



Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) – Information

Background

- In 1966 a group of Community members with the support of the Kaleden Community Hall Board purchased a portable fire pump on a trailer and 10 residents volunteered to form a Volunteer Department.
- In 1972 a referendum was held within the community, the Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department was formed and became a service of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen.

Current Status

- Today the Kaleden Fire District covers 600+ Homes in areas of Kaleden Proper, White Lake road, St Andrews and Highway 3A West of Kaleden. Area is +/- 20 km². We cover the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory. On Highway 97 we provide protection to all homes and business from Gillespie House to Banbury Green. We do not cover Penticton Indian Band Lands directly.
- KVFD Road Rescue area covers from Viewpoint on 97 to Gillespie House, Highway 3A to far end of Yellow Lake, Marron Valley Road and Twin Lakes/White Lake Road areas.
- KVFD Fire hall is at 303 Lakehill Road and KVFD has a Training Ground at 257 Dogwood Avenue.
- KVFD is supported by a Command Rescue/First Responder Unit/ a four-wheel drive mini Fire pumper with full set of Equipment/ Certified Fire pumper/ Fire Department Water Tender with pump.
- KVFD is in the process of replacing our Primary pumper as it has almost reached its age limit.
- KVFD was last registered by the Fire Underwriter Service at level 3A.
- KVFD has all the required Firefighter PPE/Medical First Responder Equipment/ Auto Extrication Equipment/ Self contained Breathing Apparatus/Over the band Rope Rescue equipment/Structure and Wildfire equipment. We are well equipped and up to date.
- RDOS service Bylaw allows KVFD to provide Fire Protection/provide Auto Extrication/provide Medical First Response/ provide Low and Medium Angle Rescue.
- Kaleden Fire District is covered by the RDOS Open Burning Bylaw and manages the Open Burning program.
- KVFD has an in house Firesmart Board.
- KVFD is an active member of the Regional Mutual Aid agreement, assisting and getting assistance from the other Fire Departments in the Regional District.
- In 2022 KVFD with our Mini Pumper did 24 consecutive -12 hour shifts on the Keremeos Creek Wildfire.



- KVFD Responds on average to +/-110 Incidents each year with call types as follows - Structure Fire 1-2, Wildland Fire 1-2, increasingly more involvement and assistance to the Province for Wildfires, Motor Vehicle Accidents +/-25 and 50 +/- Medical First Response. Other response may be to Home Alarm Activation, Burning Complaints, Gas or Electrical Emergencies, Community Assistance etc. Kaleden also provides and does Mutual Aid to other Fire Departments in RDOS.
- All members of KVFD are Paid-on-call Volunteers with a vast background to support us.
- Currently there are 8 Officers with a total Firefighting membership of 21. We hope 5 new recruits will start in January 2023. KVFD has a support staff of 6.

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