

**HORTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**ESTABLISHED 1967**

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## OVERVIEW/INFORMATION

### HISTORY

Established in 1967, Horton Fire Department has been serving the Municipality of the Township of Horton for fifty years + ..... and counting.

Initially, with the assistance of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, the required types and amount of equipment were established, and purchases were made.

A 1967 Ford Chassis was purchased from H. B. Elliott Ltd. Of Renfrew and this was fitted with a King Seagrave Pumper Body at a total purchase price of \$17,998.00 (in 1967 dollars)

The original Firefighter Compliment consisted of Fire Chief Clarke Eady and eight Firefighters.

The first Firehall was at Clarke Eady's Garage on Burnstown Road. It was a heated garage and the Township paid Mr. Eady a sum of \$50.00 per month to store apparatus and equipment there.

Our current Firehall was completed at the present location of 2253 Johnston Road and the Department moved into the new facility in 1983.

In the early 2000's the hall addition was completed with the inclusion of a training room, additional washrooms, storage, offices and a third truck bay. This is the hall you see today.

### PAST AND CURRENT SERVING FIRE CHIEFS

- Clarke Eady                      1967 – 1979
- Chris Legris                      1979 – 1984
- David M Bennett                1984 – 1985
- Guy Longtin                      1985 – 1988
- Dave Campbell                 1988 – 2001
- Randy Corbin                    2001 – 2019
- J. Allan Cole                     2019 - Present

## **THE 3 LINES OF DEFENCE**

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office identifies and promotes a Fire Protection Strategy known as the "Three Lines of Defence"

Line of Defence	Description
1. Public Education and Prevention	Educating residents of the community on means for them to fulfill their responsibilities for their own fire safety is a proven method of reducing the incidence of fire. Only by educating residents can fires be prevented and can those affected by fires respond properly to save lives, reduce injury, and reduce the impact of fires.
2. Fire Safety Standards and Enforcement	Ensuring that buildings have the required fire protection systems, safety features, including fire safety plans, and that these systems are maintained, so that the severity of fires may be minimized
3. Emergency Response	Providing well trained and equipped firefighters directed by capable officers to stop the spread of fires once they occur and to assist in protecting the safety of residents. This is the failsafe for times when fires occur despite prevention efforts.

## **STAFFING OVERVIEW**

- Fire Chief                      One (1)
- Deputy Fire Chief            One (1)
- Fire Captain                    Two (2)
- Firefighters                    Sixteen (16)
- Total Compliment            Twenty (20)





## **APPARATUS OVERVIEW**

HFD has four active service apparatus.

First out Pumper is 9614

- Manufactured in 2018
- Freightliner / Metalfab
- 5000Lpm midship pump
- 4000L tank with 80L foam cell
- Three position master intake valves with priming available at each intake (right, left and rear)
- Class A foam available on two transverse 1 3/4 pre-connect and one 2 ½ pre-connect on the hose bed.

Second out pumper is 9624

- Manufactured min 1996
- GMC / Almonte Fire Trucks
- 4000 Lpm midship pump
- 3600 L tank
- Drafting available at rear (reduced capacity)
- Class A foam available only from single inline eductor (external)

Tanker is 9717

- Manufactured in 1992
- International / Almonte Fire Trucks
- 12000 L tank
- 4" portable pump
- 4" cabinet mounted pump
- Two 6000L portable tanks on board

Utility Pickup is 9837

- Manufactured in 2024
- Ram 2500 4 x 4 Extended Cab c/w 8' box
- Two forestry pumps
- Five forestry hose bags of 500' ea.
- Various other forestry and utility items



## **WHO WE ARE**

We are your neighbors, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, cousins.

The list goes on.

We are anyone with a desire to serve the community.

We all live within reasonable commuting (response) distance to the Fire Hall, located at 2253 Johnston Road, typically 8km or less by road.

We bring a broad array of talents to the table, outside of our firefighting duties.

We are:

- Tradespeople – plumbers, electricians, carpenters
- Bell Telephone Repair Technicians
- Internet and Cable TV installers
- Paramedics
- Retail Workers
- Heavy Equipment Mechanics
- Truck Drivers
- Farmers
- Industrial Workers
- Sales Representatives
- Sellers of Propane and Propane Accessories (just like Hank Hill from King of the Hill)
- We work for the Federal Government
- Current and past serving CAF personnel
- We could be any of these and more.

We are people who share a common desire to help our community.

We meet or exceed the minimum health and fitness requirements of the job

We are a closely knit family..... acceptance by this family is hard. Once established, the bond translates to so much more than family.

We share common experiences, good times and bad.

We often see things on the fireground that most civilians would not, or even want to.

Our common bond helps us through those rough times

The good times are great, a successful fire knockdown, fire prevention activities, the camaraderie amongst the team.

We truly enjoy coming to the Fire Hall, it is our second home.

We are Horton Firefighters.

## **WHAT WE DO**

It is our mission to continually strive to provide prevention, education, and fire/life safety protection services to the residents and visitors of the Township of Horton. Through teamwork, dedication and training, the members of the Horton Fire Department contribute professionally to the department's success.

### **Core Services**

Changes in the Horton Fire Service are not unique as the fire protection industry is rapidly evolving provincially, nationally, and globally. Conventionally, volunteer fire departments would typically respond to fire situations but today, fire service personnel respond to a much more extensive array of incidents.

Development, population increases, technological advancements, and societal change are some examples that bring about an increase in community risks, placing higher demands onto service providers, including the Township's Fire Service.

On average, our department receives between 40 and 60 emergency call outs per year. Regular scheduled training takes place every Monday evening with additional special training from time-to-time. Members are also encouraged to attend additional professional skills training, in person and on-line.

Public education, fire prevention and public relation duties are typical firefighter requirements and occur throughout the year.

Examples of core services provided by the Horton Fire Department include:

- fire prevention
- public education
- structural firefighting
- automobile fires
- motor vehicle accidents



- grass, bush, forestry firefighting
- water/ice rescue shore base
- alarm response
- public assistance
- public utilities assistance
- mutual aid
- extensive training
- station duties
- public relations



**HOLD YOURSELF RESPONSIBLE  
FOR A HIGHER STANDARD  
THAN ANYBODY ELSE EXPECTS OF YOU**



**NEVER EXCUSE YOURSELF  
NEVER PITY YOURSELF**

LEATHERHEAD MAFIA

## **VOLUNTEERING WITH HORTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **RECRUIT STAFFING PROCEDURES**

Participation as a volunteer member of the fire service brings additional benefits including increased personal satisfaction, heightened self-esteem, and a tremendous sense of accomplishment for a job well done. Your involvement will also provide your community with a valuable service that comes with the potential to touch us all.

The Horton Fire Department has implemented an evaluation process to provide all applicants with impartial opportunity.

In an effort to provide individuals who have an interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter with key information and job expectations, the individual will be required to attend a recruiting orientation session as a prerequisite to the recruitment process. After attending the orientation session, the individual will possess better awareness of the participation requirements and the nature of our business. Individuals have an opportunity to consider the commitments before making their final decision.

After attending the orientation session, the individual will be able to make formal application to become a volunteer firefighter, at which point an initial screening will be conducted to verify minimum requirements.

An applicant advancing to the next stage of the process will be considered a candidate. The evaluation process comprises of three phases.

- **Phase 1** includes the skills assessments, which are job related ability tests and are the physical component of the recruiting process. These tests will be conducted to assess the candidate's ability to perform specific job-related assignments.
- **Phase 2** is a formal interview from a panel of interviewers. Scores will be assigned based on the candidate's achievements through the process.
- **Phase 3** is the candidates list where individual scores will be ranked in ascending order. Vacant positions will be filled from the candidates list.

The next stage consists of a conditional recruit offer package. The candidate will be required to obtain and produce the following documentation: a current driver's

abstract from the Ministry of Transportation; a vulnerable sector check from the local Police Service; a medical assessment from a licensed physician; and a signed fire service agreement.

An informal consultation will also be encouraged with the candidate's partner and/or family member to discuss the candidate's commitments as a firefighter.

A probationary period of one year will require the recruit to successfully acquire all necessary training and demonstrate their commitment as a member of the McNab/Braeside Fire Department.

## **HORTON FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Horton Firefighters' Association is a member driven organization consisting of Horton Firefighters as regular members and associate members, with the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief acting in an ex-officio capacity.

The association consists of a President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Members.

The purpose for which the Association is constituted is four-fold:

- a- to promote and further the development of fire protection and fire prevention
- b- to promote educational programs for the benefit of the membership
- c- to promote and arrange social activities for the benefit of the membership
- d- to assist with the costs of upgrading fire department equipment

The association takes the lead and/or assists with three major initiatives that take place annually within the Township. That plus a lot more.

- Township of Horton Canada Day Breakfast. Held annually each July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Horton Community Center, Horton Fire Department, with the assistance of the Association, puts up an information display, brings the trucks out and generally promotes good fire safety practices. Sparky, the Fire Safety Dog, generally makes an appearance at this fun event.
- Horton Fall Classic. This Annual Golf Tournament is held the first Saturday of October in the format of an eighteen-hole best ball tournament. The Association has teamed up with some GREAT Sponsors and last years' tourney was a real success. Substantial financial donations were made to Renfrew Hospice and the Renfrew Food bank as a result.



- Halloween Horton Haunted Fire Hall. Held October 31 each year, this event ties in as a close-out to the Ontario Fire Prevention Week activities. The Association goes all out on this one, with the creation of a Haunted Fire Hall and all the spooky sights and sounds that would be expected. This event is geared to the little ones, typically aged 10 and under. On average, we would see 100 to 200 little ghosts and goblins and their families, sending them off with a loot bag filled with goodies and some really good Fire Prevention info. Did we mention the hot dogs and drinks for the kids? Sparky never misses this event, and the kids love it.
- Every Christmas season you will see the Association quietly checking the needs of the community and making various donations to those organizations who can put the funding to best use. It's just what they do.

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