



Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association 2018 Third Quarter Newsletter



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Know Your Zone!

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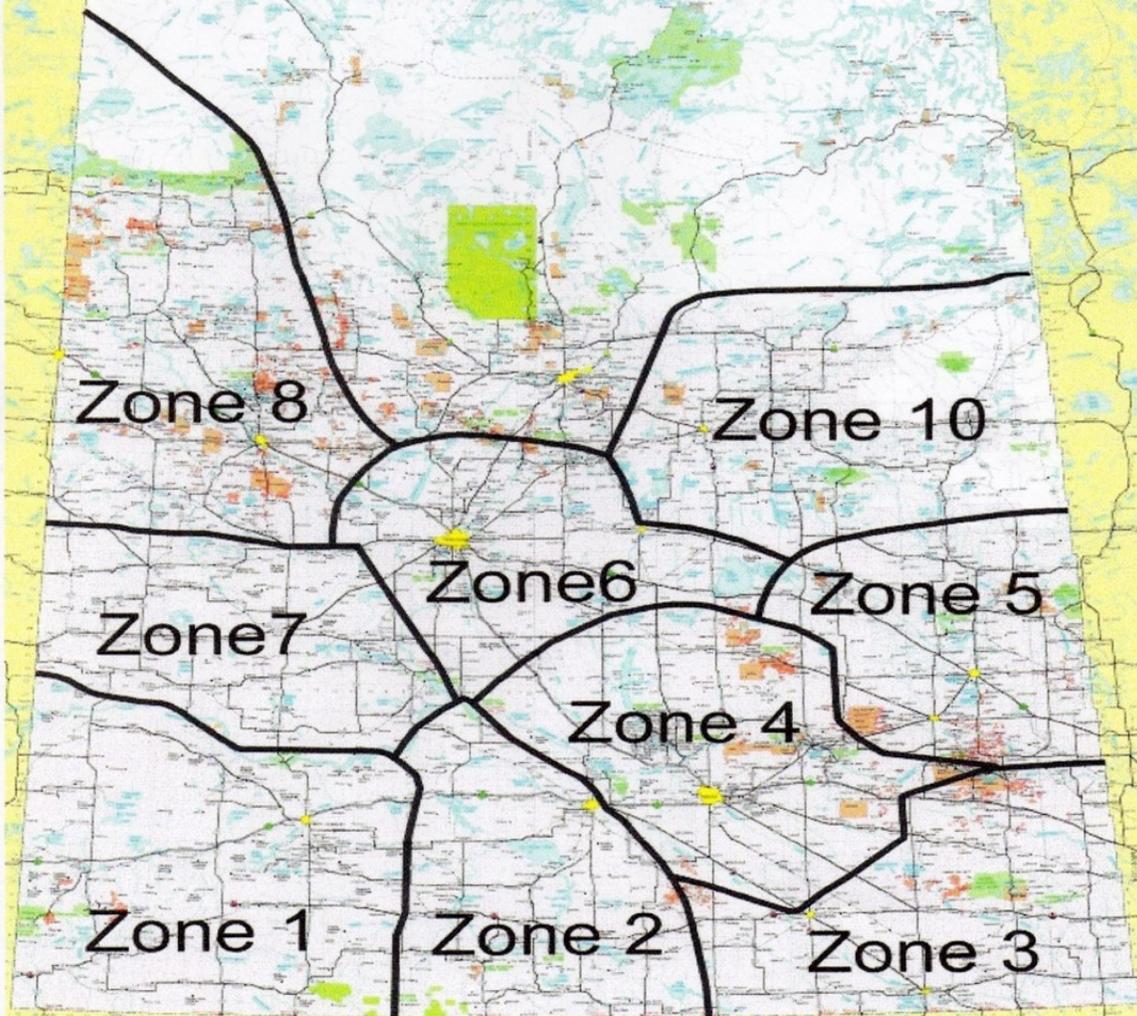
MISSION:

To provide a responsible voice and leadership to the Volunteer Fire Fighter of Saskatchewan, with the intent being to minimize loss of life and property in all aspects of Volunteer Emergency Response

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide training and education for the Volunteer Fire Fighter
- To solicit province-wide membership from every Volunteer Fire Department in Saskatchewan, and to encourage active and concerned participation in the Association's objectives
- To establish responsible representation and leadership towards the role of the volunteer fire fighter in fire prevention and public safety

Zone 9



Comments from the President



The summer is waning and it appears the inevitable season is soon upon us. Fall in its entire splendor and glory not only brings the harvest but it also creates more opportunities for us to respond to grass, stubble, combine fires etc. Hopefully this fall does not see a lot of bad fires for anyone.

I was just reading an article about urban interface fires, wild land fires and investigations of LODD resulting from them. The author of the article shared that the investigations of these catastrophic fires showed that for one reason or another the fire fighters moved from the black sections (already burned) to areas that were green (unburned fuel) and that was the causative factor of these LODD. Before anyone blows up that this is finger pointing and blame placing, listen to the rest of the story.

The author of the article suggests that in a lot of circumstances the mentality of fire service got in the way of good fire practice. We all know that when we respond we want to go get after it and take down the beast, but the author of the article suggests that maybe we need to change the philosophy of “Don’t just stand there, do something” to a philosophy that fits NFPA 1500. NFPA 1500, in a nut shell, speaks to never risking more than what can be saved. Structures can be replaced, trees replanted and grass will regrow. The author suggests we need to change our philosophy to “Don’t just do something, sit there”.

When I read that, the first time, I actually was a little put off by it. Then when I thought about it, his reasoning made sense. Here is a scenario that I feel fits with his idea:

You are called to a derelict building on an abandoned farm. The building is showing heavy smoke and flames have breached the roof. Do you send a team in to search for people? Of course not. You would set up a defensive perimeter, protect exposures and manage your water supply. There is no value left in the derelict building. There is most certainly no reason to risk a firefighter’s life for an empty building, so in essence, we do adopt the “Don’t do something, just sit there” mentality.

As with a lot of things in life it is sometimes hard not to try to do everything possible, but as we can see, sometimes doing less is more. This mindset may help us in our day to day lives as well. Don’t try to be the one always wanting to make sure you aren’t just sitting there, feeling like you should be doing something. Every now and then sit back and do nothing but watch, learn, live and laugh, because life is too short. I ended up having health problems this summer because I thought I had to be always going a hundred percent. I ended up in the hospital due to exhaustion and learned a lesson. I hope you will take the time for yourself and avoid the “Don’t just stand there, do something” mentality.

Yours in brotherhood

Doug Lapchuk, President SVFFA

Seat belts only work if you use them! Buckle up and come home safe! Somebody loves you.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hi everyone!

Wow! Where has the summer gone?? I hope everyone found some time this summer to soak up the sun and relax a little. Estevan's school is just around the corner and registrations are really coming in. Don't delay and get yours in today! The 2018 Fall Fire School registration package can be found on pages 16-23 and also on our website www.svffa.ca. Please be sure to review the Registration Procedures in order for the registration process to go as smoothly as possible. Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions!

Did you know there is an SVFFA Facebook page? Give them a "Like" and stay in the loop with what's going on in departments within our wonderful province



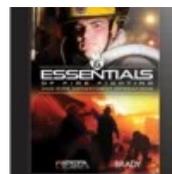
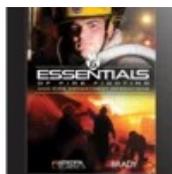
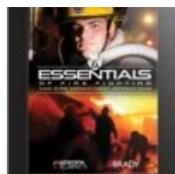
Looking forward to seeing you in Estevan!

Courtney

If you, or someone you know is in need of Critical Incident Stress Management or Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, please do not hesitate to reach out for help. Please call 306-520-3278 to be put in touch with our CISM/CISD team.

Remember to pre-order the study material you'll require for the course you are taking at the Fall Fire School.

Study material can be ordered by contacting the SVFFA office svffa@sasktel.net. SVFFA members receive a 10% discount on all study material!



ZONE REPORTS

From your

SVFFA Board of Directors

Zone 1

Hello from Zone 1,

Zone 1 has seen a busy grass fire season so far this year, and its looking like the fall fire season will be as busy for us. As a reminder to all, if in doubt, ask for help from your surrounding departments, as we are all here to help each other.

Rm of Swift Current fire department hosted a “Livestock handling and emergencies” clinic in July with 20 people taking part from around zone1. It was a good and informative class which should be attended by anyone that has the possibility of dealing with livestock at an emergency scene.

November 17-18 is the first of many training weekends for zone 1, which will be hosted by Shaunavon fire. The course being offered is fire fighter orientation & safety, PPE, and fire behavior. If there is any course that your department is looking for, please get in touch with your zone director, or the SVFFA executive director, so we can help you to set up the course.

The next SVFFA fire School will be in Estevan, Oct.26-28. As info becomes available it will be posted on our website www.svffa.ca. Hoping that many take advantage of the training offered at these schools. See you there!



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Zone 2

During summer and the heat wave we have experienced it is surprising that we have not responded to more fire calls. The biggest reason we have seen in our area is that people were better prepared having water tanks and extinguishers readily available when haying. They also stopped operations during the heat of the day. Last year seems to have stuck in peoples minds and they are better prepared this year.

Harvest is now underway and in travelling around the zone have noticed water tanks and pumps in the fields with the harvest equipment. This is great that we see preventative measures in place, we thank the farmers for their insight.

Please keep safe and hopefully see fellow fire fighters from zone 2 at the fall SVFFA school in Estevan on Oct. 26, 27 and 28.

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Zone 3

In the past few months I have talked to a number of fire departments in Zone 3 and elsewhere and it seems most departments have the same two major issues – few new volunteers and tight budgets. These two items will be discussed at a future district meeting and any suggestions to help solve these issues would be appreciated and passed on.

Situational awareness! We teach it in our SVFFA classes and at home but what really is situational awareness.

It is the superhuman ability to observe your surroundings and make detailed assessments about your environment. As the name implies, situational awareness is simply knowing what's going on around you. It sounds easy in principle, but in reality requires much practise.

To achieve effective situational awareness, you need to be able to observe as much of your surroundings as possible. Positioning yourself in obstructed spots will inhibit the flow of information coming in.

On a recent early morning structural fire call for Grenfell Fire Department situational awareness meant all members came home safe and unhurt. Upon rolling up on scene it was noted a live power line arching in the long grass, starting fires. The building was fully engulfed in flames and hidden behind the flames was a 1,000 litre propane tank heating up and feeding the fire.

By observing these two dangerous situations in scene assessment they were dealt with safely and quickly. Stay safe – open your eyes, ears, and nose, and calmly scan your environment to take in what's going on.

It is with a heavy heart I read about the second firefighter suicide in the past three years on the Fond-du-Lac volunteer fire department. Frank Jr. McDonald was part of Fond-du-Lac's 14-member volunteer fire-fighting crew. In 2015, the fire department dealt with a similar situation. Both were volunteer firefighters in their early 20s.

Two new classes have been announced for the SVFFA Fall firefighter school in Estevan. Grain Entrapment and Livestock Response are being offered. If you have not already signed up for classes plan to attend.

See you in Estevan and have a safe autumn.

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Zone 5

Greetings from zone 5. As I sit to write this up, can't help but see the sun out with (relatively) cloudless sky. I have been living in this province for nearly ten years and it still amazes me how many sunshine filled days we get on the prairies.

Through our wonderful social media pages, I have seen lots of training and community activity in the area, from breakfasts to BBQs to car washes to ball tournaments. You name it, it seems to show up. Really nice to see the community spirit show in so many departments.

We have seen lots of new additions to the area. I know that Foam lake has a new rapid response truck, as well as Saltcoats and Churchbridge both have new wildland trucks.

I was very fortunate to be able to go to a specialty heavy extrication course held at the Winnipeg fire grounds by Advanced extrication. Very interesting class in which I met some excellent fire rescue personnel from Kelowna BC, through the prairies and even east of Winnipeg. This Train the trainer opportunity was a truly fantastic learning experience.

We have seen some changes on the board as well. To Reagan Coppicus and Ryan Chernow thank you for your service on the board. Your time spent and input given was appreciated and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Just a reminder that if your department would like to have training done locally, just to contact Courtney, our executive director or myself and we would be happy to set something up.

With the busy harvest season around the corner I hope that all zone departments stay safe out there. Looking forward to seeing old faces and new at the training school in Estevan.

"Don't train until you get it right, train until you can't get it wrong"

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Hope everyone's summer has been good (and somewhat slow response wise) At the time I'm writing this I'm up at the lake in scorching temps, the only thing cooling things down is the haze from the smoke from B.C. It makes me thankful that this year Saskatchewan hopefully has been spared from the intensity of the last few years. I noticed on our first day the camper next to us had the tell tale Maltese Cross and a First Responder decal on the back window. The following day I recognized the fire plate on the truck from the Chief just north of town. Then another a few sites down, then a few fire shirts around camp.

I've had lots of interactions like this the past few months, particularly last month when a couple from Australia stopped in the fire hall to check out our stuff and discuss the differences in services. Surprisingly (or maybe not) the challenges we face are exactly the same half a world away; jurisdictional issues, financial requests, education, retention etc. The attitude is always the same however, the members just shrug and work with what they've got, the reality being we're not in this to have shiny new equipment but to help the people in our community. All we can do is our best and keep our minds, skills and equipment sharp and ready to respond.

I'd also like to take a moment and recognize our dispatchers, for all the accolades that are given to fire/rescue, EMS, police and first responders, this group seems to be forgotten almost consistently. By the time we've been toned out these individuals have already been in contact with those needing help for several long tough moments. How hard it must be channeling information from someone having the worst moment of their life to someone just rolling out of bed or leaving their full time job. Often having to endure the wrath of a responder because the radio keeps cutting in and out of service or the directions given by the witnesses got mixed up in their time of stress. They've got to soldier on and keep calm for both parties on either end of the communication line. I myself know how difficult it can be teaching someone CPR in a controlled environment, imagine trying to do the same over the phone when a family member's life is on the line ! So the next time you're talking with them make sure you give them a heartfelt thank you when signing off.

Hope summer treats you all well and hope to see you in Estevan in October !

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The eastern side of the zone has had numerous lightning strikes resulting in a number of fires. After doing a phone survey, a number of RMs have put fire bans on. We're seeing a lot of water trucks going to the fields and many farmers are taking extra precautions during these dry conditions.

The northern area of the zone has been responding to different non-fire related emergencies for their fire departments. Here in Eston, we just finished doing an extrication from a sewer man-hole after a victim fell in. We found working in this confined space a new experience for our department. We also had to land the Stars helicopter. Up until this point, Eston has been fairly quiet.

We've been doing a lot of training in preparation for wild fires and wind storms. We have a list of farmers with water trucks and machinery that will be available to help fight these fires if the need should arise.

One of the fire departments within this zone has requested a fall zone meeting. We want to discuss mutual aid and equipment that can be provided by neighbouring departments in the event of a large scale emergency.

I'm urging all departments to send some members to the fall training sessions in Estevan. Hope to see you there.

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Greetings from Zone 8.

This is my first report as a director for the SVFFA, so I'm going to keep this short.

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself as your representative for Zone 8. I'm the Fire Chief for the Paradise Hill Fire Department. I have been with this fire department for about 11 years, holding the roles of Firefighter, Captain and now Chief. I think most of the fire departments in this zone have someone who has already met me at either an SVFFA fire school, or at a Zone Meeting. If we have not met, please flag me down at a meeting or fire school, or simply send me an email, text message or phone me. I'd like to get to know the member departments and pass on concerns or comments to be brought forth to the SVFFA.

As I am writing this, summer is feeling like it is nearing the end. With that, we'll be seeing dryer conditions, and harvest in Saskatchewan is nearer than we think. Let's remember the large agricultural equipment sharing the roads with us.

In our fire department, we have kept ourselves busy with 17 fire calls so far this year, including mutual aid calls. It is at those times when mutual aid is requested that I am happy that we have great working relationships with our neighbouring fire departments.

It has been an intention of mine over the years to become a director for this area, so I am happy to say that I have the opportunity to represent zone 8. I believe in progress, and I hope to be able to grow with the SVFFA and be able to offer what I can to make firefighting in Saskatchewan better. I hope most of you can make it to the fire school in Estevan on October 26-28th.

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Zone 9

This summer has been quiet in Northern Saskatchewan for wildfires. It is a relief to have fewer fires than in the last few years. Nice to not spend our provincial budget on wildfires and floods. All the best to British Columbia and Ontario with their efforts. The two provinces have imported fire fighters and equipment from other parts of country to assist their resources. California, with the high temperatures and low precipitation, has also been battling fires in their state, with enormous losses to structures and property.

I would like to welcome Fire Chief Les Karpluk to the Waskesiu Fire Department. Les brings his years of experience, and leadership to the community.

All the best to Fire Chief Jason Everitt. Jason left Prince Albert FD, to take a position as Fire Chief in Melfort. Melfort FD will indeed prosper with Jason leading the department. Jason and his family have been involved with many events in their former locations, and certain to be in the center of activities there.

I am looking forward to the fall fire school in Estevan, under Chief Dale Feser. Dale and his members are sure to sponsor a great school. Dale is quite proud of his new fire station, and I'm sure tours will be available. Please register early as students, and reserve your hotel rooms, to avoid disappointment.

Have a great summer, and see you in Estevan.

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THINGS TO KNOW: SOME OF THE MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS WE ARE ASKED BY FIRE FIGHTERS:

What is critical incident stress or traumatic stress?

These are the responses people have to a highly distressing event. Common reactions might include:

- Inability to sleep, sleep disturbances
- Mental confusion or trouble focusing on day to day activities
- Irritability or even anger
- Strong emotions that are sometimes difficult to control
- Anxiety triggered by sounds, sights, smells, reminders of an incident
- Elevated startle response – jumpiness
- Changes or loss of appetite
- Self - medication
- Muscle/body aches unrelated to an injury

Why is this event bothering me so much and the guy who stood right next to me seems to be managing just fine? We both saw the same thing!

Everyone's response to trauma differs...what is a crisis to one person may not affect another. Either way is normal.

It is never a sign of weakness to experience traumatic stress, it is a sign of being human. Even the most skilled, experienced individual might have that day where they respond to a scene and it causes strong reactions.

You are all aware of the situations that have great media attention, but it doesn't have to be something huge. Some of those incidents may include:

- Knowing the victim(s)
- Incidents involving children
- Particularly graphic scenes
- Multiple fatality events
- Fires with injuries or fatalities
- The accumulated effect of several incidents from the past that are now triggered by this most recent event.

What can I do to help my brothers and sisters who are struggling after a traumatic scene?

Be supportive and non-judgemental. Ask them what you can do to help.

If you had a significant physical injury, it's expected there would be a recovery time, maybe even physical therapy. Emotional and psychological injuries require the same care and attention.

Encourage the individual or the fire department to call the CISM Team for information and assistance.

If a fellow fire fighter wants to talk about the experience be a good listener. Don't force anyone to discuss details of an incident. Respect the fact that this is their story to tell and they decide when and who they'll talk to about it.

You're still friends and you should encourage all of the interactions, socializations and other activities you would do if nothing had happened.

The brain is interesting after trauma...just like any other injury, it takes time to sort out the experience and find a way to resolve it. Sometimes it's beneficial to offer some trauma counselling and provide other supports enhance recovery.

Educate family as well on how they can best support their loved ones.

After highly distressing events, individuals can learn and grow from the experience. However it takes time to heal. Each person does it in their own way and on their own timeline. Be patient and supportive.

THE SFS CISM TEAM is here to support you. We are led by Trained Peers and supported by Trained Mental Health Professionals. Together we work with you to lessen the impact of traumatic events through guided interventions, education and support. You joined the fire service to help others. We're here to help you.

If you're interested in joining the CISM Team, or you have someone on your department that you feel would be a good fit, we have training 2-3 times a year. There is an application process.

For more information please contact us through:

Our email: sfscismteam@gmail.com

Our Facebook page: "Saskatchewan Fire Service CISM Team"

Someone from our Membership Committee will get back to you to answer questions or send out an application.

What you do for your community is important! Thank you for all you do to help others. Keep each other safe out there!

Patty Stewart McCord, BGS
SFS CISM Team Coordinator

Registration Information

2018 SVFFA Fall Fire School & Annual General Meeting

Hosted by
Estevan Fire Rescue Services
October 26th-28th, 2018

Agenda

Friday, October 26, 2018

- 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Participant Registration @ Estevan Comprehensive High School
– 255 Spruce Drive.
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Classes @ Estevan Comprehensive High School.
- 7:00pm Social with food and beverage for purchase @ Estevan Fire Station
– 801 13th Avenue.

**** Taxi Services:** M&H Taxi (306)634-5075, BEE-Line Taxi (306)461-9796, 4-way taxi (306)421-4881
Estevan Taxi Cabs Ltd. (306)421-5288 **

Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 7:00am – 8:00am: AGM and Breakfast @ Estevan Comprehensive High School
Cafeteria – 255 Spruce Drive.
- 8:00am - 12:00pm: Classes @ Estevan Comprehensive High School – 255 Spruce Drive.
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch @ Estevan Comprehensive High School Cafeteria.
- 1:00pm - 5:30pm: Classes Resume and Practical Training.
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Hour @ Days Inn Plaza 1305 9th Street.
- 7:00pm Banquet (informal), Sponsor Recognitions, Greetings,
Entertainment.

Sunday, October 28, 2018

- 8:00am - 12:00pm: Classes Resume/Conclude (wrap-up times dependent on course).
- 11:00pm - 2:00pm: Lunch at Estevan Fire Station – 801 13th Avenue.

2018 Fall Fire School

Accommodations

BOOK YOUR HOTELS NOW!

Estevan Hotels:

Days Inn by Wyndham (Host Hotel)	306-634-6456
Best Western Plus	306-634-7447
Western Star Hotel	306-636-9000
Suburban Extended Stay Hotel	306-634-8332
Microtel Inns and Suites	306-634-7474
Motel 6	306-634-8666
Super 8	306-634-8585
Estevan Motel	306-634-2609

New Courses Being Offered:

** Handling Livestock at Emergency Incidents **

** Grain Entrapment Awareness**

SVFFA Knives will be on Sale at Fire School!



REMEMBER to PRE-ORDER YOUR 6th ESSENTIALS TEXTBOOK!

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2018 SVFFA Fall Fire School Estevan SK – October 26, 27, 28 2018 Registration Procedures

- Weekend registration fees are \$175 (per SVFFA member) or \$325 (per non-member). **For SVFFA members, please ensure that the individuals you are registering are on your fire department membership list.** Please note there are additional fees for some courses. Registration fee includes: class instruction, Saturday breakfast, lunch and evening banquet and Sunday lunch as well as all coffee breaks during the weekend.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is October 12th, 2018.** Programs have minimum and maximum attendance requirements and may be cancelled if requirements are not met. All participants must list program choices by first and second choice. Any participant whose first choice is unavailable will be notified, as soon as possible, for alternate course confirmation. ***Please ensure participant names on the Registration Form are printed clearly and spelled correctly, as these names will be printed on Certificates.***
- **FEES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR COURSE.** All registration fees are payable to the SVFFA. A cancellation fee of \$25.00 will be charged if the SVFFA office is not notified by October 12, 2018, of non-attendance. **Full registration fees are non-refundable after October 19th, 2018.**
- To help with accurate catering numbers, please specify *Yes* or *No* for each participant in the "Attending Saturday Banquet" column. Additional Saturday evening banquet tickets are available for purchase for \$45 per person. Ticket availability may be limited depending on the size of the venue. **Banquet tickets are non-refundable.**
- A Prerequisite Verification Form must be completed and submitted with the Registration Form. The completed form will verify that the students have the pre-requisites required to take the course they have registered for. **This form must be submitted or course registration will not be permitted.**
- All participants registering in programs, with pre-course study, must have assignments completed prior to attendance.
- Participants must register in advance and confirm registration at Estevan Comprehensive High School located at 255 Spruce Drive on October 26th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Attendance will be monitored and certificates will be provided upon course completion.

Attention: Fire Chiefs

Please complete and submit the following form with the Registration Form. By completing this form, you are verifying that your firefighters have the prerequisites required to take the course they have registered for. This form must be submitted or your firefighters will not be permitted to register in their courses.

Prerequisite Verification Form

I, _____ Fire Chief of _____
(Print Name) Name of Fire Department

verify that the following firefighters have the prerequisites required to register for the course indicated beside their name on the Registration Form.

Firefighter:

Course & Date Completed:

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(Signature of Fire Chief or Authority Having Jurisdiction)



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

IFSTA MODULES



1000 IFSTA LEVEL ONE / TWO FIRE FIGHTER ORIENTATION / SAFETY/ FIRE BEHAVIOUR / PPC (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

The starting point for all new recruits or as a refresher program. This 16-hour program will combine three Essentials of Fire Fighting lessons. The three lessons will enable students to be able to predict probable fire behaviors and know the actions necessary to change or prevent these behaviors. PPC

will enable students to properly identify, use and maintain personal protective clothing.

Pre-course Assignment: Read "Essentials of Fire Fighting" 6th Edition: Pages 6 - 128 and Pages 204 -286

Prerequisites: None

Course Loading: Min 8 / Max 30

Course Fees: Weekend Registration Clothing: Full turnout gear

1005 IFSTA LEVEL ONE / TWO FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING S.C.B.A. (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

The starting point for all new recruits or as a refresher program. This 16-hour program will focus on one Essential of Fire Fighting lesson. The lesson

will enable students to be able to safely use, clean, recharge, inspect and store self-contained breathing apparatus.

Pre-course Assignment: Read "Essentials of Fire Fighting" 6th Edition: Pages 287 -335

Prerequisites: Fire Behavior / Orientation / PPC Course Loading: Min 8 / Max 20

Course Fees: Weekend Registration Clothing: Full turnout gear & S.C.B.A. (SCBA can be shared with two students BUT each student must have their own Air Tank.)

PLEASE NOTE: You must have completed Fire Behavior, Personal Protective Clothing and Orientation modules prior to taking SCBA Module.

1020 GROUND LADDERS / ROPES & KNOTS (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Completion of this program will enable the student to identify, carry, raise, climb, inspect and maintain fire service ladders and the student will be able to identify and properly knot, use and maintain various types of rope used in the fire service.

Pre-course assignment: Read "Essentials of Fire Fighting" 6th Edition: Chapter 12 Ladders / Chapter 8 Ropes & Knots

Prerequisites: 1000 & 1005

Course Loading: Min 10 / Max 20

Course Fees: Weekend Registration

Clothing: Full turnout gear



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SPECIALTY CLASSES

1090 Wildland Fire Suppression (OW-313) – Friday (1800-2100), Saturday (0800-1700), Sunday (0800-1200) = 16 hours Course

Objective: To prepare firefighters to respond safely and effectively while suppressing fires burning in wild land fuel types. Course content is delivered by lectures, hands-on classroom exercises, and outside equipment demonstration. **Course Content Includes:** Basic Wild Land Fire Behavior (OW-206); Incident Command System Orientation – I-100 (IC-100); Fire line Organization/Jurisdictional Responsibilities; Fire line Safety; Fire line Communications, Fire line Equipment (including fire equipment demonstration); Fire Detection, Assessment and Reporting; Operations, Strategies and Tactics; and Preparedness and Planning. All student class materials and reference binders are included. No course pre-requisites. **Course Loading:** Min 10/Max 25 **Clothing:** PPE is NOT required

Course Fees: Weekend Registration plus an additional Course Fee of \$40 per person.

2005 AUTO EXTRICATION (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This course is designed to teach rescue personnel involved in vehicle extrication the knowledge & skills necessary to perform a safe expedient rescue using a variety of tools and techniques. Students will gain the knowledge to assess the accident scene using the Incident Command System and have the opportunity to use extrication equipment in a safe, controlled situation under the guidance of a skilled instructor. The safe use, care & maintenance of hand and heavy hydraulic rescue tools will be covered. Students will learn to recognize existing and potential hazards at an accident scene and to stabilize the entire scene, as well as patient access, care and package for removal. Extrication can be dangerous - rescuers should be properly trained in order to protect themselves and work safely near accident victims. ***Safety equipment must be worn.***

Course Loading: Min 6 / Max 18

Clothing: Full turnout gear, gloves,

Course fees: Weekend Registration

CSA footwear, helmets with face shield & safety glasses

Plus: **AN ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE OF \$50 PER PERSON**

2010 Fire Service Instructor Part 1 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This course is intended to be the primary resource for all individuals who are involved in instruction. It introduces instructional concepts and prepares the instructor candidates for meeting the challenges, tasks and responsibilities of teaching fire service training programs.

Course Load: Min 6 / Max 10 Practical to be taken at a later date

Course Fees: **Weekend registration plus manuals**

2015 School Bus Extrication (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

The student will learn about the construction as well as the best way to deconstruct a school bus to rescue patients. This course is a 14-hour course with a mix of theory and practical. Students need to be familiar with the hand tools used in rescue as well as hydraulics. Participants will also have the opportunity to be victims in the scenarios to help them understand the process as it pertains to school bus extrication. Students will also receive instruction in managing a multiple casualty incident. Medical knowledge is not necessary but a willingness to learn is.

Course Loading: Min 12 / Max 24

Clothing: Full turnout gear: boots, helmets, gloves plus safety glasses.

Course fees: Weekend Registration

Plus: **AN ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE OF \$50 PER PERSON**

2050 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (VISITATIONS) (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This course encourages fire safety visitations and evaluations of small community facilities and will include the reason for inspections, authority under the Fire Prevention Act 1992, building classification, inspection & maintenance, emergency planning, calculation of occupant load (based on net floor space & exits), common hazards, orders and appeals, water supply & hydrant maintenance.

Prerequisites: None

Course Loading: Min 6 / Max 12

Course Fees: Weekend Registration.

Please bring a Local Assistant's Handbook, calculator, measuring tape, pen, ruler & notepad.

2055 Pump Operations & Maintenance (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This course will cover the basic maintenance of a fire pump, how to use a fire pumper, how to use the relief valve, how to draft water from a slough and pumping from a hydrant system. Students will be shown how to perform pump service tests on their trucks. This course consists of both theory and practical work environments.

Prerequisites: None

Course Loading: Min 8 / Max 16 **Clothing:** Full turnout gear or coveralls

Course fees: Weekend Registration

2070 Fire Fighting Emergency Escape / Self Rescue (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This course is designed to teach fire fighters how to recognize potential fire ground life safety dangers and ways to avoid life endangering situations. This course also teaches some drastic measures that can be taken in order to help save one's own life in an emergency. This course is geared to the experienced fire fighter.

Prerequisites: Safety, P.P.C., S.C.B.A. and Ladders

Course Loading: Min 8 / Max 10

Course Fees: Weekend Registration

Clothing: Full turnout gear & S.C.B.A.

* A waiver of liability must be signed prior to practical evolutions.

2075 VEHICLE FIRE FIGHTING: (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This program consists of a theoretical and practical application. The program will enable students to identify and describe dangers associated with vehicle fires. Students will identify and explain the elements of vehicle fire suppression strategy, describe the major dangers of vehicle fires, understand the importance of strategy and tactical team operations, understand the possible indications of deliberate fires. Students will participate in hands-on vehicle firefighting, as well as classroom activities.

Prerequisites: SCBA / Fire Behavior / Safety

Course Loading: Min 10 / Max 15

Clothing: Full Turnout Gear / SCBA

Course Fee: Weekend Registration plus: **AN ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE OF \$50 PER PERSON**

2095 Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

This training consists of a classroom session with theory on the concept of rapid intervention teams and various Mayday parameters that the student can take back to his own department. The practical component will have fire fighters, in full PPE with SCBA; perform some basic fire fighter retrieval methods. The emphasis with the program is to instill into each participant that a rapid intervention team can be easily implemented into each department.

Prerequisites: Fire Behavior / Orientation / PPC / SCBA

Course Loading: 15 Max / 10 Min

Clothing: Full turnout gear / SCBA with spare cylinder

Course Fee: Weekend Registration

4070 – Officer Management Training (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

This seminar is an opportunity for fire officers and senior fire fighters to explore the challenges and opportunities of managing volunteer departments. Topics covered include alternative management structures, working with municipal councils, developing effective SOPs and tools for evaluating fire department capabilities. The class is also an opportunity for participants to share best practices from their home departments.

Prerequisites: None Course Fee: Weekend registration

ICS Canada – I-200

I-200 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). I-200 defines the unique qualities of ICS as an event or incident management system. The course units and lessons provide introduction to leadership and management, delegation of authority and management by objectives, functional areas and positions, briefings, organizational flexibility, and transfer of command. The course is designed to be interactive in nature. It contains several exercises designed to facilitate group and class discussion.

Prerequisite: I-100 (Self-Study learning)

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Course Fee: Weekend Registration

Handling Livestock at Emergency Incidents

This class will meet all the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) for NFPA 1006 – Animal Rescue; Awareness level. This 16 hour class will provide students with a basic understanding of livestock behavior, livestock transportation and handling equipment and procedures to be used during an emergency. The class will include the students getting practical experience handling livestock.

Prerequisites: none

Course loading: min 6/max 20

Clothing: practical exercise will occur outside so dress appropriately in clothing that can get dirty (turnouts not required)

Course Fee: Weekend Registration plus: **AN ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE OF \$50 PER PERSON**

Grain Entrapment Awareness

This is an awareness level course designed to help fire departments learn and experience firsthand what is needed to work on extrication of a casualty immersed in grain. Participants learn to understand the effects on the body, the way that grain will pile and come to a rest. Please note this is an awareness level for grain entrapment, not a rescue course.

Prerequisites: Online course on CASA website that is to be done prior to taking this class, Introduction to Grain Handling and Storage Hazards. (link is under BeGrainSafe training, then Firefighter Grain Training). Online course takes approx. 45 minutes to complete.

Course loading: min 8/max 16.

Clothing: Coveralls, work boots, safety glasses, hard hat and rescue harness (you can use regular fall arrest harness at a minimum).

Special note: A large portion of the population has adverse reactions to the grains and molds. Respiratory protection is recommended. (p95 type dust mask)

Course Fee: Weekend Registration plus: **AN ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE OF \$100 PER PERSON**

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Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late...
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate...
Enable me to be alert and
Hear the weakest shout...
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out...
I want to fill my calling and
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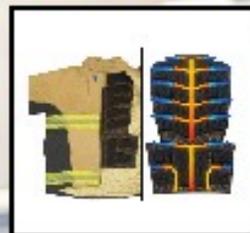
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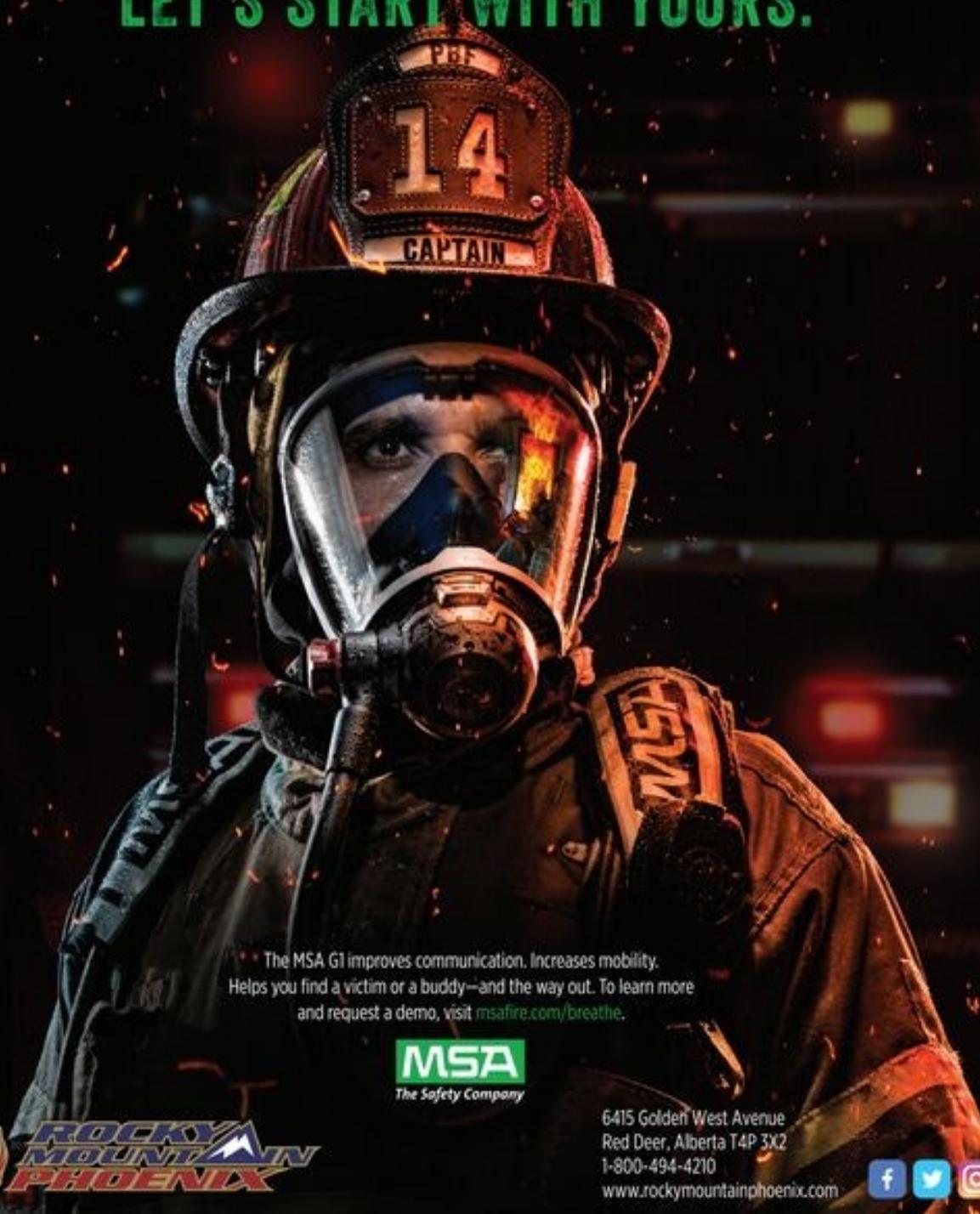
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