

LANTZ FIRE

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Message from the Chief

I was recently tabulating the hours for the 2012 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credits and was amazed to discover that the members of our department had donated a combined total of over 4,800 hours to their community.

This is an amazing achievement, so I started to consider what leads people to volunteer their time in the fire service. While we may join for many different reasons, it is what we find inside the department that keeps us here. Whether it is the new skills, the camaraderie, or the adrenaline, it ignites a passion in all of us. This is why we have dedicated volunteers willing to serve their community.

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But I called for an Ambulance...



Most people don't realize that when there is a medical emergency in our community the Fire Department is dispatched along with the Ambulance. In fact, in 2012 46% of our calls were for medical emergencies.

This means that trained personnel arrive at the site as quickly as possible to perform initial patient care that can sometimes be vital,

especially if an ambulance is delayed or responding from outside the local area.

The majority of our firefighters are certified Medical First Responders. A fire fighter can even choose to specialize in this and respond only to medical emergencies. If this interests you take a look at our website for more information on joining the team.

Notices



🔥 Burning Permits

Don't forget that from April 15th anyone having an outdoor fire will need to obtain a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Contact the Hants East District Office at 758-3437.

🔥 Thank You Kel-Greg

The Lantz Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Kel-Greg Enterprises Ltd for generously providing the time and materials to resurface our parking lot this winter.

Member Profile: Kensa Harris

Five years ago Kensa Harris moved to Lantz after relocating to Canada from England in 2007. But it wasn't until years later when a large fire destroyed a horse stable in neighbouring Milford that Kensa became aware Lantz had its own fire department. Having recently attended a horse-riding lesson at that very stable, Kensa felt helpless listening to the sirens and wondered how she could help.

Kensa knew no one in Lantz Fire at the time, but a fellow British expat from a neighbouring fire department encouraged her to give it a try. He explained that you can take part in the training and start attending calls right

away to see if it's something you enjoy. It took some research and a few months of consideration before she decided to visit the station one Wednesday evening and ask about becoming a member.

That was eighteen months ago and now Kensa's only regret is that she didn't discover the department and join sooner. She is already a fully-trained firefighter; she also attends specialized courses and contributes to the department in other ways such as recruitment and public relations initiatives.

Kensa's adventure, like that of many other valued members, started with that



first step. So stop by the firehall during our Wednesday evening training or visit LantzFire.ca to see what opportunities await you as a Lantz firefighter!

"Anyone that is curious should definitely give it a try. Since the first night I walked into the firehall I've loved it!"

Kensa Harris, Firefighter

Truck Profile: Lantz Rescue 431



Lantz Rescue 431 in action

A rescue is the name given to the truck used by fire departments to transport a wide range of specialty equipment for technical rescue situations. In the case of Lantz, Rescue 431 is the vehicle that carries the Emergency Medical kit, Ice Rescue equipment, Hazardous Material Response supplies, Rapid Intervention Team equipment, and Extrication tools for removing people trapped in vehicles and buildings.

This vehicle has the highest call response out of the three Lantz Fire apparatus. It has the advantage of being small and maneuverable and will typically be the only vehicle to respond to medical emergencies. Rescue 431 is also deployed to most other major incidents in order to transport firefighters to the scene.

Lantz Fire and Emergency Services put Rescue 431 into service in 2003 during hurricane Juan. It is a 1-Ton GMC truck with a custom built utility box and can carry a maximum crew of five.