



## Local 1271 Union & Charity News

Second Quarter

### LOCAL 1271 UNION EVENTS

#### On the ground in Fort McMurray May 25, 2016



Local 1271 VP David Burns and CISM Rep. Theresa Snow went to Fort McMurray to assist the IAFF with CISM services during the devastating fires that tore through the city and surrounding area.

#### Union BBQ - July 07, 2016

Thanks to everyone who attended the Union BBQ. It was a great evening and a chance for us to recognize the incredible work and commitment of our members. We also got the chance to recognize our new Alumni members.

Of particular note, congratulations to Chris Szostak and Shelley Morris as the recipients of the Lorne West Silver Axe Award! Both very deserving of the award!! It was also a great honour to present the Axe award to Gena Dombrowski and Scott Easton. Ernie and Jay were both amazing contributors to Local 1271 and well deserving of the award, both deeply missed.



#### Internal Scholarship Recipient - July 07, 2016



Two anonymous donors (\$1000 each) have joined Rick Crowe (who contributed \$500) in generously giving us \$2500.00 for a scholarship to go to a child of a department member. The winner of the scholarship is someone who has demonstrated that they have already made a difference in people's lives with their charitable work and also that they plan to continue on with their benevolent and humanitarian ways to make a difference in the future.



Brianna Bell, Retired Captain Mark Bell's daughter, was the winner of this year's Surrey Fire Service Scholarship.

Please advise Angie (604-574-5785 / [sffa@iaff1271.org](mailto:sffa@iaff1271.org)) if you know of any other event /community service/or commendable performance that should be in this newsletter

Thank you!

# Local 1271 Union & Charity News

## CHARITY EVENTS

### Nutritional Snack Program Run - April 26, 2016

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Nutritional Snack Program run on April 26, including Ken Douglas for bringing out the retiree John Menunzio. Thanks to all the crews for their participation ensuring the food gets to the schools. Great organizational committee: Dan Kehler, Kevin Berdusco, and IT Chris Szostak for his work building the web order template.



### Food Bank - April 19, 2016

We participated with a Food Bank Drive on April 19 that received a lot of public relations for the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society and the Surrey Food Bank. \$2000 worth of food was donated to the food bank. Thanks to Scott Theissen, Chad Gehon, Jacob Kubanski, Chase Hutfelter, Sam Scholes, Rash Dylan, Keith Muller, Tony Dyck, Ara Burns, Scott Solomon, Mike McNamara and Todd Schierling.



*Have you considered  
a gift in your will to  
SFFCS?  
(Leave a Legacy)*

### Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride - May 17, 2016

On May 17, we had riders participate in the Big Bike Ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to Randy Chong, Guthrie Scott, Jacob Kubanski, Amanda Roman, Chad Gehon, Owen Miller, Josh Simpson, Duane Foley, Ken Hutchinson, Tim Baillie, Troy Walters, Ross King, Al De Vera, Ara Burns, Warren Westman, Matt Codron, Peter Choy, Katie Schiebler, Scott Thieseen, Brad Richards, Ryan Ressureccion, Sam Scholes, Dylan Van Rooyen, Alana Van Houten, Todd Schierling, Jack Woronuk and Mike (Jake's friend). Special thanks to Ross King for being our spokesperson



### Cloverdale Bed Races - May 19, 2016

Thank you to Jordan Jow, Chad Gehon, Alan Cumiford, Sam Scholes and Ara Burns for participating in the Cloverdale Rodeo 2016 Bed Races who were the runner up team this year.





## BC Wheelchair Hoopfest - May 19, 2016

Thanks to Adam MacEwan for coordinating our team and Aaron Gelowitz for coming out to support and coach our team. Thank you to Ed Ma, Todd Schierling, Mike Wegleitner and Travis Evans for participating in this great event. The SFFCS donates \$2000 annually to this event.



## Cloverdale Rodeo - May 20, 2016



Great work to everyone who participated at the Cloverdale Rodeo Parade.

Thank you to Scott Farrell, Chase Hutfelter, Ryan Cole, Owen Miller and Brian Toxopeus for participating in the event.

Thanks Chad Hensbee for organizing crews for the antiques and a final thanks to the SFF Pipes n Drums Band and Honour Guard for their performance.

## Ride to Live - May 29, 2016

Thanks to all the L1271 motorcycle group riders and historical society for their participation, and Lorne West for speaking at the event.

SFFCS was Gold Sponsor of this event. Antique Trucks presented by Paul Hebden Scott Solomon, won "Best Fire Vehicle".



## Walk Run Roll - June 05, 2016



Our new recruit firefighters participated in Walk, Run and Roll at Bear Creek Park. Which supports The Centre for Child Development and Sophie's Place Child Advocacy Centre. Thanks to Dylan Van Rooyen for his role in the event and organizing our volunteers. SFFCS was a presenting sponsor @ \$12,000 for the event.

## Soccer - June 17, 2016

Thank you to the following members for their help at our 3rd Annual Charity Soccer Tournament. The event raised \$3,650.

**Committee:** Dave Baird, Nicole Pruden, Alex Bobsien, Rich Bodnark, Mark Bertoia, Kevin Coplin, Kevin Schulze, Dino Michelin, Jake Kubanski and Jordi Cook

**Refs:** Joseph Alexis, Doug Munn, Nigel Colclough and Brock Fraser

**Day of Volunteers:** Derek Thody, Chad Gehon, Matt Frew, Scott Farrell, Kyle Frost-Gill, Tim Baillie, Reo Jerome, Paul Cronin, Sam Scholes, Jonathan Siemens and Tom Baird



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## BC Government's Medal of Good Citizenship



Congratulations to brother Dylan Van Rooyen for receiving the Medal of Good Citizenship from the BC Government. We are very proud of Dylan for the volunteer work he has done, and continues to do in the community in so many different areas involving Surrey's youth. This award recognizes individuals who, through exceptional long-term service, have made outstanding contributions to their communities without expectation of remuneration or reward. On behalf of SFFCS, we thank the BC Government for recognizing one of our own, and one of BC & Surrey's outstanding citizens

## Community Leader Awards 2016

Congratulations to IAFF 1271 members Amanda Roman, Dan Kehler and Kevin Coplin for being recognized for their community service in the Surrey Leader Community Awards in categories: Emergency Services and Courage & Bravery.



HONOURABLE MENTION  
**Amanda Roman**  
► FIRE SERVICE DISPATCHER COMMUNICATES COMPASSION WITH SELFLESS ACTS

MICHAELA GARSTIN

EVAN SEAL

As communications dispatcher with Surrey Fire Service, Amanda Roman has dedicated much of her off-duty time to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society and the B.C. Burn Fund – both before and after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"In between receiving treatment, I would do my best to keep up-to-date with what the charitable society was doing and how I could continue to help out whenever possible," said Roman.

She has sat on the Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society's Adopt-a-Family Committee for the past three years, coordinating and hosting families in need and providing a Christmas experience for the less-fortunate at the YMCA.

Roman also volunteers annually for other fundraisers, including the Mayor's Gala fundraiser and Christmas tree chips. In addition, she has spent several days at Stanley Park setting up holiday lights for Bright Nights, which raises funds for the B.C. Burn Fund. She is also a counsellor at the B.C. Burn Camp.

As a cancer survivor, Roman has raised more than \$10,000 for the B.C. Cancer Foundation through the annual Light the Night Walk and other social fundraisers.

Recently Roman travelled to Nicaragua with other B.C. Burn Fund volunteers to provide firefighters in that country with new and used equipment, and uniforms.

HONOURABLE MENTION  
**Kevin Coplin**

► LENDING A HAND TO THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

MICHAELA GARSTIN

From the start of his career with the Surrey Fire Service, Kevin Coplin has dedicated much of his time off-duty to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society.

Coplin, who has served in Surrey for the past 10 years, has made it his mission to help those in need by taking a leadership role as director for several fundraising initiatives aimed at youth and education programs. He has led his teams to raise more than \$100,000 for worthy causes.

"Helping youth is where you'll make a big impact because they are the future leaders and the next generation," said Coplin. "Every time I get a thank you from a kid who succeeded despite the odds, that's what makes this all worth it."

Coplin's fundraising efforts include sitting on the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society's golf committee, which donates \$50,000 annually to youth programs, and leading a committee for the annual Ignite a Dream event that supports disadvantaged youth with educational opportunities and scholarships. He helped raise \$75,000 for the bursary.

Coplin has also headed the committee in charge of running an emergency services soccer tournament that raises \$5,000 for the society annually and recently coordinated the inaugural Hockey for Mental Health and Addiction tournament, which supports SFU's Chair for Youth Mental Health.



EVAN SEAL



TOP HONOUR  
**Dan Kehler**

► MAKING SURE KIDS HAVE A FAIR START – AND A FULL BELLY – IN ORDER TO SUCCEED

MICHAELA GARSTIN

When he's not on duty, Surrey firefighter Dan Kehler is dedicated to giving back through the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society, particularly the Nutritional Snack Program.

With Kehler's hard work as program coordinator, the Nutritional Snack Program has grown in the past 19 years to serve 113 schools and thousands of kids. This is largely due to the hundreds of hours Kehler and other Surrey firefighters spend every month ordering, purchasing, organizing and delivering the food to local schools.

"Everyone deserves a fair start and those children who don't have the very basics don't get that," said Kehler. "How can someone do well in school, sports, relationships and life without the basics – food, clothing and a house to live in?"

The budget of the program has grown due to increasing need and Kehler has been responsible for directing \$1 million of food into Surrey schools to feed hungry children.

Over the years the program has expanded to provide breakfast, in addition to snacks, and perishable food such as eggs and yogurt.

While the program mainly serves elementary schools, it also runs in high schools and schools run by the Surrey School District for at-risk youth.

"If a kid goes to school with little or nothing, they can't focus on learning. This is fundamentally wrong," said Kehler, who has received feedback from teachers that their students can concentrate and perform better in school after eating one of the program's meals or snacks. "They can't learn properly if they're focusing on hunger."

Kehler has also volunteered with the annual Mayor's Gala fundraiser. He sat on the Surrey Fire Service's Occupational Health and Safety Committee for the past 10 years and has spent hundreds of hours researching and advocating for best safe practices for his co-workers.

EVAN SEAL



## Star of the Sea School



The Star of the Sea School put on an event where a student could buy a ride to school in a fire truck. The lucky participant got a ride with Captain Marc Nielsen, Curtis Klassen, Paul Jaswal and David Sheriff to school. Thank to the above for making this a special day for the winner.

## Charity Trailer

The Surrey Fire Fighters' Local 1271 Charity Trailer is intended to be used exclusively for Local 1271 or Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society events.

- Charity or Union event must have prior approval from the L1271 Executive
- Local 1271 member(s) must be in attendance
- Local 1271 member(s) using the Charity Trailer and its contents must ensure that the trailer is returned in the same condition as it was received
- Contact a L1271 executive if there is any damage to the trailer or any of its contents while being used at a function
- Do not BBQ under the tent to prevent damage to the tent
- No rental fee or damage deposit will be required



Trailer is located at Hall 7

## Golf Tournament - June 23, 2016

It turned out to be a great day at the Northview golf course for the 5th annual Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society's golf tournament!

Thank you to Dylan Van Rooyen, John Murphy, Matt Corrin, Curtis Klassen, Eric Pollock, Scott Thiessen and Tommy McDougall for organizing this year's tournament. A special thank you to all those volunteers that showed up on the day of.

The event raised \$50,0000





## Update on the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society

### Endowment Fund:

- ⇒ \$4.5M in our Endowment Fund. 14% growth
- ⇒ Added \$1.25 Million to the fund the past four years

### Fundraising

- ⇒ Revenue is up 30% consistently the past two years over \$1.1 Million
- ⇒ New revenue sources such as grants, individual donors, online donations, donor mail out cards, and member interest in major fund-raising initiatives

### Program Delivery

- ⇒ We are delivering \$700,000 back to the community each year

### Capital Campaigns Outlook = \$1.25 Million

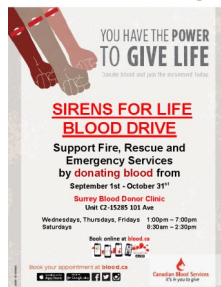
- ⇒ \$500,000—Surrey Hospital Mental Health
- ⇒ \$350,000 – YMCA Gymnasium 'New' Surrey North
- ⇒ \$250,000 – SFU Surrey Mental Health & Addiction research
- ⇒ \$150,000 – MRI Tech Unit, SMH & Iron Soldier Project
- ⇒ \$500,000 - Peace Arch Hospital

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 30th Anniversary of the Golf Classic Sept 20, 2016

Cost \$115.00 (cart incl.) Location: Northview Ridge Course. Shotgun Start 8:30am; dinner at the Bennett. Cheques to "Surrey Firefighter's Golf Club" Attn: Craig McLachlan Hall 2B

### Sirens for Life Blood Drive Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2015



### Boot Drive Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2016

We are looking for members to come out and help "shake a boot" for a few hours. If you can help, please email Ryan Dance at ryandance449@hotmail.com

### Hockey for Mental Health - Oct 21, 2016

Break the Ice Hockey Tournament is about raising funding and awareness towards Mental Health and Addiction initiatives. We want to create a new narrative, 'new normal' and remove the stigma attached with Mental Illness. Creating public awareness and promoting access to resources for citizens and/or first responders is the goal. Contact: Kevin Coplin for more information



On behalf of the Surrey Fire Fighters' Executive Board, thank you for all your dedication and energy towards member and public engagement. Having resource support from Surrey Fire Service administration is appreciated and greatly assists us in our outreach programs. It truly makes a difference in our community.

*Sincerely,*

*Local 1271 Executive*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with all our members who are recovering from treatment**

### Retirees - New Horizons

- Kevin Loster - May 29
- Gary Nedelak - June 21
- Karen Anderson - June 20
- George Van Dongen - June 30