

EWFD and MFPD would like to wish all resident HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROPEROUS 2024

Hopefully 2024 will be better then 2023 on the fire scene in BC.

EWFD would personally like to thank all residents of MFPD district for your cooperation last year by following our rules on outdoor burning. During the peak of the heat spell from May 1st to September 30th we only had 3 smoke complaints. Those calls were handled by our Burn Permit Laison Officer or Duty Officer and did not involve a callout. One major challenge is when people call or text, the number on their permit and say Hi I am burning today. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS. Your address is then sent to the officers group. When there is a smoke complaint in our district Surrey Dispatch is supposed to first call our Duty Officers and they will determine what actions are necessary. This has cut down on callouts where permits have been issued.**

197 permits were issued in 2023 which is by far the most ever. This means to us that residents are concerned for keeping our district safe and it helps us by not having nuisance calls, and having the department as a whole respond to a non-emergency. Just a reminder that your fire department is made up of **TOTALLY UNPAID VOLUNTEERS.**

YOUR FIRST MOVE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY IS TO CALL 911

At the end of last year starting in October I wrote all burn permits out to the end of 2023. This proved to cut down on renewing every couple of weeks or months. From my side it worked out very well and people were very good at calling or texting the day they were going to burn. So, I decided that all permits starting today Jan 1st 2024 will be issued with and end date of March 31st 2024. After that date new permits will be issued for a shorter duration depending on the weather forecast.

Remember when building you burn piles to follow these guidelines:

Build Cover Permit Venting Call day of burn with address

Wayne Morgan

EWFD Burn Permit Laison Officer