



RED PUMPER

April 2014

Fire Chief Report Jonathan Mulock

Winter has finally passed, and thankfully the snow is finally done. Now we wait for things to warm up and begin to clean up our yards. Hard to believe that despite the weather we have had, we are already a month into wildfire risk season which lasts from March 15th to October 15th. Now if you wish to burn brush, there has been a change that you no longer need to purchase a burning permit. Instead, every day at 2pm, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) updates their map to determine which areas are at risk. This map is set up county by county and are coloured either green, yellow or red.

- **GREEN** means you can burn brush between **2PM and 8AM**.
- **YELLOW** means you can only burn brush between **7AM and 8AM**.
- **RED** means you **cannot** burn brush at any time.

To find out what level the restrictions are at, you can check the DNR website at <http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe/> or if you do not have access to the internet, you can also call toll free **1-855-564-2876** for a recorded message. Both are updated daily.

Another thing to keep in mind is the wind. Remember it does not take much of a breeze to fuel a fire to make it both grow and move quickly. Of course the safest practice is to pile your brush and burn it in winter when risk is lowest. Also keep in mind, if you do fail to consult with DNR by computer or phone, or burn between 8PM and 2PM and a fire gets out of control, the fines could be substantial.

Have you cleaned your chimneys and remembered to change your smoke detector batteries? I'm sure you have because you are probably tired of listening to me harp every time the Red Pumper comes out. But, did you check the expiration date on your smoke detector too? That's right, your smoke detector is only good for ten years, no matter if you keep the batteries changed and test it regularly. This is because the chemicals used in a smoke detector breaks down after ten years and it is no longer effective, and may not work correctly if you have a fire and need to rely on those detectors. There should be a date on the back of them to check. This goes for both battery powered and hardwired (electric) detectors.

Don't forget we are always in need of new members. We have practices on the first and third Tuesday of the month and equipment check work nights on the second Tuesdays. If you are considering but unsure, contact any member of the department or drop in the station on one of these night, and we will gladly answer any questions. We all lead busy lives these days, but we only ask for a couple hours a month to help protect the lives and property of your family and neighbours.

And we are easy to reach if you ever need us. Call 911.

Chief Jon Mulock

LaHave & District Fire Department

Volunteers Needed

**If you own a copy of this Red Pumper
and you'd like to become a Member of
LaHave & District Fire Department/ Auxiliary
then please
contact us for more details !**

LaHave & District Fire Dept. Executive

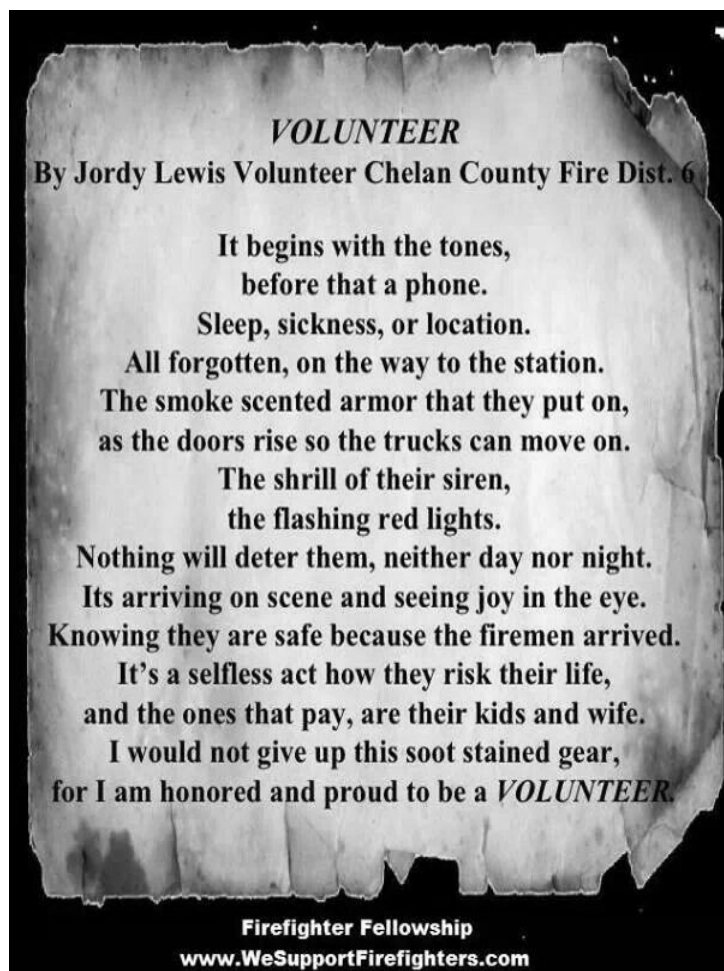
The LaHave and District Fire Department Executive had a good year saddened only by the passing of Herb Terris . Herb was a long term member whose financial expertise shaped the long range plans we are still following.

These plans include the provision of new equipment, the maintenance of existing equipment , the ongoing training of our volunteer firefighters and the structural renovations of the existing fire station. The engineering consultants have finished the drawings for these renovations, and the firefighters are reviewing the layout to insure the most efficient relocation of equipment. As our firefighters are volunteers, who need to leave what ever they are doing to come to the station, equip themselves and then proceed the whatever emergency has occurred, it is very important that the equipment be ready and easily accessible. The careful planning required for this takes time and will be continued in the coming year. Once these ideas have solidified, we will be able to calculate the actual costs. We intend to use the funds we have been putting aside each year to pay for this.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the strong support of the ratepayers. We are fortunate and grateful that we have this level of financial support. Because of it we are able to equip, train and support our firefighters in their mission to protect our health and property in an emergency.

Community Representative Chairperson

Fred Daugherty



Auxiliary President Message Virginia Mulock

I think Spring weather has finally arrived. Mother nature surprised us with a very long winter. Before long we will be complaining about the black flies & mosquitoes .while trying to get those gardens worked . I keep checking on the bulbs I planted last fall from the fundraiser we had . The crocus & daffodils are doing just fine. For those of you who placed orders with us hope yours are doing as well.

I 'd like to thank ALL who have given us support last fall . It helped us to successfully run events. It is showing us that people have interest in them. from near & far.. If there is an activity you would like to see run drop the idea off to me.

We have been busy making plans for the year . For Spring & Summer we have set in actions a number of different events . You can see them on the Calendar of events page.

The Auxiliary has put together a Cookbook [\$10]. They are available from ANY Auxiliary member or at these local businesses LaHave Bakery , Crescent Beach Store & Petite store. They would make a great item for someone visiting this year or to tuck into a parcel for someone far away.

In the next few weeks we will be at locations in town selling the Cookbooks & tickets on a Mother's Day Basket [Chalked full of items to pamper Mother]

Anyone wanting to request a table for the Flea Market, Business Bazaar or Craft Show & Sale feel free to call. You do not have to wait to do so. Some have already spoken for tables . If you know of someone who may be interested pass the information on. You can get details in the events calendar.

Thinking about giving us a hand but meetings aren't your thing let a member know how you are willing to help. [It maybe you like to make calls for us,; providing food for an event; provide door prize for a function; available any time of day or night t to get food ready during a MAJOR fire]If you would like to join us at a meeting we meet the LAST Monday of the month 7 pm. .

Virginia Mulock

Auxiliary President [688-2713]

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Auxiliary and Fire Department Meetings

Auxiliary meetings are the last Monday of the month at 7 pm , 50 School Rd, La-Have. Our auxiliary welcome 14 & up men and women as members.

Fire Practice is the first and the third Tuesday every month at 7 pm. at the fire station. Men and women age 16 & up are welcome to join our department

If you are interested please feel free to drop in , no special invitation needed.
Everyone Welcome !



Department has recently taken steps to make better use of Internet technologies and social media in helping to communicate and share information with residents. A new website has been created (www.lahavefire.ca) which contains information on a variety of topics including:

- The role of the Department
- A map of the communities served
- Department history
- Profile of members and the Auxiliary
- Overview of equipment and facilities
- Report of calls responded to

There is also a “News and Events” section where important news releases can be posted and an online calendar of events to showcase upcoming community events taking place at the Fire Hall. A PDF version of the Red Pumper Newsletter will also be posted online.

The “Resources” section of the website contains a document library, helpful links page, and photo gallery. Resources that are felt to be helpful to residents will be added on an ongoing basis.

On the social media side, a new facebook page (www.facebook.com/lahavefire) has been created and this popular media channel is another excellent way for the Department to reach a wider audience. It is hoped that both the website and facebook page will increase awareness and interest in the Department as new volunteers are always being sought. A “Getting Involved” page outlines both the benefits of volunteering and the many different ways in which people can assist. Please visit and “Like” our new facebook page!

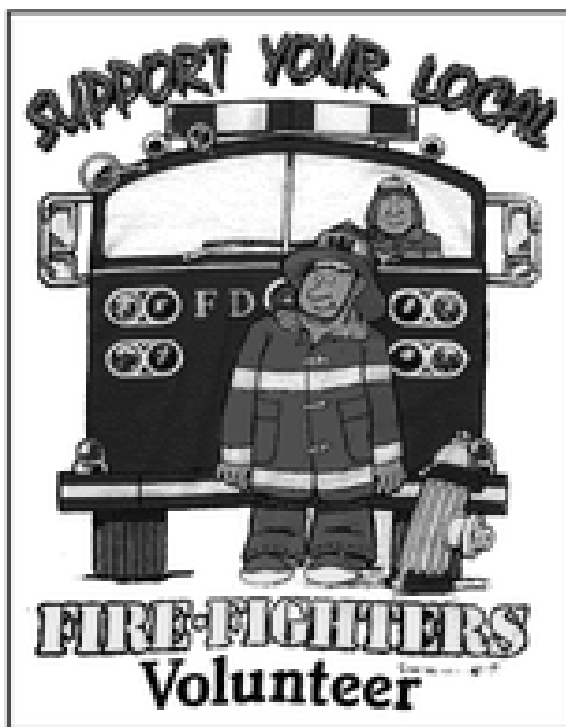
Community Schedule of Events

All events held are at the Fire Hall, 50 School Rd. LaHave, NS,
unless otherwise stated.

DATE / TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
April 26 7 pm	Quiz Night Pre-register \$10 per person	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. Call 688-1470 or 688-3341
May 10 8 pm -12 am	Dance Usual Suspects Advanced \$15 / person OR Door \$20/person	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. Tickets 688-3141 or 6882713
May 31 9 am -1 pm	Flea Market \$5/tables	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave Call 688-2713 or 688-3141
June 21 10 am—2 pm	Business Bazaar Rentals - \$10/ table	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave Call 688-2713
July, August, September	Bakeless Bake Sale	Auxiliary President [688-2713]
July 13 4 pm -6 pm	Chowder Supper	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave
July 26 10 am -2 pm	Craft Show Tables \$10	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave More info call 688- 2713
August 5 11 am -noon	Cold Plate Luncheon TAKE-OUT (place your orders call 688-3141)	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave
September 14 4 pm -6 pm	Roast Pork Supper	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave
September 27	Apple Pie Orders [Made & ready to bake or freeze]	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave Call for info 688-2713
October 5th	Fire Prevention Awareness Day	

Let's connect on Facebook
**LaHave & District Volunteer
Fire Department**

<https://www.facebook.com/lahavefire>



Hall Rental
Call Stacey @ 688-3141