

Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc.

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New Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to take the helm

Quispamsis, NB Wednesday, March 3, 2010: Quispamsis and Rothesay will continue to have outstanding leadership guide the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department (KVFD). The Board of Commissioners of the KVFD is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr. Bill Ireland as Fire Chief effective March 29 and Mr. Dan McCoy as Deputy Fire Chief effective April 5. The Fire Board began its search in late 2009, when long-standing Fire Chief Larry Greer, and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Jensen, announced their plans to retire in the spring of 2010.

For the past year, Bill Ireland has served as the Divisional Chief of Fire Prevention and Training for the KV Fire Department. In this position, he has overseen the department training program and has been instrumental in fostering strong working relationships with the volunteer firefighters and the IAFF. Bill brings over 15 years of firefighting experience and training in fire service administration and leadership, and is currently pursuing his Bachelors of Fire and Safety Studies through the University of Victoria. "I'm excited to move up the ranks and take on the challenge of providing the highest quality of fire protection for the valley," explains Bill.

Incoming Deputy Fire Chief, Mr. Dan McCoy is also a familiar face in the emergency management circles of Greater Saint John, having served as the Grand Bay-Westfield Fire Chief since 1998. In this role, Dan was responsible for the Emergency Measures Organization of the town and led the day-to-day operations of the fire department. He has completed numerous courses in fire investigation, emergency site management and firefighter training throughout his career. "The Kennebecasis Valley is a growing community, and I feel privileged to help maintain the safety and livelihood of residents for years to come," says Dan.

"Bill and Dan are both exceptional officers who have garnered a great deal of respect and credibility from their peers," says Pat Ervin, Kennebecasis Valley Fire Board Chairman. "The Board is extremely pleased to have found a strong leadership team who will move the KV Fire Department forward following the retirements of Chief Larry Greer and Deputy Chief Brian Jensen."

Backgrounder Attached

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Backgrounder

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department (KVFD) was formed to protect the amalgamated communities of Quispamsis, Rothesay, and parts of three Local Service Districts. Collectively, the department protects roughly 30,000 residents and property values of over \$2 billion, in a response area spanning 112 square kilometers.

The KVFD is a composite organization comprised of a Chief; Deputy Chief; Divisional Fire Chief; 28 full-time firefighters; 6 casual firefighters, and 25-30 volunteer firefighters.

On average, the department responds to approximately 700 calls per year, and is often called upon in a mutual aid capacity as a member of the Zone Two Mutual Aid Association.

The department receives direction from a Board of Commissioners representing the Towns of Quispamsis and Rothesay.