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Campbell River Fire Department training achievements

The Campbell River Fire Department recognized a number of their Auxiliary firefighters on Wednesday June 24th for their training achievements over the past year.

Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Doherty says *“Campbell River Fire Department trains all its members in accordance with the British Columbia Fire Service Training Standards as set forth and issued by the Office of the Fire Commissioner.”*

Under the provincial Fire Services Act, the Fire Commissioner is required to establish the minimum standards of training for fire service personnel in British Columbia. A competency-based training program provides a minimum level of operational standards, written and practical training requirements that must be met by each fire department.

Councillor Charlie Cornfield commented, *“I am proud of our fire department’s progressive commitment to training for both auxiliary and career members, which has enabled us to easily meet and even exceed the new requirements established by the Office of the Fire Commissioner.”*

Doherty advised that a significant amount of time and effort goes into our training program which includes training in basic fire fighter skills and two levels of national fire fighter standards, as well as fire apparatus driver/operator and fire officer professional qualifications.

Throughout the year our members invested a total of over 4,800 hours of training to achieve their certification. In addition, the department’s in-house instructors contributed over 2,500 combined hours to instruct and evaluate the members.

This year we recognized the following members for their achievements:

Mark Myles, Lance Robb, Vaughan Kernachan, Bailey Gardner, James Hope, Todd Gordon, Daniel Pattison, Cameron Trace, Rob Lee, Kyle Van Acken, John Dirom, Graeme Vickers, Jeremy Fyfe, Jeff Lee, Sterling King, Chris Turney, Shawn Kotscherofski, Dave Hutton, Jeff Lee, Chris Turney, Marcus Wolsey

Doherty adds that the Campbell River Fire department is currently recruiting for the 2015/16 auxiliary fire fighter program, and encourages those interested in becoming an Auxiliary Fire Fighter in Campbell River to visit the City Website at: <http://www.campbellriver.ca/city-services/public-safety/fire-services/become-a-firefighter>

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