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*Fire Prevention Week
October 7-13*

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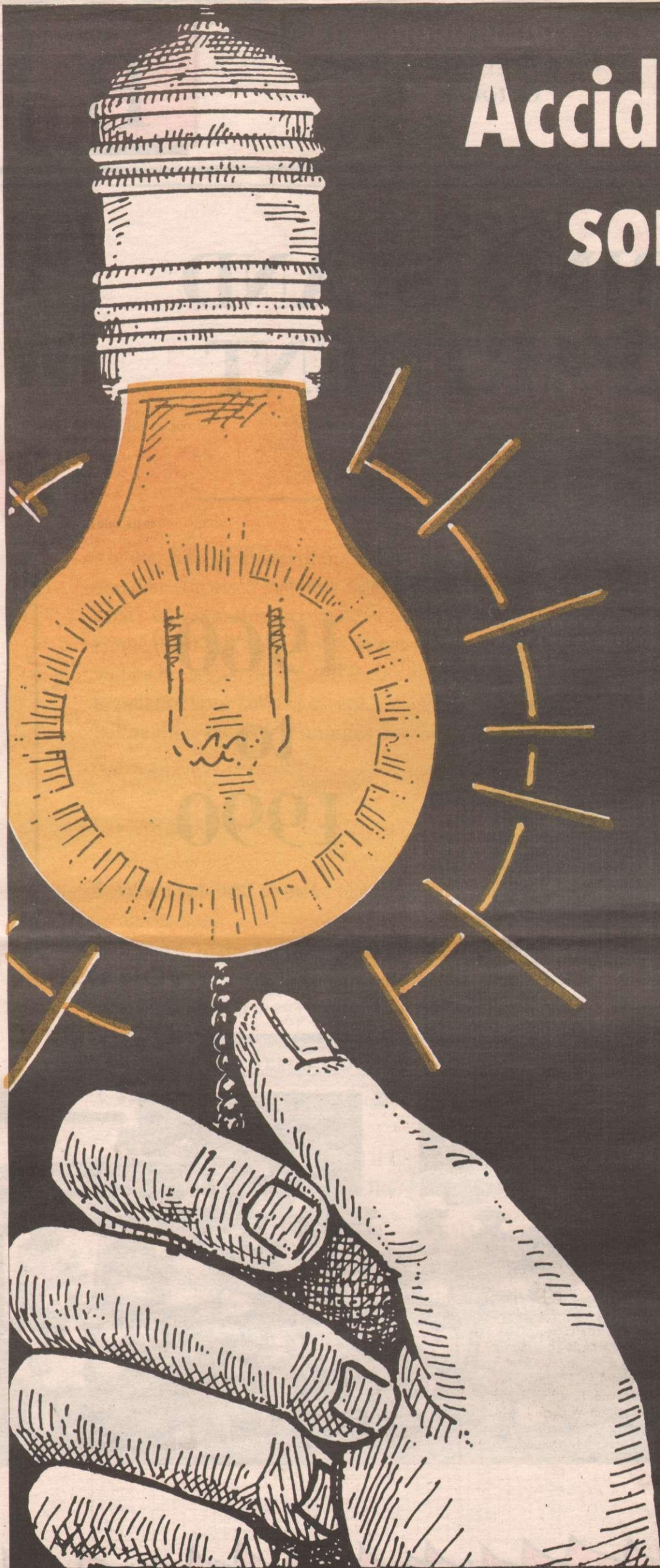


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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Firefighters' history spans three decades

The Salt Spring Fire Department has come a long way since its early days.

Back in 1920s, the department chased fires with a McLaughlin Buick which had the back seat removed to create more space.

As time rolled on, the department decided to acquire a more modern piece of equipment. A 1945 Ford fire truck was purchased. Because there was no firehall on the island, it was stored in a shed on the lot where Island Savings Credit Union is now located.

That old Ford proved to be cantankerous. Sometimes it would start but other times the volunteers had to push it to get it going. Sometimes it failed completely such as when the golf clubhouse caught fire. The clubhouse burned down and the Ford sat in the village, uncooperative.

A women's fire brigade was formed in 1953 because during the day, the men were all out working. The women trained in fire fighting techniques and learned to drive the truck. Some of those involved were Mrs. P.T. Meyer, Mrs. Jack Foster, Mrs. R.L. Gill, Mrs. M. Heath, Mrs. A. Hogg, Mrs. Lewis Parham and Miss M. Holford.

The Salt Spring Fire District,



Practice fires such as this one give firefighters a test of skills.

covering much the same territory it does today, was formed in 1960. The first trustees were chair Don Goodman, Hart Bradley, A. Dane, J.H. McGill and Randy Young. Goodman was volunteer fire chief from 1946 to 1959, prior to formation of the fire district. Fred Donaghy was chief when the department was officially

formed in 1960 and Dave Smith was the first paid chief.

A 1959 LaFrance pumper truck was purchased soon after the fire district was formed and while the current firehall in Ganges was being planned and built, it was parked in a shed.

The firehall opened in 1961. In the

mid-1980s, the Fulford firehall was built. Fire district trustees are now studying the need for a fire hall at the north end of the island.

Fire Chief Les Wagg was born and raised on Salt Spring Island. He left for three years when he was 21 and then returned. In 1969 he became a volunteer and worked his way to

captain and then fire chief in 1988.

Wagg said the training firefighters undertake now is similar to those when he started however there are new techniques for fighting fires. Turnout gear is quite different now, he added, and it all has to meet Workers' Compensation Board regulations. Periodically both paid officers and some volunteers attend off-island training.

The department continues to upgrade its vehicles and equipment. The fire department now has two pumpers, two 3,885 litre tankers, a quick response vehicle sporting four-wheel drive, a rescue van and a smaller vehicle used for inspections.

Looking back over his years as a firefighter, Wagg can remember two of the major building fires on Salt Spring. One at Vesuvius Inn and the other at the Harbour House Hotel.

But he described the most difficult fires as the one in the bush west of Arnell Park which burned 25 acres and a second on the west side of Mount Maxwell.

"Our bush fires have actually been bigger than building fires," he explained.

No fatalities among firefighters have been recorded in the island department's history, Wagg added.

Activities highlight week

Salt Spring Island Fire Department members are encouraging island families to participate in the Plan To Get Out Alive program this Tuesday.

After sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner the day before and giving thanks for all the good things in life, families are being asked to turn on a CBC television station for the annual program which will be aired at 7 p.m. on October 9.

The fire drill sounding will be simultaneously broadcast on all CBC television stations across Western Canada. The drill sounds on many local radio stations as well.

This year there has been a change in time for the drill which has been

Busy firefighters' schedule

broadcast at 6 p.m. in the past.

This is the sixth consecutive year that firefighters and McDonald's restaurants have teamed up during National Fire Prevention Week to ask families throughout B.C. to "plan to get out alive".

By drawing their own escape route for their home and carrying out their own home fire drills, children and their parents can be prepared for that emergency all of us tend to think can only happen to someone else.

According to B.C. Fire Commissioner Rick Dumala 83 people died in fires in B.C. in 1983, the year before the program was introduced. In 1987, the number of fire deaths in the province was 43, the lowest in 41 years and a 50 per cent reduction. Although the numbers were 59 in 1988 and 58 in 1989, Dumala is convinced those numbers can be lowered if people participate in the program and work at their plan.

Plan To Get Out Alive began in Edmonton when a fire prevention inspector named Tim Vanderbrink came up with the idea that a family fire drill at home, along the lines of school fire drills, might be a good way to save lives in the event of fire, which happens often in Canadian homes. Nearly 90 per cent of all fire fatalities in Canada occur in the home.

With the support of McDonald's the program was extended on a national basis in 1985 and has subsequently been adopted in the United States.

Fire chief Les Wagg has been

busy promoting Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13. He visited elementary schools with McDonald's Get Out Alive contest. Youngsters are asked to fill out a plan of escape for their families in the event a fire should occur in their homes. The winning entries are selected by each school and the young people chosen get to be Fire Chief for a day. Winners will be announced next week.

Tuesday night will be regular practice night for the firefighters.

Visits to residents of Pioneer Village are planned for Wednesday, October 10 and the following day, the department will host a pre-school tour of the Ganges fire hall at 1 p.m.

The annual open house is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff and volunteer firefighters will be on hand to answer questions. Displays of equipment and pamphlets, brochures and handouts will provide additional information for visitors to the hall.

Front Page Photo

Members of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department shortly after the fire district was formed in 1960 were, from left to right: Fred Hollings, Bob Patterson, Wayne Bradley, Chief Fred Donaghy, John Waterfall, Nels Degnan, Larry Anderson, Bren Greenough, Sr. and Bill Mossip.

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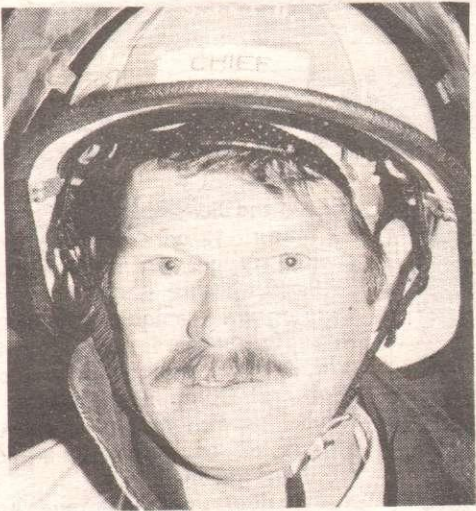
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Chief - 21 years



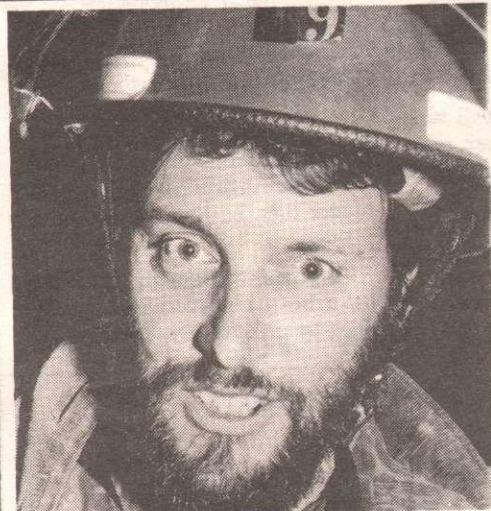
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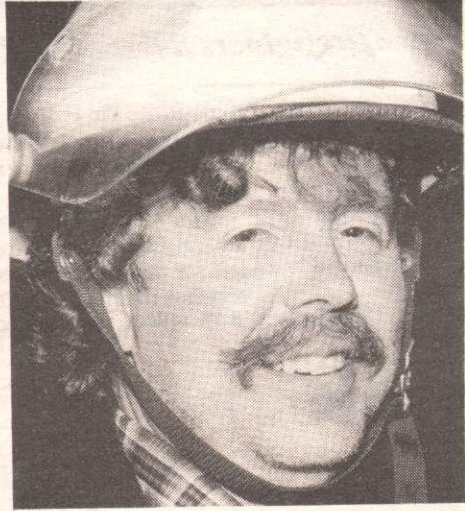
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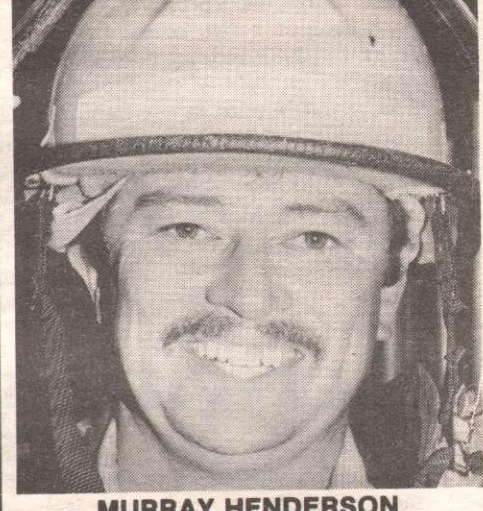
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Captain - 8 years



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Lieutenant - 10 years



KERRY AKERMAN
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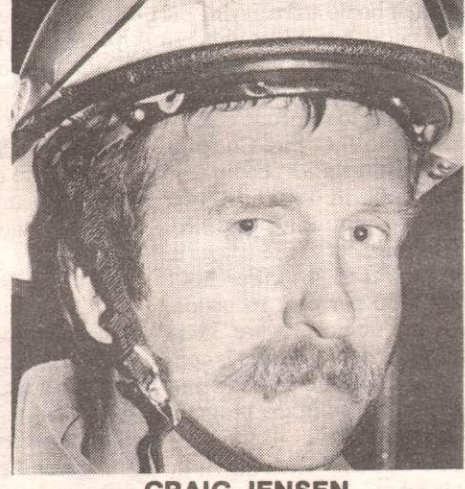
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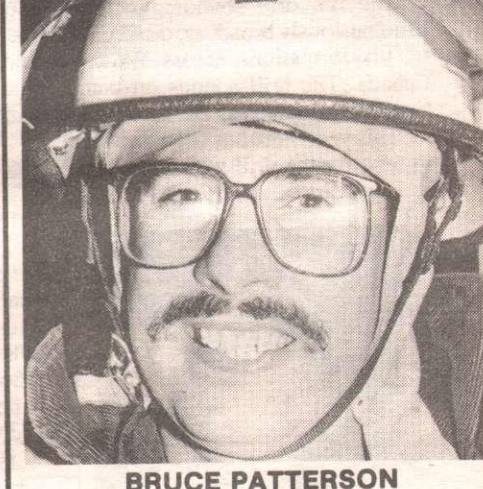
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4 years



JIM BUCKLEY
3 years



CRAIG JENSEN
3 years



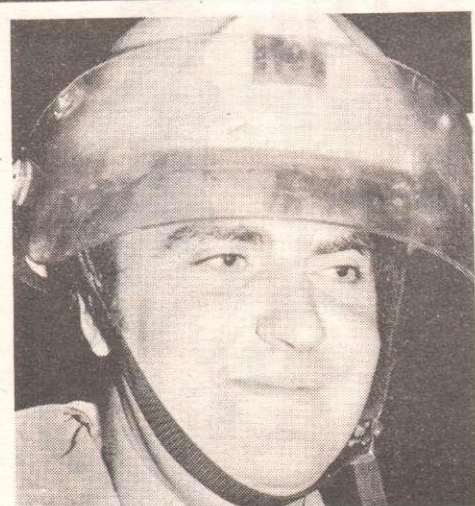
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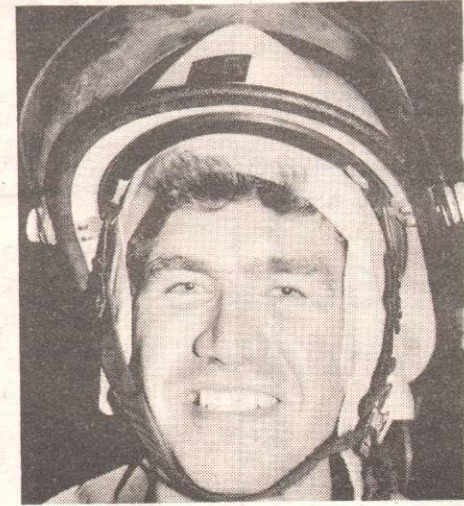
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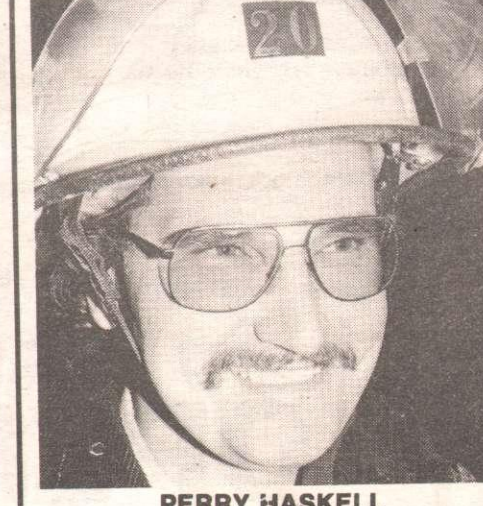
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1 year



MARK HUGHES
1 year



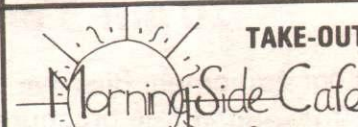
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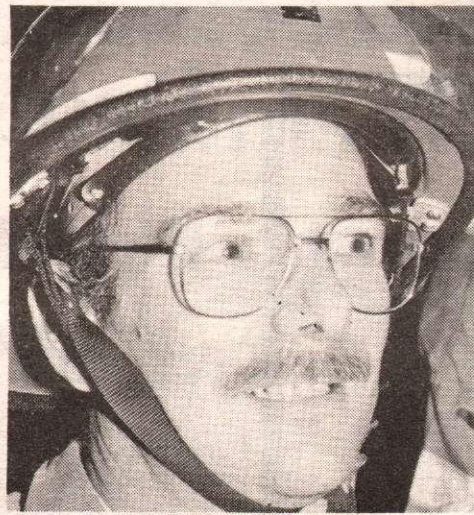
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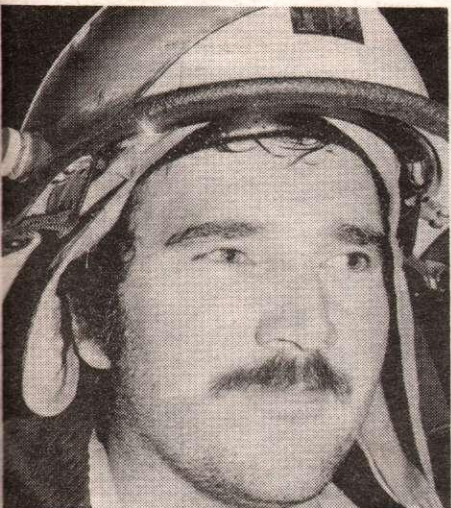
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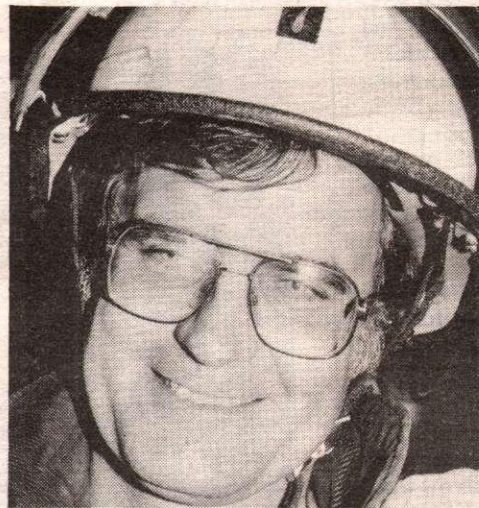
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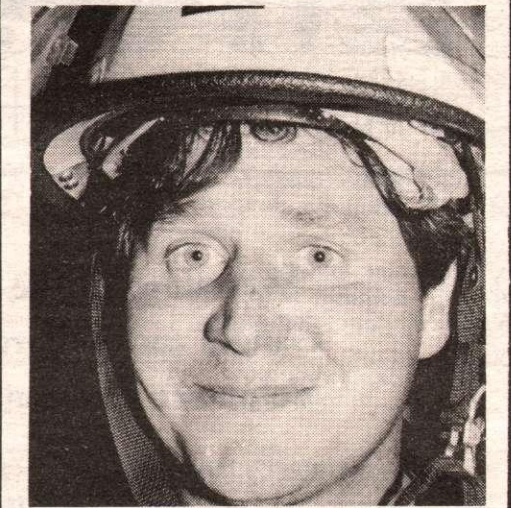
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7 years



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7 years



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6 years



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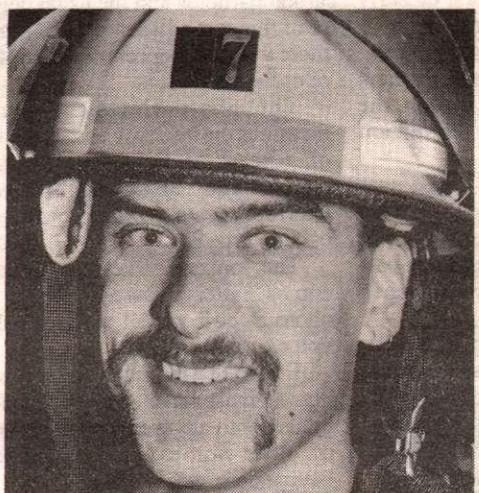
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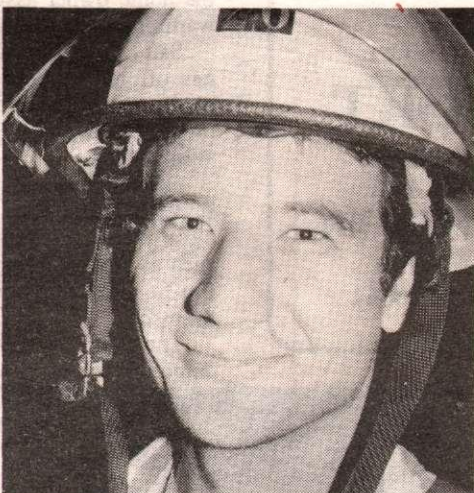
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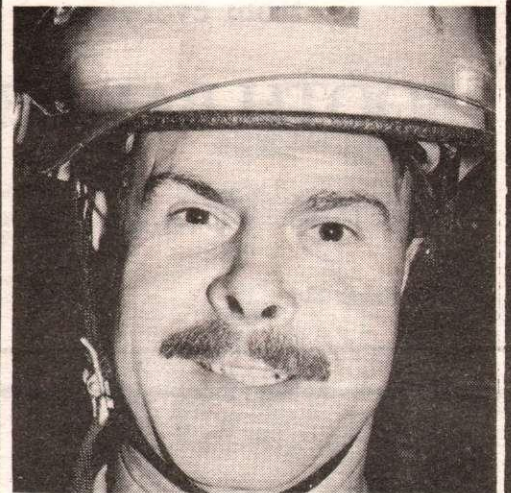
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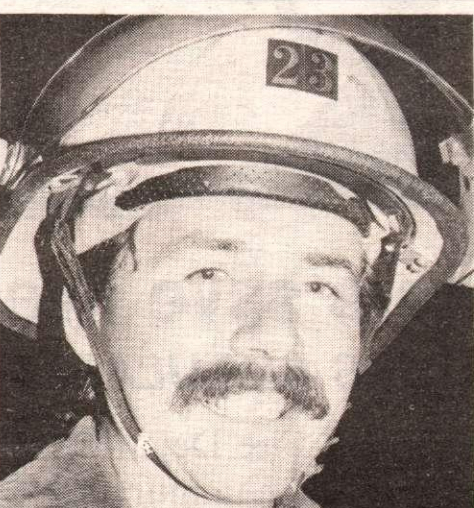
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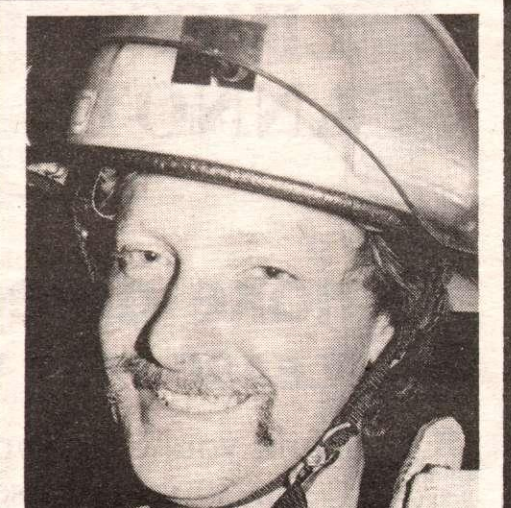
NORM FORSYTH
1 year



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3 years

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FIRE - PROTECT YOUR HOME

Protecting against fire requires common sense

Protecting your home against the danger of fire requires a bit of time and a dash of common sense.

All too often, home owners neglect the simple precautions which could end in disaster. Fire prevention begins with a check of the home and never ends.

To begin with, each home should have smoke detectors installed — and working — near the bedrooms on each floor. Keep a dry chemical fire extinguisher in a handy location and have it checked regularly.

The chimney and stove or fireplace should be checked regularly and cleaned at least once each year. Creosote builds up very quickly and while warmth in cold weather makes for comfort in the home, that warmth can also increase chances of a fire in a dirty chimney.

Begin the home check in each bedroom. Smoking in bed should be discouraged. Make sure closets are not over-stuffed repositories of discarded items.

In the living room, ensure a sufficient supply of fans, ensure a sufficient supply of smokers. If a fireplace is used, be sure it has a screen to keep sparks from jumping out onto the rug.

Fires should be attended by an adult. Although fire fascinates small children, they should not throw wood or paper onto the flames. Keep combustibles away from the fireplace opening.

In the kitchen, make sure cooking pots containing fats or oils are not stored on the stove top. It is so easy to turn on the wrong burner. Don't use a water fire extinguisher for grease or electrical fires.

Arrange the kitchen to ensure curtains, towel racks and paper towel dispensers are at a safe distance from the stove.

In the attic and garage, junk can cause problems. Don't accumulate old newspapers. Ensure flammable liquids are stored safely in tamper-proof containers.

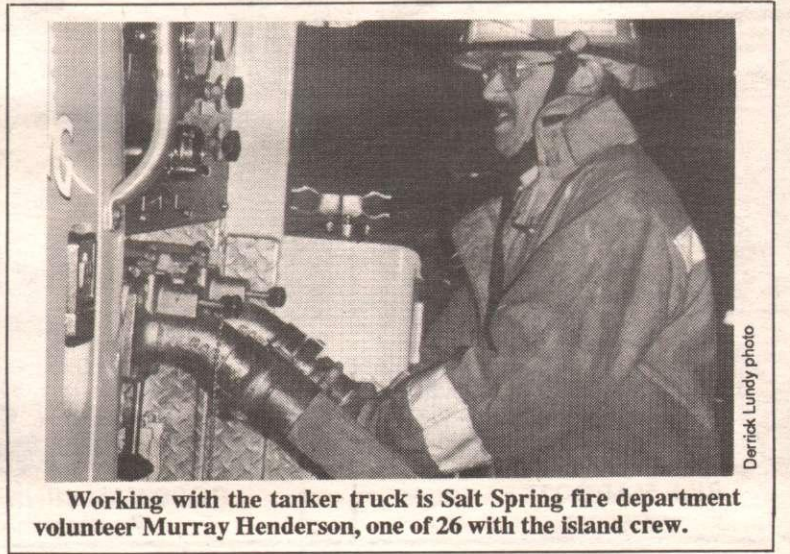
Also check the electrical system of the house or have a qualified electrician do the job. Avoid the use

of "octopus" connections at wall outlets. Make sure extension cords, if they must be used, are in good condition.

In the fuse box, use only 15-amp fuses. Never use pennies, washers or metal foil as replacement for a fuse. Make sure that each circuit throughout the house is not overloaded.

Keep the emergency number 911 close to the telephone. If a fire starts, get everyone out — don't waste time trying to report the fire — do that from a neighbour's house.

And to make doubly sure the home is fire safe, ask the fire department to inspect the premises.



Working with the tanker truck is Salt Spring fire department volunteer Murray Henderson, one of 26 with the island crew.

Derrick Lundy photo

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Smoke detectors save lives

Smoke detectors can save lives. If properly installed and kept in good working order, the devices offer the home owner assurance of early warning of fire in the home.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Les Waggoner has offered to help home owners place the smoke detectors in the proper place during Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 14.

Detectors should be located near sleeping areas. They should not be close to sources of incidental smoke such as that from burning toast or a fire lit in an improperly dampened fireplace.

There are two types of smoke detectors which offer dependable

reliability.

The first type measures ionization in the air. It gauges the amount of carbon particles and the usual detector of this sort will set off an alarm if more than four per cent concentration of carbon is present.

The photo-electric detector measures the intensity and steadiness of a beam of light. The beam is directed at a sensor and changes or interruptions of the light beam sets off the buzzer.

The ionization detector usually comes battery powered while the photo-electric model requires a 110 volt circuit to operate.

Under the building code, newer homes must have smoke detectors hooked into a power supply. Owners of older homes should consider having detectors installed.

To be absolutely sure, each home should come equipped with one of

each model. There can be smoke from a fire but no carbon present while there could be a fire with no smoke.

Smoke detectors can be purchased at Home Hardware or Pro Hardware as well as Slegg Lumber or Windsor Plywood on Salt Spring. Prices begin at about \$10 for the battery powered detectors and can run as high as \$40 for the electric models. Generally, the price averages around \$17.

A word of warning from Fire Chief Waggoner: if the alarm goes off continually because of burnt toast or a steamy shower, move it to another location instead of taking out the battery.

Lane Gromme of Slegg said, "For the money it costs, it's probably the cheapest form of fire insurance going."

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Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Jeff Outerbridge participates in ladder drill during a recent regular Tuesday night practice.

Volunteers fight fires and causes

Salt Spring Fire Department volunteers spend hours each year preparing to fight fires. However, the 26-member group also spends a lot of time supporting many community initiatives.

When the alarm sounds at 8 p.m. every Tuesday, Salt Spring's volunteer firefighters gather to practise various aspects of fighting a blaze. The two-hour sessions run weekly for 10 months of the year.

In addition, volunteers answer an average of 200 emergency calls annually. Even if the call is a false alarm, the men spend at least one hour responding to the need.

This adds up to close to 300 hours per year devoted to the task of protecting the Salt Spring community from the dangers of fire.

The group's dedication to the community does not stop there as the men gather money for various island causes.

Each time the department answers

a call, for example, it receives a stipend. Part of that money goes into a fund used to help the community.

Each Hallowe'en, the firefighters entertain goblins and ghosts of all ages with a bonfire and fireworks.

At Christmas time, volunteers offer to act as Santa's helpers. Sea Capers and Legion parades require the help of volunteers for directing traffic.

The fight against Muscular Dystrophy benefits from the services of the volunteers who collect dollars for the cause. Last year, for instance, the Salt Spring firefighters collected close to \$4,000 to fight the disease.

The Terry Fox Run, Timmy's telethon, Christmas hampers for the community centre; each cause benefits from the efforts of the volunteer fire-fighters.

If the community needs help, whether it be fighting fires or raising needed funds, Salt Spring fire-fighters are there.

Make your Place Firesafe:



Fire Prevention Week
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Ganges Village Cobbler
Mon.-Sat. 8-5
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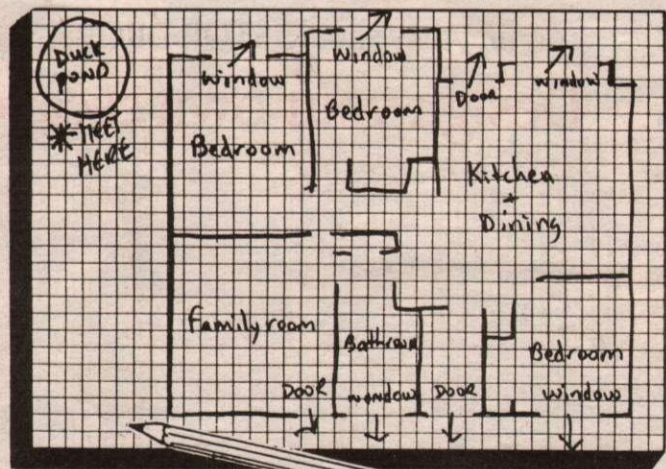
HOME FIRE DRILL PLAN



Your Local Fire Department Recommends The Following Family Fire Escape Plan:

1. Install smoke alarms and make sure they work properly. You must clean the smoke alarms and check the batteries regularly.
2. Draw a floor plan diagram of your entire house. Show all possible exits from each room. Check to make sure there are at least two exits from every bedroom - a regular one and an emergency one in case the first way is blocked by smoke or flames.
3. Develop a signal that all family members understand to mean "danger." For example, use a whistle or bang on the wall. Use this signal only for emergencies.
4. Teach everyone how to get out of your home if there is a fire. Don't grab for your clothes, papers, or jewelry. GET OUT!
5. Sleep with your bedroom door CLOSED. A closed door can save your life! Doors are important barriers in the event there's a fire in the hall. Closed doors give you precious seconds to get out.
6. Designate someone to assist small children, the elderly and the disabled.
7. Practise your HOME FIRE DRILL PLAN with everyone in your family, on a regular basis.

SAMPLE PLAN



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PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

Participate in the Family Home Fire Drill, October 9th at 7pm

Are you fully prepared in the event of a house fire? You'd be surprised just how many families aren't. That's why you should plan to take part in the Family Home Fire Drill. On October 9th at 7pm, a test alarm will be broadcast on TV and Radio. It's your chance to practice your family's escape. Before then, take a few minutes to create your own

family fire escape plan. It'll greatly decrease your risk in a fire, and could save your life. Be sure to pick up your Family Fire Safety Worksheet at your local Fire Department or any participating McDonald's Restaurant. The best way to protect your family against home fires is to Plan To Get Out Alive.



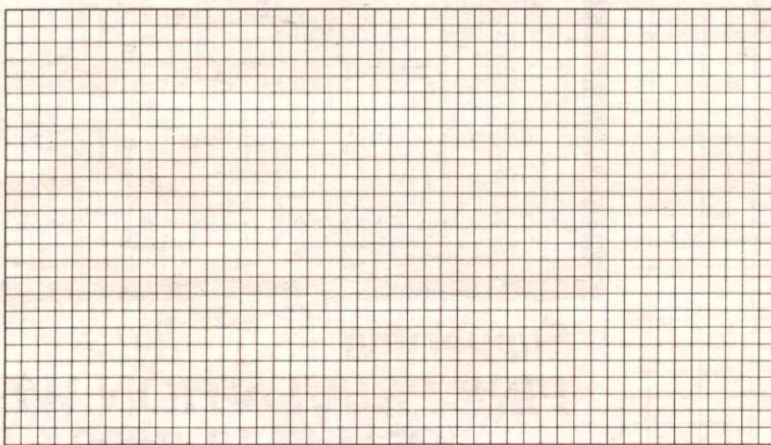
Seven easy steps to help you get out alive

1. When you hear a smoke alarm, quickly get down on the floor.
2. If you're in the bedroom, crawl to the door. Touch the door and handle to check if it's cool. If the door is cool, open it very cautiously and check for heat and smoke. Remember, even if the door is cool, there still might be danger on the other side.
3. If it isn't cool, don't open the door. Escape out the windows or secondary exit.
4. Teach the whole family that if their clothes catch on fire, they should STOP, DROP AND ROLL.

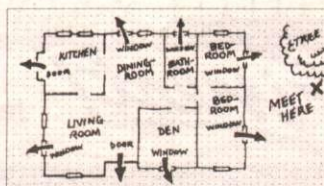
STOP where you are, DROP to the ground, cover your face with your hands and ROLL over and over until you smother the flames. Never run if your clothes are on fire — running will increase the flames.

5. Once you're outside, meet the rest of your family at a pre-arranged place, away from the house.
6. Stay together at your meeting place and send one person to telephone the Fire Department.
7. Meet the firefighters and tell them that everyone is safely out of the house.

Design your own escape plan



Using the sample plan below as a guide, design your own family escape plan based on the layout of your home.



Post your plan in a prominent place!

Be Fire Chief for a day

The Family Fire Safety Worksheet contains an entry form for kids to enter a draw. The prize is an exciting day as an Honorary Fire Chief! Enter at your local Fire Department or McDonald's Restaurant.



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