

Parksville Fire Department Recruitment Campaign Underway

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is recruiting community minded; spirited individuals who enjoy team efforts. Similar to many communities in British Columbia, Parksville relies on volunteer firefighters. Applicants must live in the Parksville Fire Protection area, be reasonably fit, high school graduate, have a good driving record, available for weekly fire practices and be between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members. A junior member program is offered for ages 16 to 19.

The PVFD is accepting applications for volunteer, paid-call firefighters until March 25. The Department embraces the corporate values of diversity and equal opportunity; qualified men and women are encouraged to apply.

What the PVFD offers:

- Comprehensive training to meet the challenges firefighters face throughout their careers.
- Firefighting offers personal and professional challenges and the satisfaction from meeting those challenges.
- Yearly stipend.
- Sense of belonging, recognition, training, growth and development, opportunity to help their community and fun.

Requirements:

- The time commitment is significant. Firefighters respond to emergencies and the needs of the public; 24/7, 365 days a year. Firefighters are required to attend two hour practice sessions weekly and to attend emergency callouts whenever possible.
- Acceptable level of physical fitness as firefighting is both mentally and physically strenuous. Pre-employment medical is required.
- Applicants must complete a RCMP criminal record search and have a driving record that demonstrates responsible and safe driving behaviour.
- Reside in the Parksville Fire Protection area.

How to become a volunteer firefighter:

Applications are available from Parksville Fire Headquarters at 120 Jensen Avenue West, by calling 250 248-3242 or online at www.pvfd.ca. Applicants will be contacted in early April for interviews and the recruit class start date is scheduled for May 2, 2011.

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For more information:

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department 250 248-3242