

Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department (SPVFD)

Who Are We?

Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department (SPVFD) is committed to protecting life, property and business from the effects of fire and disasters. SPVFD will also assist with medical emergencies whenever it is called upon to do so. A portion of our program can be accomplished through fire prevention, education and emergency preparedness programs. When called upon we will provide a safe, rapid and professional response to emergencies. We will show compassion for the victims of emergencies and will attempt to minimize the adverse effects on the environment resulting from our responses whenever possible.

Fire Hall

The Ships Point Fire Hall is located at 7729 Vivian Way, right next to the SPID Office. As a result of this central location, no place on the Point is more than a few minutes away from the hall. The fire hall contains one vehicle bay, which houses our main pumper vehicle. It also contains an office, a storage room, and workshop. The hall was built to earthquake-resistant building codes.

Our Members

SPVFD operates under the direction of the Fire Chief who is responsible to the SPID Chairman in accordance with Bylaw No. 67. Bylaw 67 is located in the General drop-down under Bylaws.

Firefighters

SPVFD currently consists of 24 volunteers, firefighters and auxiliary, who live in our community; we are your neighbours and friends. Firefighters train in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and procedures in order to remain compliant with Work Safe BC (WSBC) and BC Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) direction and guidance.

Training and Practice

Regular practices are held every Tuesday. Training includes firefighting techniques and procedures and First Responder procedures that allow us to meet WSBC and OFC guidelines. In addition to local training, members also attend live fire training at the Comox Fire Department Training Centre. Training also includes specialized firefighting techniques for interface fires, Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) incidents, and incident scene management. We periodically train with Fanny Bay, Union Bay and Deep Bay Fire Departments, and maintain a mutual aid agreement with all the Fire Departments within the Comox Valley in the event of an emergency situation that one department cannot handle. Specialized medical training is provided to license new First Responders and required re-certification training is provided every three years.

Auxiliary

The SPVFD Auxiliary are members of our community who provide support and assistance to the fire department without becoming a fully trained firefighter. The use of trained non-firefighting personnel to provide various levels of support is meant to increase the manpower pool and allow firefighters to carry out their primary responsibility, thereby improving the overall level of support to the community. Positions under consideration for Auxiliary members include Traffic Control, First Responder, Rehabilitation Manning and Pumper Operator.

Get your *blue bottle*

Your *blue bottle* lives in your fridge. In case of a medical emergency, First Responder personnel will look for this bottle. The information on the form that is inside the bottle will allow them to help you more effectively. The bottle and its associated fridge magnet can be obtained free of charge from fire department personnel or picked up at the SPID Office.

The Blue Bottle Patient Information can be download. The Blue Bottle file is located in the Fire Department drop-down and Blue Bottle Campaign.



Join us!

We are always in need of new volunteers to fill the ranks. Application forms for both regular and auxiliary positions are available at the SPID office or are available from the SPVFD Membership Application section of the Fire Department drop-down of the this webpage . If you are interested in more information or wish to join, please e-mail **Fire Chief** Terry Hoffart at spvfd@shaw.ca.