

## Volunteer with us!

Join us and learn skills that will help to protect you, your home, your family and community!  
Gain confidence in an emergency situation!

Participate in maintaining our insurance status as a Fire Protection Area, which will aid in keeping insurance rates lower.

To join, volunteers must be at least nineteen years old and hold a valid BC driver's license, criminal record check, and drivers abstract. If you would like to partake, but do not want to become a firefighter or medical first responder, consider becoming a member of Northside Fire Department Association (NFDA) and help with:

- Clerical and bookkeeping duties
- Inventory control
- Hall and equipment maintenance
- Fundraising
- Language translator
- Social events coordinating
- Promoting and marketing

## Volunteer Benefits of NVFD

- First Aid, fire fighter, and leadership training
- Career development
- Medical and dental coverage
- Gym facilities
- Honorarium and income tax advantages

Join the Northside Volunteer  
Fire Department and help  
make our community

**SAFE AND STRONG!**

## Community Benefits

- Local fire protection and medical emergency responders
- Motor vehicle accident responders
- Reduced fire insurance premiums
- Security

*Members of Northside Fire Department Association contribute to the community.*

- Annual pancake breakfast
- Support at community events
- Halloween event at Craig Park
- James Thompson Elementary School May Day ice cream giveaway



No.1 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 purchased the Lund Hotel's fire truck, an Austin truck and tank fitted with a pump, for the sum of \$1. With the help of others in the community, a volunteer brigade began. The newly formed brigade funded their endeavors through social events held primarily at the Lund Community Hall.

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

Kent Nelson's sawmill, along with volunteer workers completed the original fire halls. The Northside area was then certified as a Fire Protection Area. The significance of this remains relevant with the current preferred fire insurance premium. Today, the NVFD continues to upgrade equipment and train volunteers.

## How is NVFD funded?

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

Another source of funding is the Northside Fire Department Association (NFDA), which collects refundable beverage containers and donates the proceeds.

Over the years, NFDA contributions have been used to purchase expensive equipment such as the Jaws of Life, a monitor (water cannon), a generator, a Thermal Imaging Camera and two AED machines.

## Training

NVFD Volunteers meet weekly for training on the fire trucks and emergency equipment. Training is vital in order for volunteers to respond to emergencies and provide the required assistance.

NVFD has a division of medical first responders who are trained to provide a high level of first aid and to assist EMS ambulance personnel.

Other fire department training includes:

- Driving enhancement
- Firefighting 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
- Leadership skills

Members meet for fire practice at the main fire hall on Plummer Creek Road every Wednesday night from 7 pm to 9 pm.



No.2 Fire Hall Built in 2020

## Services

NVFD service area includes 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 No. 1 Hall is located on Plummer Creek Road, commonly known as Craig Road fire hall. The No. 2 Hall was recently built in 2020 and is located on Roots Way.

NVFD emergency response services cover:

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

## NVFD is not all work!

Volunteers with the NVFD and NFDA enjoy social events, which is a great way to meet people and get to know your neighbours. An important aspect of living in a small rural setting is being able to help your neighbours and get a little help in return.

Being a volunteer firefighter or first responder is about being a part of the community and making the community a friendly place to live.

***In times of emergency, be  
a part of the solution!***