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Firefighters Recognized for Decades of Service

At the November 20 meeting, Parksville Council recognized three volunteer on-call firefighters for their many years of dedication to the Canadian Fire Service and to the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

Captain Eric Miller received two awards – the Federal Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal, First Bar representing thirty years of exemplary service and the Thirty-year Municipal Volunteer Medal from the Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association which is only presented to fire service members whose entire service is a volunteer. Captain Miller has been a Parksville Fire Rescue member since 2000, getting his start in the Canadian Fire Service in Whitehorse in 1991, serving through 1994. From 1994 to 2000, Captain Miller served at the BX Swan Lake Fire Department near Vernon.

Lieutenant Joe Foster received the Federal Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal, Second Bar representing forty years' exemplary service. Prior to joining Parksville Fire Rescue in 2020, Lieutenant Foster's Canadian Fire Service was with the City of Vancouver from 1981 through 2019.

Senior Firefighter David Hildebrand was presented with the Twenty-year Federal Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal representing service in the Canadian Fire Service and twenty years' service to Parksville Fire Rescue.

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs defines a *volunteer firefighter as someone who is available or on-call to perform fire services, emergency services, and non-emergency duties for a jurisdiction as needed. They may receive nominal remuneration (not a liveable wage considering hours and/or pay) for their time, and generally have other occupations.*

Quote Fire Chief Marc Norris

"On behalf of Parksville Fire Rescue, my congratulations to Captain Miller, Lieutenant Foster and Senior Firefighter Hildebrand who have reached impressive milestones. These members provide dedicated service to our department and the citizens of, and visitors to, the Parksville Fire Protection Area."

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Left to right: Assistant Chief Tisdelle, Assistant Chief Liedl, Senior Firefighter D Hildebrand, Lieutenant Foster, Captain Miller, Chief Norris

The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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