

Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue

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Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue provides fire protection and emergency response for the residents of Drummond/North Elmsley Township and Tay Valley Township.

The Fire Department provides the community with the optimum level of affordable protection from fire and other related public safety hazards, while also ensuring health and safety for firefighters.

The Fire Department consists of more than 60 highly-trained volunteers responding out of two stations under the direction of a full-time Fire Chief and two volunteer Station Chiefs.

The Fire Department covers a geographic area of more than 998 square kilometres, and serves more than 18,000 permanent and seasonal residents.

The BBD&E Station responds to an average of 150 calls per year and the South Sherbrooke Station in Maberly responds to an average of 40 calls per year. These calls vary from fires to medical emergencies to vehicle accidents to water/ice rescues as well as hazardous material spills. The Fire Department also provides assistance to neighboring fire departments when required.

FIRE PERMITS

A FIRE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL OPEN AIR BURNING

Drummond/North Elmsley Township - By-Law 2006-29

Fire permits are available free of charge at the Municipal Office or the Fire Department Administration Office. If you are unable to attend in person, please call the Fire Department Administration Office.

You are NOT required to obtain a new permit each calendar year. Once you have obtained a permit, EVERY TIME you wish to burn, you must call the Fire Department Administration Office at 613-267-2596 Ext. 2.

Hours of burning: SUNRISE TO SUNSET ONLY (seven days a week)

Any person who deliberately sets a fire without a permit, fails to meet requirements of the permit, or refuses to assist in controlling or extinguishing a fire, may be held liable for all costs. The cost is \$410.00 per hour for every vehicle that responds to the emergency.

Burn Barrels: A fire permit is required when using one.

Campfires: No fire permit is required if such burning consists of a small, confined fire supervised at all times, and is used to cook food.

Recommended guidelines for campfire pits:

- Built of non-combustible material not less than 2.0 feet (0.6 m) above grade;
- Not greater than 3.0 feet (1.0 m) in diameter;
- Surrounded by non-combustible ground cover;
- A metal grate installed on top of the campfire pit;
- Flame height not greater than 3.0 feet (1.0 m) above grade

ANNUAL COUNTY WIDE FIRE BAN

NO OPEN AIR BURNING IN LANARK COUNTY FROM APRIL 1st - MAY 15th

ROAD ACCESS

It is important that a fire truck or ambulance be able to access your laneway when responding to an emergency call at your house or cottage. An access that is not suitable for a large pumper truck or ambulance may affect the effectiveness of emergency personnel responding to an emergency call at that location. You are responsible to ensure that your laneway is snow ploughed and clear of limbs or trees to a minimum width of 15 feet with a clearance of 15 feet overhead. Any turns or corners must be wide enough to allow the trucks to drive directly to the

residence. It is also important to ensure that your blue and white civic address sign is clearly visible.

SMOKE ALARMS

1. Choose the right smoke alarms. There are many types available with different power sources, technologies and features. For more information visit www.ofm.gov.on.ca or contact the fire department.
2. Install in the proper locations. Working smoke alarms must be located on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Avoid installing smoke alarms in or adjacent to kitchens and bathrooms, or near air vents, windows and ceiling fans.
3. If a smoke alarm frequently activates due to cooking activities or using the shower do not remove the battery! Try moving the smoke alarm, purchasing a smoke alarm with a hush feature, or replacing ionization alarms located near kitchens with photoelectric alarms. For more solutions to nuisance alarms, visit www.makeitstop.ca
4. Install a new battery at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning sounds. Test the smoke alarm after installing a new battery.
5. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and upon returning home after an absence of more than a few days. If the alarm fails to sound when the test button is pressed, make sure the battery is installed correctly, or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one.
6. Smoke alarms more than ten years old should be replaced with new ones.
7. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing, testing and maintaining smoke alarms.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Fire Chief: Greg Saunders

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer: Megan Sargeant

BBD&E Station Chief: Paul Cameron

South Sherbrooke Station Chief: Jeff Kirkham

For more information please contact the Fire Department Administration Office:

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