

TALKING FIRE

SUMMER SAFETY



- Make summer more pleasurable by putting safety first to prevent injuries and incidents.
- Never leave children unattended near swimming pools, ponds or lakes.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms at your cottage / trailer.
- Never leave a lit barbeque unsupervised, or operate it closer than one metre from combustibles.
- Provide a minimum 5BC portable fire extinguisher on your boat.
- Be cautious with the placement of citronella candles and never leave them unattended.
- Never leave a campfire unattended and always have a means to extinguish it available at all times.
- Within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford open air burning is regulated under By-Law Number 68-96 that prohibits campfires.



Secretaries/Dispatchers

Joan Franks has been with the Stratford Fire Department for 18 years as Secretary/Dispatcher. During that time, she has enjoyed working for three Fire Chiefs and taken part with the computerization of the Department. Outside of the work environment, family is her number one priority along with church, local service club and fund raising projects.



Jackie Patterson has served as a Secretary/Dispatcher with the Stratford Fire Department for the past 16 1/2 years and looks forward to many more enjoyable years with the department. Her time is split between doing secretarial duties for the Administration, Fire Prevention and Training Divisions and relieving two of the dispatchers when they are on holidays. Jackie and her husband Kevin have one daughter Ashley, along with two cats and their new addition, Aussie (an 11 week old Australian Sheperd/Retriever) pup. They enjoy participating in car shows with Kevin's 1976 Chrysler New Yorker, boating and fishing.

HISTORY

In 1879 tired of pulling the heavy steamer to fires (at times needing 100 men to get the engine to the incident and set up), firemen, without the approval of Council, bought a team of horses. Council frowned on the idea, sold them and offered \$2.00 to the first team of horses that could get to the station. The confusion at the hall during fire calls was too much, so the horses were re-purchased.

Contributed by Lieutenant Rick Micks



STATS - MAY & JUNE 2005

Fire Suppression:

Emergency Responses

May 131

June 143

Fire Prevention:

Inspections 264

Public Education 300

Training Evolutions:

Medical-Respiratory Emergencies - **32 hrs**

Pumper #4 Pumping Operations - **64 hrs**

Hose Testing -38 mm and 65 mm hose - **64 hrs**

Medical-Cardiac Emergencies - **32 hrs**

Aerial #1-Pumping/Ladder Operations - **128 hrs**

Pump Test-all vehicles - **64 hrs**

Anyone with questions in regards to fire and life safety is encouraged to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 271-3212. Visit our website at www.city.stratford.on.ca