

Allison Valley Volunteer Firefighters

The meeting of the newly named, Allison Valley Volunteer Firefighters, formerly called the Allison Lake Firefighters, was held at the residence of the fire chief and BC Forestry fire warden, Tom Hamilton on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Tom gave operating instructions for our firefighting equipment. Craig and Jerry Stout will soon have a truck available for the fire department. Craig, our president, now a year round resident will store the equipment, truck and defibrillator at his residence, 3012 Highway 5A. The equipment is currently at 3018 Highway 5A. We live in a high risk fire zone area and this year has been extremely dry. We are concerned about public safety and will work to protect residents against potential fire hazards through education.

The volunteer fire department was formed in 2010 and is not part of the Allison/Borgeson Ratepayer's group, formed in 2007. It is, and always has been, a separate entity. We reported to the ratepayers at their AGM's. The Regional District Okanagan Similkameen purchased the large fire pump from the Grand Forks Fire Dept. and then donated it to the Allison Lake Fire Department. The defibrillator was also donated directly to the fire department to make available to all valley residents. We also had equipment and monetary donations from private individuals. The remaining funds came from recycled bottles and cans.

Fire training will be available for our new members when BC Forestry and our new members are available.

Recycling bottle and can donation depots are set up at 3018 highway 5A and 2970 Allison Lake Road. Your donations will be used to maintain our equipment and for a future firehall/community centre for the valley.

Report Wildfires @1-800-663-5555, then call Tom Hamilton @250-295-7096, or Mark Dixon @250-295-7209 or Craig Stout @250-295-3288

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