



## ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

August 13, 2019

Dear Business Owners,

We are reaching out to you today in the hopes you can help us to help the community a little bit more. As you are probably aware we have volunteer firefighters who give their time to train and help the community when needed. We attend structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle incidents as well as medical emergencies. Firefighters are a very valuable resource in our community and we need more in the area's we serve. The more firefighters we have, the more lives we can potentially save.

Here's where you come in: We are hoping for your support in recruiting volunteers. Benefits for having a strong volunteer presence in your workforce: We train your employees for free: providing them with First Aid and Medical First Responder Training, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)1001 Level one & two. We have a myriad of supplemental safety courses we also offer for free as well including, WHMIS, TDG, Ground Disturbance, OH&S, Safe Driving Practices, Behavior Based Safety, Directing Vehicles, Fall Prevention and Fatigue Management just to name a few. We have ongoing training nights at the fire hall as well. By supporting the local economy, the local economy supports your business. More volunteers means less taxes and / or user pay fees. A stronger fire service means lower insurance rates. We will even work with you the employer and your employee to ensure that volunteer shifts are minimally disruptive to your business.

For larger employers (minimum 4 volunteers making up 50% of the workforce or 8 volunteers making up 25% of the workforce, we will even formally take over the administration of safety training and will provide a spreadsheet that tracks all training for each employee at no charge AND offer to train your other staff during scheduled safety training courses at 50% off our posted rates.

The next volunteer class starts Sat September 21st. If there is a chance that you would be willing to endorse and support our recruiting efforts, we would love the chance to come see you and your employees at your workplace. Please contact me at 780-777-4688 anytime to schedule a time.

Regards,

David Ives

Fire Chief Onoway Regional Fire Services

## NORTHWEST FIRE RESCUE & TRAINING



## **Fellow Community Members,**

Often, we are surprised to learn that a number of our residents still don't appreciate how important volunteer firefighters are to the safety and vitality of their communities. In order to ensure we are all well informed, Onoway Regional Fire Services is holding information sessions that would be a benefit in the health and well being of all the entire area. We would like to thank you advance for your time, consideration, and hopefully attendance. Your time will help these sessions work by bringing forth any questions, comments, or concerns you might have (we have a place for you). If you are not able to attend, please send a friend, family member, or neighbour with any questions you may have.

## Who is eligible?

- Persons who reside in or near Onoway, Alberta Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, Castle Island, Silver Sands, Southview, Yellowstone, Ross Haven, and Nakamun Park
- Interested in volunteer experience
- Want to remain mentally and physically active (always learning)
- Interest in continual free education and upgrades
- Desire for federal income tax breaks
- Anyone 14 and up who want pride in helping others in need

Please join us Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers located at 4000 Museum Road, Alberta Beach or at 8:00 PM at the Town of Onoway Council Chambers located at 4812 51<sup>st</sup>, Onoway.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Sundmark

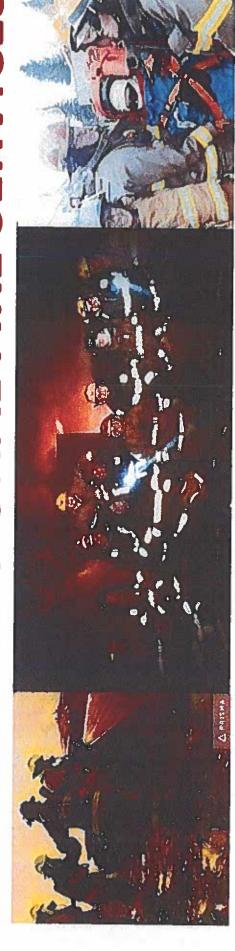
Senior Firefighter

Wife, Mother, Local Business Employee, Yellowstone Resident, Proud Volunteer

## **Onoway Regional Fire Services**

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- Your Neighbours
- Your Family
- Students
- Local Workers
- Stay-At-Home Parents Part Time Workers



## FREE EDUCATION:

- NFPA 1001-L1
- NFPA 472-Ops NFPA 1001-L2
  - - **NFPA 1002** NFPA 1041
- **NFPA 1021** 
  - NFPA 1006



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