcome.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Brigade is welcome to stop by the hall any Tuesday evening.



Debert Fire Fighters Kevin Totten and Colin Jennings have some fun with a future member during the Brigade's Open House, which is held each year at the end of June. (Harrington photo)



Debert Fire Brigade has just purchased this brand new 2011 Ford F550 Truck, with a 12 foot rescue body. They expect to take delivery of the vehicle the last week of September. (submitted)

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