

Dysart Volunteer Fire Department

History – The Dysart Volunteer Fire Department was reorganized in April 1976 and comprised of 12 members, three of which are still current members of the department. Over the years the members have changed but the role they play remains the same.

Present Status – The Department is currently composed of 17 members. They are supported by a pumper unit that carries 700 gallons of water and has a pumping capacity of 500 gallons of water per minute. In addition, the department has an emergency vehicle which carries the members and equipment such as SCBA'S Air bottles, first aid materials, tools, etc... We also have a very elaborate communications system complete with a base station, mobile radios, pagers and are currently waiting for the new P25's radios that are being implemented province wide which allow us to complete access to 911.

Responsibilities – The department provides fire prevention activities for the community through Open House and Fire Prevention Week Activities and fire protection services to the Village of Dysart and its residents. It also has a protective services agreement with the R.M. of Lipton No. 217 and a mutual agreement with the communities along Highway # 22.

Awards and Recognitions – The Department and its members have been recognized by several agencies. These include the Spirit of Volunteerism in Community Award by the Last Touch Regional Recreation Association; Fire Services Exemplary Medals from the office of the Fire Commissioners for 20 years of loyal and meritorious service to public security in Canada; Protective Services Medals from the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan recognizing 25 years of Exemplary Services for the Safety and security of citizens in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Membership – The Dysart Fire Department is a member of SVFFA – Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. Each member also carries insurance that gives 24-7 coverage, the costs of which is bourn by the Department. The Village of Dysart also provides insurance for each member of the department through SUMA.

Activities – To ensure that equipment can be purchased and is up to date and available, many fundraisers are hosted by the department. These include our Annual Action Day, Catering suppers with the Historical Society, and serving bars at local functions.

Thank You's - The department thanks the citizens of our community for all their continuous support. Also special thanks to the Dysart Loins Club, Dysart Knights of Columbus and Raymore Credit Union along with the Village of Dysart and the R.M. of Lipton No. 217 as well as other fire departments i.e. Regina Airport Fire Department Authority and Edmonton Fire Department. These donors provide funding and equipment to support the needs and requirements of our department.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.