

# BUCKLAND FIRE & RESCUE

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

2019 was an important year for Buckland Fire & Rescue as it marked **50 years** of providing firefighting and rescue services for the Rural Municipality of Buckland & surrounding areas. Many changes have taken place in those 50 years, but one thing that has not changed is the dedication and perseverance of the volunteers that are committed to training, maintaining the equipment, fundraising and being on call 24 hrs a day, all to insure that our community has a professional level of service.

### RECENT CHANGES

#### BUILDING

- Upgrading the interior & exterior lights to LED, installing overhead door, and painting the interior floors and walls.
- Installed internet and WiFi, a projector, screen and sound system in the hall for training purposes.
- Dug a well and are upgrading the cistern & pumps in the building which will enhance our water supply.

#### POLICY

- Implemented annual safety inspections and certifications on the equipment & breathing apparatus.
- Developed mutual aid agreements and working partnerships with neighbouring Municipalities.
- Conducted a membership and by-laws review.
- Implemented a capital replacement plan for vehicles, equipment and SCBA.

### EQUIPMENT UPGRADES

- Purchased Rapid Response truck which has the capabilities to pump water in the summer and in the winter it will be switched over to be used for Motor Vehicle Rescues.
- 1977 International Tanker #3 was replaced with a 2005 Sterling Acterra tanker unit #6, it was designed and built by our volunteers.
- Currently we are in the process of building a second Sterling Acterra tanker unit to replace either Tanker #1 or Tanker #2.
- 1993 Volvo Engine #6 was replaced with a 2019 International Pumper/Tanker unit which is certified to pump water at a structure fire and has a dump valve/bladder system.
- Changing all the trucks to the dump valve/bladder system.



2017 Ford F350 Rapid Response



2019 International Pumper Tanker Unit



2005 Sterling Acterra . Tanker unit #6



**DUMP VALVE SYSTEM & BLADDERS**— Each of our tankers will be equipped with a portable bladder and high volume dump valve. The bladder can be quickly set up near the engine/pumper; the tanker will empty its water into the bladder in less than 2 minutes and then instantly head off to be re-filled. This ensures a more continuous supply of water as the tankers are quickly shuttling water to the scene rather than sitting connected to the engine and waiting to be emptied and switched out with another truck.

# Memberships

Buckland Fire & Rescue is a member owned co-operative and a separate entity from the RM of Buckland. We have been contracted out by the RM to provide fire suppression and rescue services to the municipality for 50 years. Firefighting services are not covered in your taxes. Buckland Fire & Rescue responds to all calls in the municipality that are dispatched through 911. The average cost of a fire call can range from \$5000 to \$50,000+.

## As a property owner in the RM you have two choices for firefighting services

1. You can become a member of Buckland Fire & Rescue. If an emergency situation arises at a members property such member will be supplied with Buckland Fire & Rescues basic services at no extra charge to the members, with the exception of High Risk Members. You will be required to purchase a one-time membership fee and pay an annual membership levy. This fee *goes directly* to training, purchasing and maintaining equipment.
2. Not become a member and rely on alternative resources for covering the costs of Buckland Fire Departments response. **Non-member call out rates are \$800.00/unit/hr & \$45.00/extra man/hr.** This option *does not* provide Buckland Fire & Rescue any sustainable source of revenue to help with training, purchasing and maintaining equipment.

**A second residence/business on a property requires a separate membership for coverage**

### SERVICES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN A MEMBERS BASIC COVERAGE

- Some mutual aid resources
- Incident investigation
- On site security
- Any additional resources deemed necessary during the emergency
- Responding to controlled burns for which we have not received advanced notification
- Multiple false alarm calls

Check if your insurance policy has additional firefighting coverage for these potential extras.

### ANNUAL LEVIES:

Did you know your membership levy **expires** on **December 31** of each year? To help with keeping your account current invoices are now being mailed in November.

To **avoid late fees** and to maintain coverage for Buckland Fire & Rescues services we encourage you to **pay before the expiry date which is December 31.**

### Payment options:

- E-Transfer - Email: [info@bucklandfire.com](mailto:info@bucklandfire.com)
- Mailed to Box 823, Prince Albert, Sk. S6V 5S4 make cheques *payable to Buckland Fire & Rescue*
- In person at the RM office

**In an Emergency call 9-1-1**

### Controlled Burns:

*All residents need to call in controlled burns to **306-922-3473 (FIRE).***

*In addition if your burn is within 4.5km of a provincial forest also call **306-953-3422** to obtain a burn notification number.*

***If you fail to call in your controlled burn and Buckland Fire is dispatched to your property you will be charged non-member rates.***

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