



V.I.F.F.A Newsletter

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Introduction to the New Executive Members of V.I.F.F.A

Rob Patterson - President

I have been involved with the Malahat Fire Dept. for about 15 years, the last 6 as deputy. I am an FRIII instructor/evaluator, driver/trainer. I believe in what VIFFA is trying to achieve and am proud to be part of it. I would welcome input from any section of the emergency services if our membership can benefit from the information. I would like to see the Field days return in 2011

Doug Wells - Vice President

I have 15 years experience with Mill Bay Fire and am a lieutenant.

I think that VIFFA should provide different training opportunities this includes things that individual departments might not be able to afford on their own.

We want to encourage the active support of more departments and we look forward to using membership dues and your ideas to provide needed training.

Emma Smith - Secretary

I have been a member of the Malahat Fire Rescue for only a few years and thoroughly enjoy every aspect of the volunteer service. I am excited to be part of VIFFA as this enables much needed networking and training opportunities.

Tanya Patterson - Treasurer

I have been with the Malahat Fire Department for 5 years and am looking forward to getting involved with VIFFA. I would really like to see some sort of evolutions for 2011.

Rob Sharp - 1st Director

I have been with Chemainus Fire for 36 years, My regular job is as a technician for Western Maritime institute which involves marine and emergency services training. In the summer I work as a structure protection team leader with Firestorm.

I am interested in training and networking with other firefighters to share the information that is out there.

It is especially important to help smaller departments who don't have the resources.

VIFFA can help by making sure that everyone has an opportunity to learn.

Al Sampson - 2nd Director

I have been with Sahtlam Fire Rescue for over 8 years and am now a captain.

I let my name stand for 2nd Director as I saw it as a learning experience.

We can become discouraged when we focus on concerns within our own departments in our local communities, VIFFA has a lot to offer in getting us to look around and seeing that we are not alone,

We can learn from each other when we come together for education and training.

I am interested in helping out and doing things to encourage morale.

Michael Crowe - Trade Director

I have been working with the fire service for over 20 years As trade director I would like to connect trade members with VIFFA and its events, Sponsorship dollars will help us to provide you with a better return for the time and money that you invest with your membership. Your thoughts on how we can involve Trade members would be welcome.

Training Event

1051 NFPA Wildland Certificate For structural Firefighters

Train the Trainer

\$100 pre requisite required

With Darren Hutchinson and associate with Quintek Fire

Light Urban search and rescue

Instructors from

CFB Comox

DATES

Saturday 6th November 2010 8:30 Registrations,

Sunday 7th November 2010 14:30 end

Lunch included on both days.

VIFFA meeting to be held during lunch on Sunday, 12:30-13:30

Location

Oyster River Fire Department
2241 Catherwood Road
Black Creek, BC
V9J 1J4

Cost

Free for VIFFA Members
\$100 for NON Members

If interested please email:

emma.s@telus.net or

hillbillies@shaw.ca

There will be a social night on Saturday night,
Please email orchief@telus.net if interested in participating