

# Fire Rescue Services

**2016 Core Budget**

Township of  
**ESQUIMALT**

The logo for the Township of Esquimalt features the words "Township of" in a small, white, sans-serif font above the word "ESQUIMALT" in a large, white, serif font. Below the text is a white, stylized wave graphic that curves under the letters.

# Core Services

## Esquimalt Fire Rescue

### Operations:

- Fire Suppression - Minimum on duty strength of a five person response. Additional resources available with off duty staff and various mutual aid agreements. First Response Medical Aid - in conjunction with the BC Ambulance Service
- Rescue Services(Technical Rescue) - motor vehicle accidents, confined space, fall restraint, low angle and shoreline water rescue
- CRD Hazardous Materials Response - confinement and cleanup of minor spills and assessment and callout of specialized crews for major spills through CRD Regional HAZMAT team of which we have 4 members trained to the Technician level



# Core Services (cont'd)

## Department Services Portfolio:

- **Training Services:** The department provides direction to each platoon on a quarterly basis for minimum training competencies. In addition, the department also assists in co-ordinating other training courses and workshops on a regional level.
- **Equipment Maintenance:** Maintaining fire and rescue equipment in a ready state for emergency use.
- **Fleet and Equipment:** Providing co-ordination for the scheduled replacement and acquisition of fire and rescue apparatus and equipment.



# Core Services (cont'd)

## Community Services Portfolio:

- Commercial, Educational and Multi – Unit Inspections: conducted by in-service platoons to ensure compliance with the Fire Safety Code and Bylaws
- Pre-Plans: quick access and floor plans for arriving engine companies.
- Plan Review: all new and renovated buildings that require a building permit undergo a plan review
- Fire Investigations: all fires are investigated by certified fire investigators
- Community Education and event liaison: through the Learn Not to Burn, Commercial Cooking, CPR, Fire Extinguisher and Open House programs
- Public Service and Education available to assist residents with a variety of requests



# STAFFING

Fire Rescue Services = 27 FTE's:

- 1 Fire Chief
- 2 Assistant Fire Chiefs
- 4 Captains
- 20 Firefighters
- .6 Administrative Assistant



# Strategic Priorities

- “Working with other levels of government to explore and identify efficiencies through partnerships and best practices.”
  - Joint Training
  - Exploring partnerships and sharing of resources
  - Participating in regional initiatives
  - Leveraging existing resources to increase the core delivery of services



# Opportunities and Challenges

- The department is continuously evolving while focusing on core operational functions. As such the following opportunities and challenges are identified:

## Challenges

- Maintaining cost control
- Streamlining administrative tasks

## Opportunities

- Greater use of technologies
- Explore new and higher level partnerships
- Continue to seek efficiencies in departmental equipment



# Questions?

