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Parksville Fire's Newest Junior Member

Smiles and laughter all around at the Parksville firehall on March 25 when the department accepted its newest recruit and youngest official junior member, Oliver Lipinski.

It all started when Oliver's parents drove by the firehall a few weeks ago when our recruitment campaign was underway. Oliver told his parents he wanted to join the fire department so his parents, Courtney and Chris, explained he would need a resume and with the information provided by Oliver, prepared his resume which details his education, experience, and keen interest in firefighting.

With resume and his parents in tow and dressed in full turnout gear, Oliver knocked on the door of the firehall on recruitment deadline day and advised Lt Andrew Wiersma, "I want a job," and provided his resume. Fortunately, Oliver was successful in being shortlisted and called for an interview. Oliver is knowledgeable about fire engines and trucks, can list most parts on a ladder fire truck, has a basic understanding of hydraulics, does not play with "magic" because it can start fires, and can recognize most letters and the sounds they make. He has completed all episodes of "Fire Safety with Roy" and successfully completed volume one, firefighting colouring book.

During the interview, Fire Chief Norris determined Oliver would be an excellent fit for the department, he lives within the Parksville Fire Protection Area, and by capably naming Parksville Fire's trucks, Oliver qualified for the 2034 recruit class as a junior member. You see, Oliver is just three years old (almost four of course).

Following successful completion of the interview process and as part of his orientation, Oliver rode Ladder 49, his favourite truck, and toured the fire station. Oliver was given a red helmet, teddy bear, cookie, and presented with his certificate as official junior member.

Fire Chief Marc Norris said, "We were thrilled to receive Oliver's resume, conduct his interview, and we all look forward to welcoming him to the 2034 recruit class as a junior member."

Parksville Fire is a composite department with career firefighters and a complement of paid on-call firefighters. The department conducts an annual recruitment campaign in the spring and for more information about being a paid on-call firefighter, please refer to [recruitment information](#) on our website.

Note – Photos included below

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