



RED PUMPER

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Fire Chief Report Jonathan Mulock

Practice what you preach is an old expression that many of us have heard countless times, but in many cases it is sound advice. I found that out for myself just this past week. On a cold day this fall, I broke down and decided it was time to make the seasons first fire. I had cleaned my chimney in spring, and thought to myself it would be okay for a day or two. I was wrong and the fire would not stay going because the creosote in my chimney had dropped and plugged off the top of my stove, so the smoke could not get out, causing it to smother. Had I cleaned it before hand, I never would have had this problem. I knew better, and it turned out to be another example of why you should clean your chimneys regularly. That goes for pellet stoves, they need to be cleaned as well too.

Another good idea is if you use electric heat, clean out your heaters before you turn them on. Dust, dirt and even small objects can collect in them, so it is a good idea to vacuum them out before you turn them on. You need to give them clearance as well, because objects up against them over time can have enough heat transferred to cause a fire. This includes portable space heaters too that collect build up when stored for the warm months.

Here is a question for you. Many of us have fire extinguishers at home, just in case, but do you know how to use it? It is very easy, simply remember the acronym PASS.

Pull - means pull the safety pin located on the head of the extinguisher. This makes the extinguisher ready to use.

Aim - means aim at the base of the fire by pointing either the nozzle or hose, depending on which your extinguisher has.

Squeeze - is for squeeze the handle together, allowing the extinguisher to activate. Make sure to hold the extinguisher in an upright manner; tilting it makes it less effective.

Sweep - means sweep the extinguisher side to side at the base of the fire at the safest distance you can reach. This gives you the best coverage, rather than pointing in one spot and emptying the extinguisher.

Remember, extinguishers need to be checked regularly to make sure they are ready to use if needed. A simple visual inspection to make sure the gauge shows the pressure is full and there is no damage from being bumped. It is a good idea to regularly pick up your extinguisher and turn it upside down long enough give it a good pat with your hand. This helps keep the powder inside from compacting from sitting under pressure.

I say this every time, but **YOUR fire department NEEDS new members**. We do our best, but there are very few of us and we can't be there all the time. So we need your help. Come out and join us. You can ask me or any other member of the department for more information, but we would love to see some new faces could out to help serve our friends and neighbors in time of need. You can join as early as sixteen years old, and both men and women are welcome. We know not everyone can do everything, but there are plenty of jobs that need to be done, so everyone can play a part and help keep our communities safe.

Ever drive by an emergency scene and wonder why there were so many trucks, or why other fire departments were there? This is because of an agreement between all fire departments call Mutual Aid. This is essentially a call for help from neighbouring departments when more resources are needed, such as more water supply, specialized equipment that not every department has, or the most common reason, more manpower is needed to do the job. This is a long standing practice, but with the declining numbers of members, departments rely on one another more and more, to the point that we now regularly practice together. So don't be surprised when you see fire trucks from away in our district, or ours away from home, just be thankful that despite firefighters are a proud bunch, that pride never gets in the way of helping our neighbours.

In case of emergency, don't hesitate. Call **911** right away!

Chief Jonathan Mulock

LaHave & District Fire Dept. Executive

As everyone knows, it was a hard winter, and the Fire Station suffered some damage. The older sections of the roof leaked and required immediate action to prevent damage to the equipment parked below. This has been done and several other repairs are in progress.

We now have detailed engineering drawings for the proposed renovations to parking bays and the bay doors, and a quotation for the steel work required. We have been reviewing these plans to insure that the proposed changes actually improve the access to the equipment to such an extent as to justify the cost. With the new equipment that has been ordered, a careful review of the renovation plans will be undertaken before any construction is begun. If we continue the project, the work will need to be scheduled for next summer because the equipment must be relocated during demolition and construction. The next months will give us time to ensure that the proposed changes will actually work for us.

We are in need of help, and we will be doing a campaign to recruit new Fire Fighters. We will produce a flyer and a website to explain what is involved in joining our department, and the rewards that this service provides.

The Executive is still in need of members willing to serve on the board. The board meets once a month on the second Monday and the meetings usually last about 90 minutes. Membership on this board is an excellent way to be involved in and give meaningful service to your community.

Chairperson,

Fred Daugherty

Big News,

LaHave & District Fire Department will soon be replacing our Rescue unit.

Our truck committee has been working hard over the past two years putting together the needs of the department, and we are almost ready to order our new truck. The current Truck 3 has served us well since it was purchased fifteen years ago, but this truck responds to every call we have and sees a lot of wear and tear. The new truck will be about the same size, but the storage compartments will be laid out much more efficiently than we currently have, which is the biggest concern since the Rescue is the truck that carries the majority of our equipment. The current truck currently is packed to capacity, and there is actually equipment we can't carry on board all the time and have to leave at the station unless it is needed for the call. The replacement truck will not have this problem and will give us room to grow as we adapt to the changing needs of the fire department.

Hopefully by the time the Red Pumper goes to print in spring, we will have pictures of our new rescue being constructed, or if we are really lucky, it will be in service.

Chief Jonathan Mulock

Auxiliary President Message Virginia Mulock

It is nice to let you know what has happened these past few business months . The 3 Suppers & the Takeout lunch this past spring & summer were well received . These events make for a good time to meet new people or have a chat with people we have not seen for awhile.

Everyone present at the Stan Carew Concert will remember the evening.

Pennybrook put on a great performance at our hall. Everyone present enjoyed hearing them play. You couldn't help but want to move with the music. Looking forward to having them return for a future appearance.

Razzmatazz for Kids ,the duo got the children & adults involved with the songs & stories making for a very happy audience.

“ Christmas In July” Sale got people out from near & far. Each Sale at the Hall is growing in size. Great to see this.

The Bakeless Bake Sale was well received. Due to a shortage of people to canvass this year not all areas were covered . If you did not see someone from this canvassing you are still able to make a donation if you wish by contacting myself [Ginny Mulock], Stacey Dorey [Aux. Secretary] or Shelley Zwicker [Aux. Treasurer] . A tax receipt will be issued for your donation.

Support for all our events was very much appreciated . Thank you! Also your appreciation of your Fire Service conveyed to us through these events is rewarding. to hear. I could not imagine what would happen nor do I want to think what would happen without this valuable service.

The Fire Dept. Auxiliary Bursary went to 2 young members of the Fire District. Andrew Morton [Huey Lake Road] & Simmon Bush [Bush Road] this year. I got to meet both these boys . They were pleased to have been picked to receive this bursary. Wishing Simon & Andrew success in your studies & your future.

Thanks all of you who supported the Auxiliary on Apple Pie day by ordering pies. Also thanks to those who came out to give us a hand in preparing the pies.

This year the Pentz School Christmas Dinner for the students & teachers will be served at our Fire Hall. Members of the LaHave , Pleasantville & Conquerall Bank Fire Departments. assist the Pentz School Christmas Dinner Committee in preparing for & serving this event. Every year there are several parents/grandparents who help as well . So if you are interested in giving a hand just let me know . The three Fire Departments also provide financial support so this social event is able to take place. I know from last year it was enjoyed by both Students , Staff & Workers.

Now the Auxiliary is preparing for our fall events . Have a look in the calendar of events. Hope to see you there.

Ginny Mulock (Auxiliary President)
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MEMBERSHIP



Reasons to Volunteer

Do your part
Meet new people
Join the excitement
Be a positive Influence
Raise Awareness
Develop new talents
Grow from the experience
Learn and Serve
Work for a cause
Personal satisfaction
Be part of a Team
Face new challenges
Pass along Wisdom
Preserve the environment
Keep Active
Raise Awareness
Share your vision

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you folks enjoying this nice weather.

Within our Auxiliary these past few months we have been busy doing many things and are getting ready to complete our final events for the year.

Check out our upcoming events.

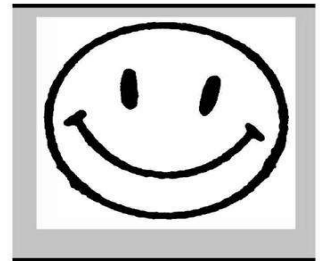
We work hard to have successful functions and events at our hall, it all goes hand in hand having fun, socializing, and meeting others from our communities., but this cannot be done alone...we need volunteers and members for the Auxiliary. Come to a meeting, which is held the last Monday of the month @ 7pm, or call me (688-3141) if you have questions or just want to know a few things about what we do. We are not looking for anyone to commit to everything, many hands make light work!

Together, we can!

“Alone we can do so little, Together we can so much” ~ *Helen Keller*



Make a difference,
get involved!



“ 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

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
November 7 [Saturday] 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	“CRAFT SALE” Free Admission; canteen	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. Call Ginny 902-688- 2713</i>
November 30 [Monday] 7:00 pm	“Penny Auction “ Light Lunch	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>
December 11 [Friday] 7 pm	“Christmas Card Party” turkey draw, 50/50 draw	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>
December 13 [Sunday] 2:00 pm— 4:00 pm	“Children’s Christmas Party” \$5.00 per children (ages 0-12) Register by Nov. 28	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd. ,LaHave Call to register Ginny 902-688-2713 , Cathy 902- 688-3148</i>

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