

**ANNUAL AWARDS & CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY DEC 3**

Brigade News

Federal Firefighter tax credit

The Following are questions asked to officials with Fire Services NS.

What are eligible volunteer firefighter services?

Eligible services include: responding to and being on call for firefighting and related emergency calls as a firefighter.

What is the definition of "on call"? Does this mean mandatory weekend duty or simply pager is on and available for calls?

On call would be mandatory weekend duty or specified times that they must be available to respond, not just wearing the pager & attending meetings held by the fire department. Would this include hours spent on station or equipment maintenance and inspection?

Yes any time spent for the benefit of the department is acceptable as long as it is documented.

Participating in required training related to the prevention or suppression of fire.

Would this include medical, extrication, ice rescue, high angle, confined space, hazmat etc. ?

Yes these would be included.

Are there any stated exclusions?

Not that I am aware of, the only thing Things I would exclude would be sporting events that are entertainment and not fund raisers.

If I received a payment for my duties as a volunteer firefighter, do I still get the VFTC?

As a volunteer firefighter, you may be eligible for an income exemption of up to \$1,000 if you received a payment from a government, municipality, or other public authority for carrying out volunteer firefighter duties. If you choose to claim this exemption, you will not be eligible for the new VFTC.

**Sept/oct
Calls**

Sept 5 medical, 1 Miscellaneous, 2 Motor Vehicle accidents. Total 8 calls

Oct 4 medical, 2 Mutual aid, & 4 Motor vehicle accidents. Total 10 calls

Weekend Duty List

Sunday duty begins at 6:00 pm on the Friday of the weekend that you are on duty and ends on Sunday at 6:00 pm. Clean-up duty and equipment check is on Sunday from 9:30 am until 12:00 noon. Members who are drivers on duty are responsible for driving to all emergency calls on the weekend they are on duty. In the event of a call, drivers should always go to the hall. If you are unavailable to be on duty when scheduled, you should make arrangements for a stand-in.

The list of trucks and equipment to be checked on Sunday duty is posted at the Hall.

Nov 25 Tony Baird

Ron Llewellyn, Eric Devanney
Randy Currie, Carl Gallant

Dec. 2 Sean Foley

Bill MacKinnon, Tim MacLellan
Andy Corbett, Trevor Livingston

Dec 9 Ryan Crowell

Geo. Pouliot, Rod Nelson,
Stan Hampton, Ian Crowe

Dec. 16 Bill MacKinnon

Tom Shreve, Lee Higgins,
Tyler Lockhart, Darrel Currie

Dec 23 Kevin Crowell

Clair Peers, Steve Willis,
Walter Johnstone, Rachael Hamilton

Dec. 30 Derek Richard

Marty Woodward, Eric Johnson,
Richard Fisher, John McCarron

All members & potential members are welcome to show up at the hall on Sunday's for breakfast

Important Items to remember

Awards night and the Christmas Party is Saturday Dec 3.

The annual meeting is set for Monday Dec 12.

The November monthly meeting will be on the 28th.

MFR COURSE

Kathy Simpson will conduct a 40hr. MFR course to be held on the weekends of January 7/8 and 14/15 at the Great Village Fire Hall. Instead of running Fri. night and Sat. /Sun. both weekends, we will run longer hours for the 4 days. Content will include new CPR protocols. Seats are first come, first served, so obviously, the earlier, the better If you wish to register any of your members, please do so by email or on your fire department letterhead. Kathy can be reached at ksimpson_giles@ns.sympatico.ca or by phone at 668-2385.

Training

NOV 30 Test Night.

Please Note:

All first responders are advised to take part in the medical trainings to keep up your certificate.

If you have questions or suggestions, call training officer Bill MacKinnon 662-3524

LATE NOTE:

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Float received 1st prize in the Christmas Parade Service Category. Congrats to Leo and Company