



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## Parksville Fire Rescue Annual Open House - October 27

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual open house on Sunday, October 27 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. Residents are invited to learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. There will be educational displays and activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, bunker gear challenge for kids, and so much more.

Fire prevention week is recognized by the National Fire Protection Association from October 6 to October 12 and this year's fire prevention week theme is **"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"** strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Parksville Fire has some key safety tips for residents:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways, and on every floor of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Smoke alarms need to be replaced when they are ten years old or don't respond when tested.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

### QUOTE - FIRE CHIEF MARC NORRIS

"We encourage residents to embrace this year's fire prevention week theme, *Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!* All residents should have working smoke alarms in their homes. Smoke alarms provide early detection by alerting occupants to a fire in their homes, giving time to escape. Fires can grow quickly with toxic smoke; a properly installed and maintained smoke alarm provides the best chance of early detection and getting out. Our members look forward to our annual open house and the opportunity to meet the public."

**OPEN HOUSE:** Sunday, October 27, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West.

**RECRUITMENT:** We have begun our planning for 2025 recruitment, seeking volunteer paid on-call firefighters. For info, stop by Parksville Fire Rescue, call 250 248-3242 or visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca).

**MORE INFO:** Contact Parksville Fire Rescue at 250 248-3242 for info about Parksville activities. For more general information about fire prevention week and fire prevention in general, visit [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw), [sparky.org](http://sparky.org) and [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca).

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### For more information:

Parksville Fire Rescue  
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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations,  
home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

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