

Volunteer with us!

Learn skills that will help to protect you, your home, family and community.

Maintain our insurance status as a "Protected" area which will keep our insurance rates lower.

Volunteers must be at least nineteen years old and hold a valid BC driver's license.

If you would like to help but do not want to become a firefighter or Medical First Responder, become a Northside Fire Department Association (NFDA) member and help with:

- ◆ Clerical requirements
- ◆ Bookkeeping and inventory control
- ◆ Hall and equipment maintenance
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Language translator
- ◆ Social function coordination
- ◆ Promotion and marketing

Benefits to our Volunteers

- ◆ First Aid training
- ◆ Career development training
- ◆ Accident and sickness insurance
- ◆ Confidence in emergency situations
- ◆ Community recognition
- ◆ Income tax credit

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Volunteer Fire Department
and help make our community
safe and strong!***

Community Benefits

- ◆ Fire protection
- ◆ Medical emergency responders
- ◆ Motor vehicle accident responders
- ◆ Cheaper fire insurance premiums
- ◆ Peace of mind

NFDA members also contribute to the community.

- ◆ Annual Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Support at community events
- ◆ Halloween event at Craig Park with fireworks



Main Fire Hall
built in 2012

Contact Information

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Northside Volunteer Fire Department



Professionalism
Pride
Teamwork

History of NVFD

1968 was the unofficial beginning of the Northside Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD). Don Ford and Skip Fair got together and, for the sum of \$1.00, purchased the Lund Hotel's fire truck—an Austin truck and tank fitted with a pump. With the help of others in the community, a volunteer brigade came into being. They funded their endeavours through social events held primarily at the Lund Community Hall.

This simple beginning led to the group making successful application for Canada Works Grants to fund construction of the existing fire hall in Lund and the old Klahanie Drive and Plummer Creek Road halls.

Kent Nelson's saw mill and volunteer workers completed the halls. The Northside area was then certified as a Fire Protection Area. The significance of this remains relevant today for the preferred fire insurance premiums we enjoy.

The NVFD continues to upgrade equipment and volunteer training.

How is NVFD funded?

Funding for the fire department comes primarily through property tax contributions as budgeted by the Regional District.

Another source of funds is through the donation of refundable beverage containers which are sorted and returned for refund by Northside Fire Department Association (NFDA) volunteers.

Over the years these refund revenues have purchased some very expensive equipment including the Jaws of Life, a monitor (water cannon), a generator, a Thermal Imaging Camera and two AED machines.

Training

Volunteers with NVFD meet weekly for training with the fire trucks and emergency equipment. In order for volunteers to respond to emergencies and provide the required assistance, training is vital!

NVFD has a division of Medical First Responders who are trained to provide a high level of first aid as assistants to EMS ambulance personnel.

Other fire department training includes:

- ◆ Driving enhancement
- ◆ Fire fighting certification
- ◆ Confined space safety
- ◆ Use of self-contained breathing apparatus
- ◆ Air brakes endorsement
- ◆ Incident scene security and traffic control
- ◆ Motor vehicle extrications (Jaws of Life)
- ◆ Radio equipment communications

Members meet for practice at the main fire hall on Plummer Creek Road every Monday from 6 pm to 9 pm.



Vehicle Extrication Training

Services

Your NVFD serves properties on the Malaspina Peninsula along Highway 101 from Klahanie Drive north to just beyond Baggi Road and Finn Bay Road. It also protects properties on the Malaspina Peninsula side of Okeover Inlet from Penrose Bay south.

The NVFD maintains two fire halls. The main hall located on Plummer Creek Road is known locally as Craig Road fire hall due to its proximity to the more well known Craig Road. The second hall is located on Larson Road in Lund.

NVFD's emergency response services cover:

- ◆ Fires at homes and businesses
- ◆ Wildfire control
- ◆ Motor vehicle incidents
- ◆ Industrial accidents
- ◆ Medical emergencies
- ◆ Marine casualty transfers to ambulance
- ◆ Emergency water supply

It's not all work!

Volunteers with the NVFD and NFDA also get together socially. It's a great way to meet people and get to know your neighbour.

An important aspect of living in a small rural setting is being able to help your neighbour and get a little help in return when you need it. It's all about being part of the community and making the community a friendly place to live.

Members of the NVFD are a small community group with a large variety of knowledge and skills.