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Parksville Firefighter Recruitment

Parksville Fire Department is recruiting for 2021, looking for positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join our team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. A recruit class begins this spring and applications are now being accepted. Volunteer firefighters demonstrate the personal values of trust, honesty, integrity, compassion and empathy and can perform as part of a team. Parksville Fire, a composite department of volunteer on-call and career firefighters, provides fire and rescue services for the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Parksville Fire has served the community since 1942, responding to emergencies 365 days a year.

Volunteer on-call firefighters are people who care about their community, wish 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 and face new challenges. You will be trained, you will be challenged and your life will change.

Professional training and on the job experience are exceptional opportunities to learn and develop skills as team members, leaders and highly-skilled firefighters. Firefighting offers both personal and 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. The department also offers a junior program for those under the age of 19, providing an introduction to life as a member.

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

Before applying, please learn about the position and requirements and with the tasks and different steps in the selection process. To learn more, call the fire hall during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) to speak with a member. Closing date is Friday, March 5 at 4 pm. Details and applications on our [website](http://www.parksvillefirerescue.ca).

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