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Parksville Fire Recruitment Campaign 2024

Parksville Fire Rescue volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our firefighters are highly skilled professionals who value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented. We provide an outstanding training program, the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives and the chance to join a dedicated team.

In 2023, our department has responded to almost 800 calls: structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. We rely on the commitment of paid on-call volunteer firefighters dedicated to public safety and community service and offer:

- Professional firefighter certification and ongoing training.
- Opportunity to serve your community.
- Personal growth, sense of achievement.
- Part of a team, your chance to be awesome.
- Great benefits paid on-call, WorkSafe, additional accidental death and disability insurance (on and off duty), and more.

Finding the right balance between family, work and volunteering is challenging, but also rewarding. We'd love to chat about what we do at Parksville Fire Rescue and *if you are ready to answer the call*. Call us at 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer and arrange a tour. Application deadline is Friday, March 1. More info on our <u>website</u>.

We are your neighbours, co-workers, family, and friends and we need your help with our recruiting efforts; please encourage those who may be interested to contact us. Our members serve the Parksville Fire Protection Area which covers the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo which include San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen, and Martindale Road areas. The population of the fire protection area is about 20,000, increasing substantially in the summer.

Recruitment Open Practice - Monday, January 22, 7-9 pm

Regular practice on January 22 will be open to those interested in being a firefighter. Arrive by 6.30 pm, dress for the weather, and stay as long as you wish. This is an opportunity to observe a practice, see firsthand what's involved in training to be a firefighter, ask questions, and chat with members. The Parksville firehall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

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For more information:

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> The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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