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Parksville Fire Department Now Recruiting

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 this spring and is now accepting applications for paid on call firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters are people who care about their communities and want to be actively involved 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. Paid on call firefighters respond to emergencies 365 days a year. You will be trained, you will be challenged and your life will change.

Do you have what it takes to be a firefighter? 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 licence 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 (ideally live within City of Parksville boundaries)
- 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.

Information session – February 19

If you would like to learn more about being a paid on call firefighter, please consider attending an information session on February 19 from 6-8 pm at the Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. This is a chance to drop by the fire hall to ask questions and hear firsthand from officers and members.

Interested individuals, who are enthusiastic, physically fit, self-motivated and team players, can pick up an application form at the Parksville Fire Department (160 Jensen Avenue West) during business hours or online at www.pvfd.ca. Closing date for applications is Friday, March 6 at 4 pm. *Is firefighting in your future?*

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For more information:

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