



SVVFD Society Board of Directors

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Hello,

Over the last several months there have been many changes within the SVVFD Society Board of Directors and within the Fire Department. The following residents, have been elected to Society Board positions at the AGM in March:

Brian Dodd - President

Gary Vath - Vice President

Teri Gougeon - Secretary

Debbie Terry - Treasurer

Norm Barker - Director

Joanne Taylor - Director

Ryan Ellan - Director

The Board would like to introduce our new Fire Chief, **Konrad Sears**. Konrad is a full-time firefighter with the Vancouver Fire Department and brings over 20+ years of experience to the role of Chief. Konrad is focused on increasing the level of training and certification for all department members and has a diverse skill set that will help the Fire Department achieve its goals of protecting Sunshine Valley and surrounding area.

The former Fire Chief, **Mark Wilson**, resigned at the beginning of the year. Mark was a dedicated chief and worked tirelessly on behalf of the fire department. Former Board President and Treasurer, **Laura Williams** resigned from the Society Board in March. Laura spent many hours of her own time organizing things behind the scenes on behalf of the board. Mark and Laura have decided to step completely away from the department and focus more on simply enjoying the area and all its recreational activities. On behalf of the entire fire department, we would like to wish Mark and Laura all the best in their future endeavours.

All of our Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department members are residents who donate their time. They are on call 24hours a day. All responders are fully trained and respond to both fire and medical calls. They have also been known to scare bears out of yards! The Department is welcoming applications for new members. If you are interested, please send an email to inquires@svvfd.net

Both the fire department and the board have collectively agreed to be more open and engaged in the community. This will entail an open platform for all questions, comments or concerns. We want to hear the good, the bad and the ugly. Where possible, we will open board meetings to the public. This will ensure full transparency to all residents. We feel that this will make the department and the board more accessible and increase the communication between all parties.

Like you we care about this community and want to see it thrive. We feel that all residents of Sunshine Valley will now have a voice and we can become a much more cohesive team. These are exciting times for the Sunshine Valley Fire Department and Sunshine Valley as a whole. Thank you for your support!