

First Responders

by Doug Brown

We still need volunteer First Responders for Tappen, Sunnybrea, White Lake, Eagle Bay, Blind Bay, Sorrento and Notch Hill as well as Volunteer Dispatchers. Full training is provided. Please contact either of the two responders below for more information.

The holiday season has passed and we are all going back to work fully rested. Please be on the lookout for kids on the streets going to and from school. It is dark outside when they are on the roads so be careful.

The last two months have been very quiet for us which is a blessing. It's good to see that not many people are not having serious medical problems as well as driving safely.

That being said this is the time of year when, if we are called out during the night, it is very difficult for us to find addresses. This extends our response time and it may be one of your loved ones that need our help. Please consider purchasing a reflective sign from us which not only allows us to find you quicker but also a small amount of the purchase price goes to funding our First Responder Program. You can call First Responder Dean Beitel at 250-833-9921 for more information. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you are thinking of volunteering at some level to give back to the community consider becoming a first responder. In house training will be starting soon. There is no cost to you except your time. Once licenced, you will be able to be called out to help those in need. You never go alone as there is a minimum of three responders to every call.

Why not drop into one of our practices held every two weeks alternating between Wednesday and then Thursday every second week commencing on Wednesday Jan 6/2010. The next meeting would then be on Thursday Jan 21/2010. All practices are held at 7PM in the South Shuswap Fire Hall #2 across Highway 1 from the Shuswap Lake Estates Golf Course. We look forward to seeing you.

Please, if you can volunteer as a first responder or dispatcher call one of the numbers below for an explanation of what is required. For more information call Sherri at 250.675.2420 or Doug at 250.675.3920