

HAYES CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE



Christmas 2018 Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Hayes Creek Residents
2018 is almost over and it has been a year of smoky fires and floods. In the past year we have responded to 15 emergency calls. (2 fires, 6 flood calls, 2 MVA's and 5 medical calls with one medical helicopter evacuation.)

We continue to add to the fire hall building and community space above, we completed the deck and cover extension on the east side and built the sidewalk roof cover on the west side.

Brent Fraser fabricated a wild land patient transport stretcher wagon to compliment our rescue boggan to assist getting patients to a road that ambulances cannot access.

We also, this year outfitted a first responder rehab trailer, containing blankets, chairs, and heater for winter and shade tents for summer. This unit and supplies are critical to rehab exhausted responders and was used three times in 2018.

We received a donation of firefighting foam from Forestry this year (440 gallons worth \$9000.00)

We continue to work toward certification for which we require new turnout gear for all members and a newer used fire truck. We have spent \$13,000.00 on fire fighting clothing this year with an additional \$20,000.00 needed to complete. (This we do not have.)

We have saved \$32,000.00 in our used truck account, but have not found an acceptable truck at that price. (They are \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00 new, up to \$100,000.00 plus.)

Certification will give all residents a reduction in fire insurance, up to 40%. On the subject of fire insurance, "shop around". I pay about \$1400.00 a year but some of my friends and neighbours are getting quotes of up to \$2500.00 and more with the highest quotes coming from agents in Princeton.

We continue to train all our members on all subjects from the provincial fire commissioners required playbook.

Some of our members have "aged out" and are now assigned less strenuous firefighting duty and we have added 5 new members to our ranks.

Welcome to Gerry DeBoer, Cindy Gamache, Susan Itterman, Glen & Jan Wagner.

On the community centre side of our fire hall, we continue with our popular Pancake Breakfasts the first Sunday of every month. Wednesday is our fire practise at 9:30 AM, Yoga at 11:00 AM and Ladies Crafts at 1:00 PM, with a games night each week to be announced soon, starting in 2019. Everyone is welcome.

On a serious note, some of you are content to let your neighbours pay for your fire protection and medical first response. There is no guarantee we will always be here and we very much need you support.

None of our volunteers are paid and give many hard working hours giving back to our community and we always need new volunteers.

Thank you for paying your \$100.00 yearly property fire protection registration fee. If you have questions regarding your registration call Gail at 250-295-6898.

Santa will be visiting the Hayes Creek young residents on Christmas Eve and if you would like him to come to your home just call Susie Claus at 250-295-0774 with names and ages.

Thank you to everyone for donating your beverage cans and bottles it really helps to pay for our utilities.

Be kind to each other and be safe.

See you at the Pancake Breakfasts.

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PROPERTY REGISTRATION FORM:

HAYES CREEK VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

RR#1 S14 C23

PRINCETON, BC. V0X1W0

PROPERTY REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER _____ HOME PHONE NUMBER _____



Hayes Creek Fire Trucks



Rescue Boggan doubles as a rehab trailer



Patient transport stretcher unit (single wheel)