



Chief Shane Slack talking to students at Debert Elementary during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

Debert Fire Department has Fleet of 5

By Linda Harrington

In 2017 members of the Debert Fire Department invested nearly 1600 hours in answering calls and training. In order to keep to be as trained as possible 480 training hours accounted for 30% of devotion to community and being away from work or loved ones.

The Debert Fire Brigade

first started in 1972 and was incorporated in 1973 and has grown to a fleet of five trucks operated by 29 members. The current executive comprises: Chief, Shane Slack; Deputy Chief, Wade Jennings; Captain, Kyle Slack; Captain, Brandon Slack; Lieutenant, Adam Boertjes and Lieutenant, Ken Hepburn.

There have been a total of 86 calls so far this year. In 2017, the Brigade answered 114 calls totaling 1158 man hours, monthly meetings accounted for 480 man hours. Meetings at other facilities totaled 144 hours (CFEA, FSANS, & Fire School). Work nights at the hall were 980 man hours adding up to a grand total of 4522 man hours for the year.

Three new breathing apparatus have been added to the Brigade this year. Fire Prevention week activities will include visits to Debert Elementary and the Meadows Senior's Complex. The Debert Pre-School will drop by the Hall for a visit.

Like all fire departments throughout the province, Debert Fire Department is always trying to recruit new members. With greater emphasis on attracting more economic growth and new tenants in Debert Business Park the fire department is encouraging those who would enjoy serving their community in one of the most important ways possible, to step forward and express an interest in becoming a volunteer fire fighter.



Debert Fire Brigade trucks in the Debert Days Parade.



Members of the Debert Fire Brigade during a breathing apparatus training session.



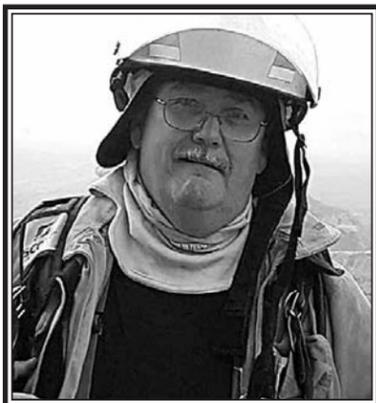
Members of Five Islands Brigade turned out for an extensive session of Dräger training. (Submitted)



Paula Rochon (Submitted)



Deputy Eagles and Chief Darrell Spence (Submitted)



Chief Darrell Spence (Submitted)

Wentworth Firefighter's Banquet – Nov. 3

By Todd Seymour

Like almost every other fire department, the Wentworth Fire Department is looking for volunteer members. The department's roster is sitting pretty good with 25 members, but it's important to being in a constant stream of new members.

The Wentworth Fire Department's executive includes: Kevin Sprague, Chief; Todd Seymour, Deputy Chief; Arden Little, Assistant Deputy Chief; Cecil MacLeod, Treasurer and Conor Scal-



Wentworth Fire Department's two units are often used for presentations and community events. (Submitted)



Wentworth Fire Department has 25 members, but is always looking for new recruits. (Submitted)



Many hours are spent by volunteer fire fighters at the three-bay Wentworth Fire Hall.

lion, Secretary. During Fire Prevention Week members will give a presentation at the Wentworth Learning Centre for daycare and pop-ups children on October 9th.

The department does not have any current plans to acquire new equipment this year. The department's annual banquet will be held November 3rd.



Five Islands Brigade – Smallest in Area

By Maurice Rees

The Five Islands Fire Brigade has 20 members and is the smallest brigade in west Colchester. Regardless of its smaller size, it is an integral part of the community. The fire hall serves as a community meeting place for a variety of events including wedding receptions, anniversaries, family reunions, annual Remembrance Day services, and of course, as venue to host fundraising for the brigade.

Five Islands Fire Brigade faces many of the problems associated with smaller rural communities including an aging population which makes it hard to recruit new members, and with a smaller tax bases it impacts on the ability to purchase new equipment. Even with only 20 members, the brigade serves the area well and receives tremendous community support when the calls goes out for help. It has 3 vehicles, a pumper, tanker and rescue vehicle. On major calls it is able

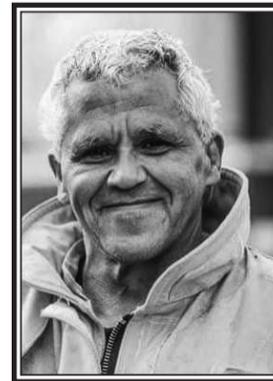
to get help through the mutual aid program whereby adjacent brigades can be called upon for assistance.

The brigade executive includes: Chief Darrell Spence; Gerry Roberts, President; Paula Rochon, Amanda Lewis, Secretary and training officers, Mike Lewis and Billy Jo Eagles. Annually calls are about 90% medical and 10% fire related.

On October 14th, at 6PM

there will be an Open Mic at the hall. A delicious Pork Supper will be held October 20th with doors opening at 4PM. As a fundraiser and community event, Bingo is held every Friday night beginning at 7PM.

Depending on the season, special dances are held. A Halloween dance is planned for Oct. 27th, with the band, "Three of a Kind".



Timothy Reid (Submitted)



Doug McCarthy offering DNR forest fire training. (Submitted)

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