

Thetis Island Improvement District
Annual General Meeting
Forbes Hall, Thetis Island
April 30th, 2011



**Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department
Annual Report 2010
Fire Chief's Report – Year in Review**

HISTORY

2010 was the 28th year of operation for the Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department. In 1982, the Thetis Island Ratepayers' Association was approached by Pete Rees who argued successfully that an island fire service could not be sustained by bake sales and raffle donations and that an Improvement District be formed to operate a formal fire service funded through local taxation. A plebiscite was taken and with over 94% of ratepayers voting in favour, the Thetis Island Improvement District was granted Letters Patent from the Provincial Government on December 17, 1982. The Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department was officially in business. Assets acquired for fire suppression activities on the island when the previous fire brigade was funded and operated by the Ratepayers' Association were transferred to the Thetis Island Improvement District for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar). Pete Rees, who was serving as the Fire Chairman for the Ratepayers' Association, became the first Fire Chief of the TIVFD, with Harry Armstrong as Assistant Chief. The founding Trustees of the Thetis Island Improvement District were Paul Raike, Den Kelsey, Harry Armstrong, George Bird and Don Hunter.

In 1991, the TIVFD became a certified First Responder department, with training and equipment to respond to medical emergencies under the auspices of the BCAS, and licensed by the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board of British Columbia. First Responder calls continue to make up the majority of 9-1-1 responses on Thetis Island. The First Responder vehicle and medical equipment were purchased by local taxpayers. All new FR equipment and almost all replenishable supplies are purchased through taxpayer funding and not BCAS.

Since Fire Chief Pete Rees' retirement from the TIVFD in 1994, Ernie Hunter, Dave O'Hara, and Tim French have served as Chief of the Department. At present the Fire Chief is Jeannine Caldbeck and the Deputy Fire Chief is Graeme Shelford.

TRAINING

2010 began with TIVFD Capt. Ron Williamson informing the Department that he would not stand for re-election as Squad Captain and would also be stepping down as Training Officer due to his impending move from Thetis Island to Silverton, Oregon. Dave Tarris was re-elected Captain by the membership and was appointed Training Officer. With the election of Fire Fighter Alexander Luckham to the other Squad Captain position, he became the Assistant Training Officer. Captains Tarris and Luckham then designed the year's training to concentrate on motor vehicle extrication, fire ground evolutions, and the continuation of Basic Fire Fighter certification training. FF Ron Williamson assisted with the training programme transition in its early months.

Both Captain Tarris and Luckham travelled to Comox to attend the 3-day JIBC/NFPA certification course for Fire Service Instructor 1. This workshop assisted the two Training Officers in developing better lesson plans for Wednesday night drills and

with managing examinations and certification tracking of members.

Fire Fighters Tom Milliken and Grant Babin committed to attending four long days in Victoria at the Justice Institute of BC campus for the First Responder Instructor and Evaluator training, and the department was extremely pleased to have them certify. There are now three qualified FR Instructors in the department (Chief Caldbeck is the other FR Instructor), making it more efficient to schedule, teach and evaluate the 60 hours of emergency medical course material needed to certify new First Responders or re-certify those holding existing EMA-FR licenses



FF Noah Bond, Rookie Peter Luckham, FF Tom Milliken, Rookie Denis Gagnon and Capt. Alexander Luckham at VIFFA training in Mill Bay

As members of the Vancouver Island Fire Fighters' Association, TIVFD members were once again able to take advantage of VIFFA training offered off-island in spring and fall at no charge. For VIFFA Spring Training, five members (Capt. Alexander Luckham, FFs Tom Milliken and Noah Bond, and Rookie FFs Peter Luckham and Denis Gagnon) travelled to Mill Bay to take part in two days of training for Multi-Casualty Incidents. The scenario included a school bus roll-over with victims trapped inside, and our members worked with fire fighters from several other Vancouver Island departments, using hand tools and also specialized hydraulic tools common to large departments (Jaws of Life, etc.) not available here on Thetis Island.

Professional extrication training for all TIVFD members was made possible in the Fall when Cumberland Fire Chief Ken McLure and his Deputy gave a workshop here and several donated vehicles were cut apart in simulations of MVIs (motor vehicle incidents). The Cumberland Fire Dept. Extrication Team has participated in Provin-

cial, National and International Fire Department Extrication competitions, bringing back trophies as well as the latest innovations in practice. Having Chief McLure come and train us here, using our own tools and scenarios we are likely to encounter, was a valuable learning experience.



2010 Extrication Training instructed on-island by Cumberland Fire Chief Ken McLure

Deputy Chief Graeme Shelford travelled to Denman Island Fire Department to attend the Hazardous Materials Awareness Course and from his notes and other research has built a similar course for the TIVFD, thus saving our department well over \$1500 in instructor fees for this required course content. The TIVFD Haz-Mat Awareness course will be offered to our fire fighters in the spring of 2011.

With the acquisition of a Multi-Gas Detector for the Department, Capt. Tarris and FF Miliken took an in-service course from the Acklands-Granger technician on use and care of the device and then instructed our members. The Multi-Gas Detector is now a tool available to us on all incident responses.

Capt. Dave Tarris attended a two-day course on Fire Service Wildfire Train the Trainer at the Oyster River Fire Dept., and can now certify our members annually in FS100, a requirement by WorkSafe for any fire fighter actioning a wildfire or interface situation.

Fire Chief Caldbeck and Deputy Shelford once again attended the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC Conference at the end of May, held in Penticton this year. As well as attending the business meetings of the Association, both Caldbeck and Shelford took advantage of the many professional development seminars offered throughout the week. Topics

ranged from Incident Command, through Leadership, Recruitment Strategies, Client Services, CBERN responses and Public Education strategies, to name a few.

The other off-island training of note in 2010 was the Live Fire 101 course that Capt. A. Luckham and FF Rookies Ralf Kempe, Ken Karg, Peter Luckham and Denis Gagnon attended in November. Despite an early snowstorm, trees down on the roads and power out on the island, these members made it to the Nanaimo Fire Training Centre to take part in the strenuous and realistic structure fire training.

Weekly training drills on Wednesday evenings were well attended and covered fire ground evolutions, rescue, First Responder operations, water delivery, safety and accountability, and other topics in the Basic Fire Fighter requirements. Drills of note were the SCBA smoke evolutions and a very realistic Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) over a bank, set up by the Luckham family. . The Wildfire Combined TIVFD/Auxiliary Drill was held in June on the Meadow Valley Properties and the TIVFD Auxiliary Water Transport Team and the Rest & Rehab Team capably demonstrated their support skills during the scenario. The TIVFD Auxiliary Teams are a necessary component to any large-scale emergency response here on Thetis Island and the Combined Drill allows both the Department and the Auxiliary members to work in concert to achieve the objectives of the incident commander.



TIVFD Auxiliary Team (Rest & Rehab/Traffic Control) on the June 2010 Combined Wildfire Drill
Team Leader Merry Gooding, Claire Hess, Nan Beals, Larry Duckworth,
Anne-Marie Koeppen, Hortensa Nawatski, Sue French

APPARATUS

Operational Apparatus in 2010 consisted of:

Engine 1

Engine 1 (1999 Freightliner purchased new from Hub Fire Engines in Abbotsford): diesel, hydraulic brakes, 600 gallon capacity, Hale mid-ship pump with foam inductor, two ground ladders, 1 roof ladder, 2 1/2 inch suppression hose, 1 1/2 inch suppression hose, 1 1/2" forestry hose, 1" forestry hose and manifold, 4 ISI SCBA with spare cylinders, hose appliances, first responder equipment, extrication tools (hydraulic & hand), PPV unit, portable pump, portable generator, scene lighting, various hand tools and rescue equipment. Crew Cap: 3 persons.



2010 maintenance items of note on the eleven year old Engine 1 were the disassembling and servicing of the primer pump, a primary pump lube tank installation, a flat tire repair and a full set of aggressive-tread tires installed (previously there were "highway" tread tires on the vehicle) and a fuel/water separator installed.

Engine 2

Engine 2 (1999 Ford F-350, purchased used from a Maryland FD in 2007) 4 X4: diesel, hydraulic brakes, 150 gallon capacity, Darley mid-ship pump (pump unit is over thirty years old) with foam inductor (installed in 2007), two ground ladders, 1 roof ladder, 2 1/2" suppression hose, 1 1/2" suppression hose, 1" forestry hose and manifold, 2 ISI SCBA with spare cylinders, hose appliances, first responder equipment, extrication tools (hand only), installed diesel generator, portable pump, various hand tools and rescue equipment. Crew Cap.: 2 persons



2010 Maintenance of note to the eleven-year-old Engine 2 was the installation of a mushroom valve on top of the fuel tank, a loose drag link repaired, an ongoing problem with an exhaust bracket was repaired, and new starter batteries were installed. The 30 + year old pump pressure output manifold was showing marked signs of corrosion and is scheduled to be replaced in early 2011 before wildfire season.



Water Tender 1

Tender 1 (2000 GMC-T 6500 purchased in Maryland as a Ryder Moving Van and converted to a water carrier by Geoff Howard Industries, Duncan BC with our design specifications): diesel, hydraulic brakes, 1,000 gallon capacity, Honda 3" deck pump, 2 portable pumps, forestry hand tools, light generator, 3" and 4" intake hose, various water supply fittings. Crew Cap.: 2 persons

2010 Maintenance of note to the ten-year-old Tender 1 was the servicing of the fuel/water separator and the installation of a block heater.



Rescue 1

Rescue 1 (1995 Chevrolet K-3500 purchased used in late December 2007 from Wilderness Medics, Phoenix, Arizona): diesel, hydraulic brakes, 4X4 trans., patient compartment with Ferno A-35 stretcher, 3 oxygen outlets, suction, and first aid equipment and supplies including AED, stair chair, clamshell, backboard and #9 stretchers. Other equipment carried: 2 ISI SCBA, embankment rescue equipment, traffic

control equipment, portable lighting and some hand tools. Crew Cap.: 2 persons in cab, 5 person seating in patient compartment, or 2 stretchers and 2 seats.

There were no major maintenance or repair issues on Rescue 1 in 2010 and a 12-volt plug-in was hard-wired for the DeVilbiss Suction Unit in the patient compartment. A

back-up camera and Garmin GPS with Thetis Island addresses were installed.

TIVFD Utility Trailer

In 2009 we found a loophole in the ICBC vehicle insurance regulations and purchased a Utility Trailer (2008 Snow Bear from Costco, Nanaimo), licensed it and added decals and a standard trailer hitch for under \$2,500. This addition to the department allowed us to claim “fleet” insurance and drop our vehicle registration and licensing fees from over \$5,000. to approximately \$1,600. a year.



The trailer was used several times in 2010 during work-parties and to haul extra wildfire equipment during the TIVFD/Auxiliary Combined Wildfire drill.

OPERATIONS

Fire/Rescue

2010 saw no major structure fires or wildfire intermix/interface fires on Thetis Island. One small structure fire of note was a recreational trailer fire that had been semi-extinguished several times by the owner before calling 9-1-1 for a fire department response. This action put the owner at some risk to his health and all structure fires should be reported immediately in order that properly equipped fire fighters with SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) can extinguish the fire thoroughly and safely. Smouldering or newly extinguished structure fires release dangerous toxins and no one without SCBA should enter an enclosed area that has been on fire.

Wildfire season was slow to warm up and the Hazard Rating finally reached HIGH on July 4th. However, by July 6th the rating reached EXTREME and stayed there until September 2nd. During this time a smouldering campfire was discovered on the top of Burchill Hill on a Sunday afternoon by hikers. Engine 2 (4 wheel drive) was dispatched to respond and with a great amount of brush cutting and chainsaw work, the department was able to reach the campfire and thoroughly extinguish it before windblown embers started a wildfire.

Several other fire call responses were actioned by the department throughout the summer



FF Ken Youds clears the way for Engine 2 to access a smouldering campfire on Burchill Hill

Other operational responses of note were an unattended campfire under the community dock, a fire in the commercial coffee roaster, and a bonfire on The Cut during Extreme Fire Hazard.

There were five responses to Hydro Lines Down (three with associated fires) in 2010 resulting in power outages that lasted from several hours to several days, and many smoke complaint investigations throughout the dry summer months.



Mid fire-season windstorms cause concern when trees contact Hydro wires

There was only one MVI of note this year.

There was a major rescue response on Moore Hill in April for a hiker who had fallen into one of the fracture cave holes. Fire fighters, assisted by several Capernwray staff and students who had been accompanying the hiker, performed a rope rescue and an arduous stretcher carry on dangerous terrain to the waiting paramedics. The Cowichan Valley Search and Rescue Team were geared up and making their way to Thetis Island to assist with the rescue when they were stood down by the Incident Commander. The patient was airlifted by helicopter to the Victoria Trauma Centre.

Medical

There was one other BCAS helicopter evacuation of a patient in 2010 from the TIVFD designated landing area at Capernwray Harbour Bible School, and the other 38 First Responder Medical calls of the 40 responses were transported to the water taxi at the Community Dock. At the dock we rendezvous with the BCAS paramedics who take over patient care on the rest of the trip to Vancouver Island for hospital assessment and treatment. The Community Dock is an important asset to the fire department and a member of the Thetis Island Port Commission is also a Trustee of the Thetis Island Improvement District.

The forty First Responder calls were split equally between residents and visitors to the island. The last medical response of 2010 was fifteen minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Unconscious Collapse/NYD	7
Chest Pain (cardiac)	3
Dislocations	3
Upper/Lower GI Bleed	3
Major Burns	2
Explosion Injuries	2
Fractures – extremities	2
Spinal Trauma (including. Head)	2
Pregnancy Related	2
Hand Trauma – major wounds	2
Minor Fall from height < 10'	2
Major Fall from height > 10'	1
Cerebral Vascular Injury	1
Seizure	1
Epistaxis (dangerous)	1
Overdose	1
Eye Injury	1
Sick person/NYD	1
Respiratory emergency	1
Circulatory Injury	1

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION



Sue French correctly handles an extinguisher at the annual Extinguisher Clinic

Fire Prevention and Fire & Life Safety Education continues to be one of the most important aspects of TIVFD activities. The annual Community Fire Extinguisher Training & Inspection Workshop was held on May 1st, 2010 and was well attended. As well as a public education seminar and inspection of their portable fire extinguishers at the fire hall, residents took advantage of the Buller Training System brought over by Aggressive Fire Safety (Neil and Krista Rukus of Chemainus FD) and practised the basics of extinguishing fires with a home extinguisher on a live fire.

The Thetis Island Elementary School children are very interested in fire and life safety education and in 2010, during a school workshop with the TIVFD, the winner of the Chief For A Day contest, Macaleb Rennie, was presented with a set of child's Fire Fighter Turnout Gear. This workshop and presentation was just prior to the Second Annual Thetis Island Parade in May. Mac Rennie had the seat of honour for the parade... riding in Engine 1 at the front of it all! Sparky, the Office of the Fire Commissioner fire service mascot, once again distributed educational materials to spectators along the parade route.



Chief For A Day Mac Rennie and Sparky at the Parade

The theme for the 2010 Fire Prevention Week in October was “Smoke Alarms – A Sound You Can Live With”. We held our annual Fire Prevention Week seminar at the Thetis Island Elementary School with assistance from Junior FF Tegan Luckham, and all apparatus participated in the province-wide fire drill by sounding the sirens at different locations on the island to remind residents to activate their escape plan and converge at their family meeting place.



2010 Fire Prevention Week Banner at the Ferry Dock

Our main Fire & Life Safety Education project this year was having as many residents as possible exposed to CPR training. We called it our “Staying Alive” 20 Minute Workout. TIVFD members haunted community events and activities at Forbes Hall throughout the spring and set up quick workshops on CPR, all to the BeeGee’s tune “Stayin’ Alive” (this tune gives an accurate beat for 100 chest thrusts per minute if hummed to oneself when performing CPR. It also stays stuck in your brain!). Approximately 37% of residents participated in one or more of the fast and effective workshops.

The TIVFD continued to use the Thetis Island Quarterly publication and the electronic newsletter e-Spokes to inform everyone of upcoming fire education events or public service announcements.

F/C Caldbeck and D/C Shelford continued to attend the Cowichan Valley Fire Chiefs’ Association Fire Prevention Officers’ meetings to assist with planning of the Cowichan Valley Fire Fair and fund raising strategies for a new mobile Fire Education & Safety House to replace the no longer repairable existing fire safety trailer.

PUBLIC ASSISTS

Another task of the TIVFD is Public Assists, and in 2010 we responded to numerous requests for non-fire or non-medical assistance which included searches for missing persons (3 responses), several 9-1-1- hang-ups (the RCMP request the Fire Dept. respond to these due to difficulties in police getting to the island in a timely manner, especially in the middle of the night), transporting RCMP personnel from the water taxi to island addresses on police business, a Rescue 1 “stand-by” as the tall ship Grail Dancer was hauled up and dry-docked at the foot of Sunrise Point Road, a controlled wood garbage burn at the island garbage waste site, and First Aid & communications for the Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run fundraiser to North Cove from Capernway. The Permit Pager was again activated during Fire Season The Duty Officer was kept busy answering pages for permits, keeping the Hazard Board sign up to date, and visiting first-time incinerator or yard pile permit request addresses to underscore the need for fire safety on our island. During Fire Season, burn permits applications were also made available on-line.

2010 WORK PARTIES & PROJECTS

2010 Duty Driver/Maintenance and Fire Department Work Parties were again numerous and well attended by most department personnel. Legal requirements for equipment inspection and maintenance means extra work for all members. Projects such as installation of dry hydrants, new equipment, vehicle repairs, equipment upgrades and hall maintenance are all accomplished in addition to the regular and specialized training, emergency responses, public education and public assists that we are called upon to perform.



Ffs John Stadt, Ken Youds and Tim French on stand-by at a Hydro Lines Down response

A dedicated 2 1/2" fire line was stretched from the Hollyberry pond with connection to their strata water pump, out to Hollyberry Lane in advance of the wildfire season as a strategic pre-planning measure. This project will most likely be repeated for the 2011 fire season.

In the past several years it had become quite apparent that a vehicle for transporting more fire fighters from Central Hall to emergency scenes was needed by the department. In the late fall of 2010 a search was started for a good quality used crew-cab diesel pick-up that fit the parameters we needed, with an expected purchase date sometime in early 2011.

Capt. Alexander Luckham designed, built, and installed a hose-drying rack in the main bay in Central Hall. Previously, we would drape wet hoses over the Tender to dry... which would then have to be removed prior to rolling the truck for an emergency response.

COMMUNITY and TIVFD ACTIVITIES.



FF Denis Gagnon gets tackled

The TIVFD Hosers were once again soundly trounced on March 27th by the TICS team (Thetis Island Community Soccer) despite a hard-fought battle against the under-12 year olds.

We supplied a cool, dark room for a hot mid-July Community Film night that was much appreciated by those attending

A community-wide Influenza Vaccination Clinic was once again organized and hosted by the TIVFD at Forbes Hall in October and was so successful that VIHA has decided to place us on the regular flu-shot clinic roster for 2011.

All of the TIVFD Apparatus were present and rolling for the Annual TIVFD Parade. The FD set up a canopy and chairs on the harbour as a viewing stand for seniors. Everyone had a fun time.

Communications Officer Tim French and others carried out a survey of portable radio and cell-phone dead spots on Thetis Island. Fire Dept. radio reception is sometimes patchy on Thetis due to the terrain and placement of the Vancouver Island repeaters and this problem is an ongoing project with the CVRD and Fire Comm.

The Annual TIVFD potluck picnic was held at Telegraph Harbour Marina's outdoor pavilion with kind permission from the new owners, Ron Faoro and Tara Kaulback. TIVFD families and Auxiliary members shared a very cool but enjoyable afternoon sharing good-

ies and socializing.

The annual Halloween Patrol was a little damp this year but the children were still out Trick or Treating. The TIVFD was represented at the children's costume parade and goodie handout and afterwards Rescue 1 drove the roadways as stand-by for any incidents that might occur. It was a quiet and safe October 31st.

The department in 2010 conducted a fundraising event for Honour House. Honour House was constructed in New Westminster through donations and allows fire fighters and other emergency workers and Armed Forces personnel and their families free accommodations while visiting the Lower Mainland for medical procedures.

The Thetis Island Improvement District approves funds for the TIVFD Appreciation Dinner in November. This catered formal dinner is held annual in recognition of the contribution the fire department members make to the community. Past Fire Chiefs, honoured guests, along with partners and spouses of serving TIVFD members attend and departmental awards are presented, honoraria cheques are distributed, and entertaining skits and a humorous slide show of the year's events round out the evening.



NEW EQUIPMENT for 2010

When Ron and Barbara Williamson moved from Thetis Island they generously donated funds for the purchase of a multi-media projector and large pull-down screen to enhance training. We can now show training films and power point presentations at Central Hall.

Another generous donation for new equipment was received from Capernwray Harbour Bible Centre for the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). The TIC enables a fire fighter to “see” a heat signature in the dark or heavy smoke and is also very useful on other types of emergency responses with its ability to detect heat profiles.

The TIVFD also purchased a Multi-Gas Detector for hazardous materials responses. This unit is effective for detecting propane leaks, hydrogen sulphide, carbon monoxide, flammable gases and lack of oxygen.

Patricia Vickers, in memory of her husband David, gave a cheque to the TIVFD First Responder program and a new sphygmomanometer and glucose testing kit were purchased with the funds.

A planned purchase of two SCBA units at the end of the year marked the beginning of the SCBA Replacement Project which will carry on for several years .



CHIEF OFFICERS ACTIVITIES

Chief Caldbeck and Deputy Chief Shelford attended Zone 1 Fire Chiefs' Association of BC meetings at various locations on Vancouver Island and also attended the FCABC Conference week in Penticton. Caldbeck & Shelford also attended the Cowichan Valley Fire Chiefs' Association meetings and both were members of the CVFCA ad Hoc committee for reviewing and redrafting the CVFCA Constitution. Caldbeck was re-elected CVFCA Vice-President for 2010. Chief Caldbeck at Central Hall on Thetis Island hosted

one CVFCA meeting.

Chief Caldbeck represented the TIVFD at the Fire Service funeral for Duncan FD Deputy Chief Ron McLaren in January and also at the Line Of Duty Death memorial service for BCAS paramedics Jo-Ann Fuller and Ivan Polivka in Tofino in October along with Emergency Services personnel from across North America.

Caldbeck certified to ICS 300 in 2010 and also attended several continuing medical education courses throughout the year to meet the requirements of her Primary Care Paramedic license, (On most medical responses on Thetis Island, Caldbeck transfers Incident Command responsibilities to another officer and uses her PCP skills and experience for direct patient care.)

Deputy Chief Shelford persevered with the new fire service administration software program and started the hall inventory and training records input... a large job that will continue well into 2011.

2010 TIVFD PERSONNEL

Fire Chief Jeannine Caldbeck, LAFC

Deputy Chief Graeme Shelford, LAFC

Squad Captains

Sr. Capt.. David Tarris
Capt. Alexander Luckham

FIREFIGHTERS

Sr. FF. Tim French
Sr. FF John Stadt
Sr. FF J. Kenneth Youds
Sr. FF Alex Rozewicz
FF Patrick Mooney
FF Ron Williamson
FF Matt Hess
FF Tom Milliken
FF Grant Babin (LOA)
FF Noah Bond
FF Peter Luckham
. FF Denis Gagnon
Prob. FF Ralf Kempe
Prob. FF Ken Karg
Prob. FF Gerhard Wanney
Junior FF Tegan Luckham

Resigned in 2010:

Capt./TO Ron Williamson
FF Scott Elias



FIRST RESPONDERS

Jeannine Caldbeck
Graeme Shelford
Ron Williamson
David Tarris
Alex Rozewicz
Matt Hess
Tom Milliken
Grant Babin
Noah Bond

Base Station Radio Operators: Sr. FF John Stadt
Aux. member Veronica Shelford

Training & Safety Officer: Captain Dave Tarris

Assistant Training Officer: Captain Alexander Luckham

Fire Prevention Officers: F/C Jeannine Caldbeck
D/C Graeme Shelford

Auxiliary Liaison Officer: F/C Jeannine Caldbeck

Occupational Health & Safety Committee

F/C Jeannine Caldbeck
D/C Graeme Shelford
Rookie Peter Luckham
Rookie Denis Gagnon

First Responder Training Officers

FF Tom Milliken
Jeannine Caldbeck, PCP

Hall Maintenance Officer

Sr. FF Tim French

Vehicle Maintenance Officer

Captain David Tarris

Water Supply Officer

FF Grant Babin (LOA)

Social Committee Head

Sr. FF Alex Rozewicz

The T. I. Quarterly Reporter

FF Pat Mooney

2010 SERVICE AWARDS

- 1-Year: Denis Gagnon (Joined Sept. 2009)
Peter Luckham (Joined Feb. 2009)
- 2 Years: Grant Babin (Joined Sept. 2008)
Tom Milliken (Joined June 2008)
- 3 Years: Noah Bond (Joined Dec. 2007)
- 5 Years: Matt Hess (Joined July 2005)
Alexander Luckham (Joined Dec. 2005)
- 6 Years: David Tarris (Joined Nov. 2004)
- 7 Years: Patrick Mooney (Joined June 2003)
- 8 Years: Ron Williamson (Joined Feb. 2002, retired May 2010)
- 9 Years: Ken Youds (Joined Jan. 2001)
- 11 Years: Graeme Shelford (Joined Aug. 1999)
- 12 Years: Alex Rozewicz (Joined Feb. 1998)
John Stadt (Joined June 1998)
- 13 Years: Tim French (Joined Nov. 1997)
- 14 Years: Jeannine Caldbeck (Joined Sept. 1996)
- Bob Challenger Award 2010:** Capt. Dave Tarris
- Chief's Award 2010:** FF Tom Milliken



The Bob Challenger Award, donated by Retired Fire Chief Pete Rees

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department conducts all fire, medical and rescue operations under the guidance of our standard operating guidelines (SOG's). The Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department SOG's have historically been a compilation of training protocols and management memos but are now being amalgamated and codified into a coherent document as required by WorkSafe BC. The SOGs are constantly updated and input is derived from but not limited to the following:

- Thetis Island Improvement District Fire By-Law 52 (2009)
- Thetis Island Improvement District Service Capacity Policy (final) 2008
- Work Safe BC Regulation part 31 Fire fighting
- Fire Services Act (RSBC 1996)
- Wildfire Act (SBC 2004)
- Wildfire Act Wildfire Regulation (updated March 6, 2009)
- Office of the Fire Commissioner British Columbia
- Motor Vehicle Act
- Federal Bill C-45
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)
- BCAS (British Columbia Ambulance Service)



Fire Chief Caldbeck presents the Chief For a Day certificate to Macaleb Rennie at the Thetis Island School

CLOSING STATEMENT

The Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department members are a dedicated, cohesive and professional group of people who vary in age, background and life experience. The common attribute is a willingness to help out friends, neighbours and visitors on Thetis Island when an emergency arises. Members work and train hard to respond efficiently and effectively when called upon to serve our community. I am truly grateful for their support and appreciate the enthusiasm, compassion and loyalty they bring with them to drills and responses. I urge others in the community to consider joining the department and making a difference.

I also wish to thank the Thetis Island Improvement District Trustees Ken Youds (chair), Peter Pardee (Treasurer), Doug Darling (TIPC), Stephanie Cottell and Tom Anderson for all of their hard work as The Authority Having Jurisdiction.

And lastly, thanks to all of you who have supported your Fire Department and kept Thetis Island safe from catastrophic wildfire for another fire season. We appreciate your assistance and vigilance in caring for our interface island community.

Jeannine Caldbeck
Fire Chief
April 30th, 2011

