



RED PUMPER

October 2014

Fire Chief Report Jonathan Mulock

We need members.

Plain and simple, we need people to come out and join the fire department.

Normally I open my message for the Red Pumper with a bit of reflection or something that happened since the last issue, but this time I decided to give you some cold hard facts. Like every other fire department out there, LaHave and District needs more bodies to come out and help protect our communities. Both men and women are welcome, ages sixteen and up, with a willingness to help protect their family, friends and neighbours in times of emergency. We are volunteers, so we understand people cannot make every call, practice or event, and we understand this. We do the same thing, but each of us make an effort to attend when we can. We would love to see more people come out and do the same. As the old saying goes, many hands make light work.

With the colder weather coming again, it means it is soon time to start heating our homes again. That means it is time to make sure your chimneys are cleaned, baseboard heaters are vacuumed out and all heat sources are clear of anything that could possibly catch fire, such as furniture or drapes. If you use portable heaters, make sure your cords do not run under carpets or furniture, as these can heat up and wear and tear from passing over them can cause damage and a fire hazard.

It is also a good idea to disconnect, or even remove batteries from lawn mowers, boats and other recreational vehicles when you store them for the winter months. The batteries can possibly short out and cause a fire to occur.

Have you checked your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors lately? You should, they are one of the most important safety devices in your home. Remember to check the expiry date on them as well. Detectors are only good for ten years before they lose their sensitivity and need to be replaced. This goes for both battery powered or wired in electric models.

It is also a good idea to have a plan to get out safely in case of a fire. Ideally you should have two ways to get out of every room in your home, and plan a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in your family knows both, and review it every few months. When travelling, it is a good idea to review escape plans as well, as most places to stay have this posted somewhere easy to find.

Remember, anytime you need us, **do not hesitate** Call 911

Chief Jon Mulock

LaHave & District Fire Department

LaHave & District Fire Dept. Executive

The board members are working towards future focus on regional co-operations with interaction of our small community Departments. Co-operative training & drills is the natural spin-off. Hopefully avoidance of equipment duplication could be of useful value. A broader regional approach may kindle more interest in new members.

The LaHave & District Fire Department with substantial cash reserve would like to upgrade the present fire hall. Plans are underway to strengthen the existing building with steel reinforcements & trusses. Limited construction is also planned to walls, the roof and to upgrade the offices. Moving some of the offices upstairs and move the stairway to maximize the use of the available space. Progress to date has been slow and hopefully in 2015 we will see some construction progress.

Donald Himmelman

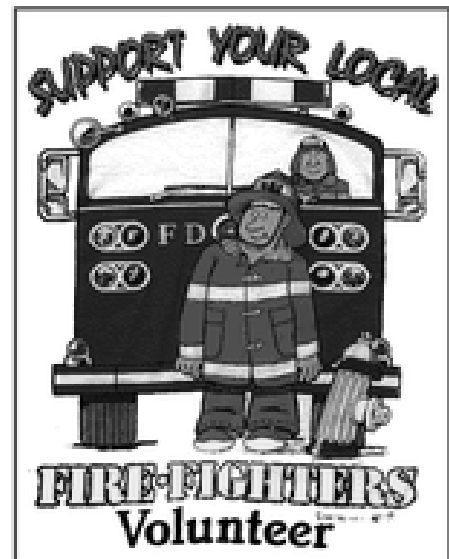
Executive Member [Community Representative]

On Behalf of the Executive

The Fire Department Executive Committee could use 1 more Community Representative to join us. Meetings are normally on the second Monday evening at 7 pm. If you would like to make a commitment to help the Fire Service keep moving forward and preserve this needed service let us know we'd be glad to hear from you.

Members of the Executive are:-

Fred Daugherty, Jonathan Mulock, Nathan Ott,
Joey Baxter, Clyde Nauss, Dwight Robar,
Donald Himmelman, Sylvie Larocque,
Virginia (Ginny) Mulock



Auxiliary President Message Virginia Mulock

I would like to begin by thanking ALL who have helped in any way to make the Spring & Summer events successful. Your support is appreciated & shows the Auxiliary these are things you like to see take place at the Fire Hall.

The Flea Market gave you a chance to sell or buy treasures.

Our yearly Chowder Supper has been going for many years. It is always very popular & well attended.

These past 2 years we have tried a Business Bazaar it has been slow to grow. We think it may not be clear as to what this is. A little further along in this paper I will try to clear this up.

The Craft Shows attendances are growing. There is a lot of talent among the Craft People who take part in our Craft Shows. So come on out in November & let them show you their great stuff. Maybe even get a little Christmas Shopping done.

Our Cold Plate Take-Out Dinner was well received this year. Thanks to everyone who ordered a dinner. With the experience learnt next year's meal should be even better.

This past year we were contacted by Terra Beata Farms wanting to donate to the Auxiliary cranberries & juice to be used during at least 2 functions. We gladly accepted their offer. Other donations received from local businesses this Spring & Summer were:- scallops [David Himmelman], Lighthouse lamp [Westecote Bell Pottery], brunch for 2 [LaHave Bakery], And not to leave out all the wonderful food donated for Events. Thank you and all donations are very much appreciated.

Our Cookbooks have been selling well along the river. You can find them at Millie's, LaHave Bakery, Crescent Beach General & the Petite Store. Drop into one of these locations the cookbooks are still available. You can contact ANY Auxiliary member as well.

Years ago we had a Bake Sale twice a year. As fewer & fewer people were baking more cash donations were coming in & so the Bakeless Bake Sale came about. It was a huge success again this year. There may be a few areas still to be canvassed but most have been covered. Thanks to everyone for ALL your donations. Thanks to all who did the canvassing.

By the time this is printed we will have tried our 1st Apple Pie Day [Sept. 27th]. We were asked if we may like to try this project by a group who used to do it & had decided not to continue this fundraiser. The Auxiliary said yes we were willing to try and with some guidance we went ahead with it. We will let you know how it went.

From here we move forward planning Fall events. Then we will take a break [how long depends on our winter] and will start up for Spring Events again.

If you would like to join us our next meeting will be at 7 pm October 27

Virginia Mulock

Auxiliary President [688-2713]

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“ When we started the Business Bazaar.”

We had noticed there were not too many places for small & home based businesses to meet together to show shoppers what they have to offer. It is also an opportunity to let the public know where you could be found throughout the year when they are not attending the Annual Business Bazaar at the LaHave Fire Hall. So whether you, have products [Epicure, Avon, etc.] or services [Yard work, clean houses, etc,] you are selling & are running as a business this might be a good place to promote your products or talents. When you call to book a table we'll be happy to answer any questions.

Products which have been available in past years are Fido's Bites, Avon, Jewellery, Graphic Art Designs, Epicure, ,Watkins, Scensys , & more. This will . give you an idea of who comes to rent our tables[for \$10]. to promote their businesses. So if you run a small or home based business this could give a little boost to get your name & products out in the public's view. The public is welcomed to come & browse & shop the same as at a Craft Show.

The ticket Drawn Winners Sept. 14th were :

Lighthouse Lamp ---- Barbara Seamone [Kingston, N.S.]
Scallops ----- Andrea Hubley [Pentz]
Brunch for 2 ----- Melanie Keddy [West LaHave]

WATCH FOR other events & fundraisers that are in the planning stages and will be posted as details are finalized. Watch our Roadside Sign & the regular papers .

“ The friendly neighbour program”

In light of the storm we got in July and the power outage that came with it. At the executive meeting of the fire department, we started to talk about a community plan to assist the members of our community. The plan so far would be that during a storm or power outage a group of people would go and check on those you are on the Friendly Neighbour program list.

It could include:

- checking if everyone is doing good
- if you have enough water
- if you need to warm up
- check to see if the surroundings are safe and secure

This project is still in the talking phase, to help us move forward let us know if you are interested or give us your feedback. You may have an idea, we didn't think of. If you are interested in joining this group please contact us.

Sylvie, (Member of the LaHave Fire Department Executive) 902-693-2187

“Sorting Your Garbage Can Be Confusing”

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary in the process of arranging with the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre to have a chat about garbage. It should be interesting and helpful information to you at home or for a group you belong to. This will be open to the public free of charge. As soon as I have a date we will post it on our Road Side Sign.

Volunteers Needed

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



“ Auxiliary and Fire Department Meetings”

Auxiliary meetings are the last Monday of the month at 7 pm , 50 School Rd, LaHave. 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 !

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
October 25 7 pm	Quiz Night A fun evening. Hall will have a Halloween Theme Costumes for those who wish to dress up. [some prizes] Pre-register \$10 per person (max, 8 per team) Lunch served.	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. Call Ginny 902-688- 2713 or Mary 902-688-2154
November 1 10 am — 2 pm	Craft Show	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. Call Ginny 902-688-2713
	Ticket on a CHRISTMAS BASKET . (Turkey & trimmings for you to prepare your Christmas dinner)	Call Ginny 902-688-2713
December 13 7 pm	Christmas Card Party (50/50, turkey draws, lunch served)	LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave Call Ginny 902-688-2713

**Hall Rental
Call Stacey @ 902-688-3141**