



**NEWSLETTER**  
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*Welcome To The Fall  
 2011 Newsletter*

Our Spring Training weekend was another excellent training weekend,  
 With a special **Thank you** to **Sahlam** for hosting the one day spring event, which saw an accredited course, generously financed by the OFC.  
 The course involved an exciting and in depth theory and hands on instruction by Bob Swart from firestorm, who delivered the **S115-site preparation workshop**  
 Thank you once again to Firestorm we will look forward to working with you in the future.



**Visit VIFFA.ORG**  
**To see a draft of the updated Constitution!**

**Business Lunch:**  
**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOV**  
**12.30-1.30pm**

**Fall Meeting and  
 Training Weekend**

To be held at  
 Western Maritime Institute  
 3519 Hallberg Road,  
 Ladysmith, V9G 1K1  
 Across from Cranberry hall #2 Near  
 Nanaimo airport

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

<b>Big Fire Big Water</b> With Chris Jancowski	<b>8.30-12pm Theory</b>  <b>1pm-4.30pm Hands on</b> Bring Bunker Gear and SCBA
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

<b>Fundamentals Of Incident command And Decision Making</b> Glen Saunders	8.30 -10.30am See instructors bio
<b>Fire Investigation</b> Scott Melville	10.30-12.30pm See instructors bio
<b>Viffa Lunch And Business Meeting</b>	<b>12.30-1.30pm</b> Election of Director Fall Meeting Summer Evolutions Other Business
<b>Live Fire Training</b>	1.30-4.30pm Please Bring Bunker gear and SCBA

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## Short Bio's Of Three Instructors



Chris A Jancowski, CFO, MIFireE, currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Operations and Training for the Port Alberni Fire Department. Chris began his fire service career with the Colwood Fire Rescue Department in 1993. He then served with Qualicum Beach Fire Rescue Department for over 6 years as Fire Chief prior to moving to Port Alberni. Chris's academic achievements include accreditation in numerous advanced NFPA standards, a certificate in emergency management, diploma in fire service leadership and a bachelor's degree in fire service studies. Chris has also been recognized from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs with a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation. Chris has also developed training programs and assisted in training for many other fire departments in the Province of British Columbia. He is an adjunct instructor for several fire academies in British Columbia where he instructs in Firefighter skills and his officer development



Scott D. Melville IAAI-CFI®, CFEI, CVFI, CCFI-C, CFII Triple Sevens Fire Consulting [www.firecausedetermination.com](http://www.firecausedetermination.com) Scott presently subcontracts as a Fire Investigator and a Building and Fire Code Consultant to Fire Pro Investigations Ltd. He is also a Commercial Kitchen Inspection Instructor for Phil Acklands and Associates. Scott has over 22 years' service with the Saanich Fire Department where he has worked in fire suppression and fire prevention. He has investigated many hundreds of fires and has given Expert Witness Testimony in BC Provincial and Supreme Courts. He has attained NFPA Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Fire Officer 1, 2 & 3 and Fire Inspector 1 & 2. Scott has developed and presented numerous educational programs to a wide variety of audiences on fire related topics.



Glen Sanders was the fire chief at Shawnigan Lake for over 21 years. He has 32 years on Shawnigan Lake Volunteer Fire Department. In December of 2010 he became the first Blue Card Incident Command Instructor/Evaluator in Western Canada. Glen is a Past President of the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC and served on the executive board for 13 years. He was named the Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs for 2006 – 2007. He is the president of FireWise Consulting Ltd. and has done numerous reviews of fire departments in BC and does consulting work for local governments on fire department issues. His company also offers fire investigation training, LAFC training and hosts relevant fire service workshops and seminars. More information can be found at [www.firewiseconsulting.co](http://www.firewiseconsulting.co)



### CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping the fire service On Vancouver Island.

People who enjoy both networking and top notch Training!

#### **VIFFA has 3 aims and objectives.**

- \* To assemble our members for discussion and exchange of information concerning the preservation of life and protection of property from fire.
- \* To stimulate and encourage active interest in all matters of education, health and welfare of Vancouver Island Fire Fighters.
- \* To create a fraternal spirit of friendship among our members.

At our Fall Meeting we need to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Director position for the balance of the term. Beyond that, your Executive was not elected for life.

New blood and fresh ideas are always welcome. Please consider how you might serve our fire service community, and let your name stand for election!:

Your current 2011 VIFFA Executive is:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
President 3yr Term	Rob Patterson	Malahat	Nov 2012
Vice- President 3yr Term	Doug Wells	Sahtlam	Nov 2012
Secretary 3yr Term	Emma Smith	Malahat	April 2013
Treasurer 3yr Term	Tanya Patterson	Malahat	April 2013
1st Director 2yr term	Rob Sharp	Chemainus	April 2012
2nd Director 2yr Term	Vacant	?	
Trade Director 2 yr term	Michael Crowe	Provident Benefits	April 2012

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## BIG FIRE BIG WATER

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENTED BY;

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF CHRIS JANCOWSKI, PORT ALBERNI  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF PETER CORNELL, QUALICUM BEACH

IN THIS 1-DAY WORKSHOP, PARTICIPANTS WILL REVIEW THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN FIRES. FIREFIGHTERS TODAY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE INCREASING FIRE LOADS AND CHANGING BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE SEEN IN ALL COMMUNITIES.

IN THE MORNING, PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPLORE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS IN A CLASSROOM THEORY PRESENTATION;

- \* BASIC FIRE FLOWS
- \* BOOSTER TANK OPERATIONS
- \* FIRE STREAMS / WATER APPLICATION
- \* INITIAL FIRE GROUND OPERATIONS
- \* TRANSITIONAL / OFFENSIVE ATTACKS

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE CLASS WILL SHIFT TO HANDS-ON DRILLS THAT INCLUDE THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE TOOLS OF THE TRADE;

- \* ATTACK LINES WITH SOLID BORE NOZZLES
- \* 2.5" RAPID ATTACK MONITORS
- \* BOOSTER TANK OPERATIONS





# Fall Training

## Registration Form

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 8.30-4.30PM**

**BIG FIRE- BIG WATER- BRING BUNKER GEAR AND SCBA**

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 8.30-10.30 10.30-12.30**

- 1) INVESTIGATION FOR THE FIRE SUPPRESSION FIRST RESPONDER
- 2) FUNDAMENTALS OF INCIDENT COMMAND AND DECISION MAKING.

FAX FORM TO -250-743-2103 OR EMAIL- [hillbillies@shaw.ca](mailto:hillbillies@shaw.ca)

Your Department:

Mailing Address:

City Postal Code:

Phone / Fax:

Participant Name	Saturday Big Fire Big Water	Sunday Seminar

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