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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 volunteer on-call firefighters. The department also offers a junior program for those under the age of 19, providing an introduction to life as a PVFD member.

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. Volunteer 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.

To learn more about being a firefighter, we encourage those interested to stop by the fire hall during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) to speak with one of our officers. Interested individuals, who are enthusiastic, physically fit, self-motivated and team players, may pick up an application form at the Parksville Fire Department (160 Jensen Avenue West) or online at [www.pvfd.ca](http://www.pvfd.ca). Closing date for applications is Friday, March 3 at 4 pm.

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**For more information:**

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