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Recruit Class Graduates 2024

A graduation and badge pinning ceremony was held earlier this month with six volunteer firefighter recruits completing initial recruit training and becoming full members of the Parkville Volunteer Fire Department. Recruit graduates now serving the community are Eric Taylor, Koen Barbeau, Kobe Allerton, Matthew Staples, Jaden Dodds, and Andrew Smee.

Recruit class 2024 began their training in May 2024. Firefighter recruits complete about 300 hours of intensive coursework, training and hands-on experience, and graduate having achieved most of the training required for their National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Level 1 and 2 certificates.

As the Parkville Fire Protection Area continues to grow, the need for skilled emergency responders is critical to providing emergency services to our residents.

QUOTE CHIEF MARC NORRIS

"I am pleased to welcome six new volunteer firefighters to the Parkville Fire team. During rigorous training, these firefighters demonstrated commitment, dedication and courage. We thank and recognize the families of volunteer firefighters; it means time away from loved ones and putting others first. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these members will make in service to their community."

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Left to right:

Eric Taylor, Koen Barbeau, Kobe Allerton, Matthew Staples, Jaden Dodds, and Andrew Smee.

*The City of Parkville 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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