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Parksville Fire Department Now Recruiting

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is seeking enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters. A new recruit class begins this spring and applications are now being accepted 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 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:

- 19 years of age or older (junior member - age 16)
- Healthy and physically fit (medical and fitness screening required), non-smoker
- 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

Firefighting offers both personal professional challenges. As well as extensive training in all aspects of firefighting, 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.

Practice Night Open House – Monday, January 15

The department's regular practice night will be open to the public on January 15 from 7-9 pm. This is an opportunity to see firsthand what's involved in training to be a firefighter; to observe a practice, ask questions and chat with members and officers. We encourage interested residents to attend the practice at the firehall (160 Jensen Avenue West).

To learn more about being a firefighter, we encourage those interested to stop by the firehall 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 a team player may obtain an application form at the firehall (160 Jensen Avenue West) or from the website www.pvfd.ca. Closing date for applications is Friday, March 2 at 4 pm.

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For more information:

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