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You Can Make A Difference In Your Community! Become a Volunteer Firefighter with the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department

Parksville, BC - The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is seeking enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters. The Department will begin a new recruit group in the spring and is now accepting applications for volunteer firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters are people who care about their communities and want to be actively involved in them and have more than just a desire to help people. They also have courage and dedication, assertiveness and a willingness to learn new skills, face new challenges and work as part of a team.

Candidates for volunteer firefighters should be:

- Team oriented
- 19 years of age or older (junior member - age 16)
- Healthy and physically fit (medical and fitness screening required)
- Good driver (valid BC drivers license and good driving record)
- Of good character (RCMP security check required)
- Able and willing to commit to the community
- Live in the Parksville Fire Protection area
- Daytime availability preferred
- Able to attend weekly training sessions
- Non-smoker

Firefighting offers challenges, both personal and professional. In addition to the extensive training in all aspects of firefighting to meet these challenges, the benefits of being a volunteer firefighter include community recognition and personal satisfaction, the chance to make new friends and be involved in community activities - from firefighting and rescue to public education.

Interested individuals, who are enthusiastic, physically fit, self-motivated and team players, can pick up an application form at the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department (160 Jensen Avenue West) during normal business hours or online at www.pvfd.ca or www.parksville.ca. Closing date for applications is March 10, 2010 at 4 pm.

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For more information:

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