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## 250 Years of Fire Service



Statue carved by **Paul Hopkins** (District Chief) honouring 250 years of firefighting in HRM

*Photo: Gordon Lehmann*

*Submitted by Lieut. Robert Andrews  
Station 8, A Platoon*

The kick off for the Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's 250th anniversary got under way with overcast skies and a threat of rain, at the grand parade in Downtown Halifax on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Firefighters from core and rural, paid and volunteer, arrived early to set up displays and equipment. After a great pancake breakfast, the official ceremony got under way as MC **Tom Silver** introduced the quests on stage including, Lieutenant Governor **Myra Freeman**, Mayor **Peter Kelly**, Chief Director **Michael Eddy**, **Phil McNulty** (Union President) and members of municipal, provincial and federal governments.

A new flag was unveiled, as well as a new flag pole which was dedicated to the Fire Service for use during special events. A

winning artwork submission was also unveiled. Students from Colonel John Stuart Elementary School in Cole Harbour, were presented with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for a contest to produce artwork for a new book about the history of the regional fire service, due to be out in the fall of 2005.

A special highlight was when Lt. Governor **Myra Freeman** unveiled a statue of a firefighter made from a fallen tree during hurricane Juan and carved by our own District Chief **Paul Hopkins**.

All those who attended the event had a great time as they saw equipment and vehicles from yesterday and today, watched members of the high angle rescue team repel from the clock tower of city hall and some even got to ride in the snorkel!

Thanks to all those members who volunteered their time to help out during the day and to the planning committee for coordinating the event.



Chief Director Michael Eddy and Lt. Gov. Myra Freeman at the official ceremony at Grand Parade

*Photo: Gordon Lehmann*

More photographs of the Event are on page 11



**Chief Director  
Mike Eddy**

## Message from the Chief's Office

Welcome to the June edition of *FeedLine* and my monthly article. I know everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of summer since Spring has been disappointing so far. For the golfers, bikers and gardeners it has been especially gloomy, but we are used to it and will make the best of whatever Mother Nature sends our way.

I have five topics to address this month. I want to briefly cover the approved **Capital and Operating Budget, the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Mike Dunphy and the Associates Report – Action Committee, my Leadership Development Program Presentations** and answer a question posed to me regarding promotions.

The **Capital Budget** was approved at \$6,665,000. A brief breakdown follows for projects that impact Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency:

Water Supply (hose, dry hydrants, etc.) Core & Rural	\$291,000
Opticom Signalization for traffic lights	\$78,000
SCBA Upgrades	\$97,000
Apparatus Purchases	\$2,512,000
Utilities	\$171,000
Station Alerting	\$24,000
TMR	\$3,298,000
Building Upgrades	\$194,000

Our total Operating Budget is \$39,211,000 for 04/05 and the key additions this year are:

- 8 FTE's (Firefighters to allow the reopening of Station 11 in the fall)
- Urban Search and Rescue (Municipal share to leverage federal funding)
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear (Municipal share to leverage federal funding).

We also have Business Plan items approved that impact other business unit budgets:

- 1 HR Person to deal with Volunteer issues and recruitment and retention
- 3 Code Enforcement for Planning and Development to deal with By-Law M100, etc
- .5 FTE for Occupational Health Nurse to address Health and Wellness
- .5 FTE to monitor compliance with safety standards
- 1 FTE to deal with Telecommunications
- CAD/RMS IT Support, 1 FTE in Shared Services
- 1 FTE to work with Mechanical Stores

Overall, we are pleased to see the advancement of our goals and objectives as developed in the business planning process and realize that the past year was very challenging for HRM given the natural disasters and the assessment challenges laid on us by the Provincial Government.

**On May 31<sup>st</sup>**, I had the pleasure of representing all of you as the Chief of our Service at our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Grand Parade. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the planning and attending this wonderful event. The crews who demonstrated our equipment and our abilities to the public and other HRM staff were a huge hit and I am still hearing from those who rappelled off City Hall, or went for a snorkel ride. To all, well done and a fine showing of pride and dedication to duty. I think everyone noted the large contingent of politicians at the event, as well as many of our retired members. They were a very welcome addition to the event.

I must also note a very special thank you to D/C Paul Hopkins for giving us his time and talent to sculpt the firefighter and flames from a huge tree felled by Hurricane Juan. The sculpture was well received by all who viewed it and although we do not yet have a final decision on where to display it, we will make sure the location is respectful and

## Message from the Chief's Office

appropriate for such a sculpture that represents all the fire departments that have come together to form Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency.

You may remember that we hired **Mike Dunphy and Associates** to conduct a Quality of Worklife Assessment some time ago. While this review was focused on career life within HRFE, we realized the findings will be of value to our whole service. The report identified 10 recommendations and I wanted all 10 of these identified with appropriate action for implementation. To this end, I formed a committee and with the approval of the Union Executive we addressed the items. I am extremely pleased that the Committee, led by Diane Wooden were able to identify action steps for making the recommendations a reality. We will be working to action all items and have set a six month review period for the group to come together and assess our outputs. I will have the recommendations and action plan sent to all stations for you to read. Please note, this committee has addressed the issues identified in the last HRM Employee Survey so those are included as action items also.

I trust all of you are aware of my effort to make sure everyone in our service has heard about our Mission, Vision, Values and Guiding Principles. To this end, I have now developed a module for our **Leadership Development Program** which encompasses a focus on Values Based Leadership, utilizing those values developed by representatives of all the various groups that make up HRFE. I have completed several of these and have 3 more

planned before summer. For anyone who is interested in becoming a career officer or senior officer, the overall program is mandatory and my module is the first of the series. Please come out to one of the sessions so you can hear what we are doing for career development and gain a new or enhanced understanding of our strategic plan, values, etc. To those who say I've been through this before and don't need to hear about our values again, I ask a simple question. Can you recite the values, what they mean to us and how you exemplify these from memory?

During our work on the Dunphy Report Action Plan, I was asked to respond to a matter of concern in the stations. Specifically, I was asked what the connection may be to people who ask questions and the impact of this to their eventual promotional opportunities. This matter can be best addressed if I am dealing with specifics around an individual, or a situation and I will welcome anyone who wishes to confide in me related to this.

Generally, I consider people who ask questions, or question why something is as it is, to be our most effective members and the reason this fire service is the best in Canada. That being said, we do not screen people in or out of competitions based on their questioning of policies, decisions, etc. We need to be clear on the word questioning, for I do not consider constant, negative complaining and whining to be synonymous with questioning. Questioning as to why (I always tell our new recruits and attendees during my LDP module about the importance of asking why, and for

officers to explain why, except in dire emergency circumstances) is very appropriate and necessary to building our own knowledge base and to suggesting change or improvements to systems. The piece I look at is **leadership** and whether the questioning, or challenge comes in a professional manner, without confrontation or the taking of pot shots. I believe it is not only acceptable, but desired. I don't want people to turn their brains off when they come to the fire station. We need it active and ready to perform at all times.

I think the best way to sum this up is to tell you, I once received my yearly evaluation from my Captain who was looking toward a management position. He made it shortly after my year end review and I'll always remember his comment written on the review as negative behaviour. He wrote that "Mike is always questioning management decisions." I thanked him for this even though he found it negative for I thought it was a positive trait. I was mostly respectful in my delivery of questioning and tried to do it in a way that would make a difference for everyone. I still question management decisions and my own, that's why I'm here, to make a difference and find new ways of delivering old and new services as value to the citizens and you who deliver them.

In closing, our promotions are based on **leadership** which means challenging the status quo in a professional manner, which I believe is a good thing.

## The Toughest 2 Minutes in Sports



**August 6& 7** - Come out and celebrate with the oldest fire service in Canada by participating in the 2004 Atlantic Regional Firefighter's Combat Challenge, as Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event will be held on site of the host hotel, Park Place Ramada Plaza Hotel in Dartmouth.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is the same regardless of your sex, or age. You can do the course individually, or with a team of 3-5 people. Awards categories are Best Team (sum of three best individual times); Best individual; Best Female; Best Over 40; Best Over 50; Best Chief; and Tag Team Relay 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The challenge is held regardless of the weather.

### HISTORY OF COMBAT CHALLENGE

The first event was held in 1995 along with six other regional events held across Canada. There were 715 competitors from our 105 Fire Departments Nation wide. In 2003, there were 15 regional events with over 1,600 competitors. Future projections indicate that the sport is

going to continue to grow. The competition has been tried and recommended by many athletes and is known as the toughest two minutes in sports.

In 1999, Halifax had the opportunity to host a Regional event. The event turned out to be a great success with representation from 16 Fire Departments and over 80 competitors.

### REGISTRATION

#### *Atlantic Regional Event – Saturday August 7th*

Participants and teams are asked to register through *Firefit of Canada Limited* on line at [www.firefit.com](http://www.firefit.com). This web site provides more information about our event, as well as, other events. It also provides the most up to date information with regard to our competition.

### EVENT LOCATION AND HOST HOTEL

***Park Place Ramada Plaza Hotel***  
240 Brownlow Avenue  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia  
Tel: 1-800-561-3733  
Fax: 1-902-468-8888  
E-mail: [sales@ramadans.com](mailto:sales@ramadans.com)  
Web: <http://www.ramadans.com>

### WEEKEND EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Friday

2-6 Practice  
4-6 Registration

#### Saturday – Regular Competition

10:30 Start list posted  
11:00 All competitors on site  
11:30 Opening ceremonies  
11:45 First competitors  
6:00 Awards

### TEAM CONTACTS

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### Employee Recognition Award



The winner of the Recognizing Employee Committee draw for Fire for April was **Karen Dore**, Training

Division, May was **Nick Antoft**, B Platoon and June's winner was **Ken Giles**, D Platoon.

Do you know that Halifax Regional Municipality has a new web address:  
**[www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca)**

## Firefighters Interpretation Centre and Museum

For the first time there is a firefighters display in the Region with artifacts from the firefighting profession.

Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre Society has a Museum of artifacts set up in the **Bedford Place Mall, Bedford**. The site, set up by members, with artifacts from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville, former Halifax County is a wonderful array of photographs and firefighting equipment. The Centre will be open to the public 6 days a week from **9:30 am to 9:30 pm**.

Artifacts showcased include a mid 1800's hose/equipment cart, hose reel, photos from the Queen Hotel fire, period uniforms, badges, Gamewell fire alarm system, life net, helmets, steamer lanterns, shoulder flashes from around the world and many more artifacts (including the half of the steering wheel from the motor Pumper 'Patricia' partially destroyed in the Halifax Explosion.

For further information visit the centre, or contact **Don Snider** 454-5392, **Ron Shano** 864-2626 or **Robert Walsh** 463-7159. E-mail [don.snider@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:don.snider@ns.sympatico.ca) or visit web site [www.rfic.ca](http://www.rfic.ca)

If anyone has articles and/or photographs pertaining to early fire departments, please contact one of the above.



Student FF Randy Hazel joins retirees Don Snider (former Halifax Fire Dept.) and Robert Walsh (former Dartmouth Fire Dept.) - in circa late 1800s uniforms - posing in front of the 1934 Bickle - "The Queen".

*Photo: Mike LeRue*

## Fire Fighter Fashion Show - September 15, 2004

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency has partnered with the **Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank** to host a Fashion Show to raise money for the Food Bank. (The Food Bank is a not-for-profit organization that provides food, furniture, professional skill development, mentoring services and support services to residents of HRM).

The Fashion Show will be held at the World Trade & Convention Centre, on **Wednesday, September 15, 2004 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets will be available for \$15.00 each from the Alderney Gate main office, and various HRM store front locations. Bring out your family and friends to this great charitable event.

We are looking for male/female firefighter models interested in volunteering for this worthy cause (we already have several firefighters who have expressed interest and they will be contacted). Please call Jeanette MacKay at **490-6530** or email [mackayj@halifax.ca](mailto:mackayj@halifax.ca) if you are

interested. We will also take volunteers who want to help out behind the scenes.

Firefighters will model an array of clothing from various stores throughout HRM. If you agree to volunteer, you will also need to be available for a photo shoot for promotional materials. Models will also receive two free tickets to the show for family/friends.

Looking forward to a great response to this worthwhile event!

## Level I Instructional Techniques Programs

*submitted by Bill Murphy,  
Training Division*

The Training Division recently conducted two Level I Instructional Techniques programs. This program provides the students with the necessary knowledge and skill to deliver effective presentations and practical training evolutions to

their peers. During the program each participant is required to successfully deliver both skill and knowledge lessons to the other members of their class group. After each presentation a constructive group critique allows the participants to learn from each other by drawing upon the strengths of the

presentation, as well as the areas requiring improvement. The students must pass a written test to be certified as Level I Instructors. This program is quite demanding in both time and energy from the students.



(Left to Right) David Wilson, Paul Edwards, Dave MacKenzie, Vince Conrad, Wendell MacNeil, Mike Miller, Mike Blackburn, Marc Leger



(Left to Right) Robert Andrews, Mike Morris, Ian MacDonald, Michael Black, Liane Tessier, David Higgins, Training Officer David Meldrum

## KUDOS!

Fire recently received a thank you letter from the **Halifax Civic Credit Union** regarding the Halifax Regional Professional Firefighters (Local 268) donation to their Needy Family Christmas Account. Darlene Hood, Member Service Officer, wrote, "I wish words could express how much our staff appreciates the donation the union has made to this worthy cause. We are a small staff of nine, which makes it very difficult to raise large amounts of money to supply Christmas, including groceries."

A letter was received from Jacqueline H. Whitaker, Hostess, **Welcome Wagon**. "On behalf of Welcome Wagon, Margaret Baydar and myself, we wish to thank Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Services for their assistance at our annual Baby

*Shower Showcase on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Cole Harbour Place. As Canada's oldest, largest and most reputable greeting service, for more than 70 years we have been greeting people undergoing a lifestyle change. Our annual Baby Shower Showcase is one such event.*

*At these special events we usually have several guest speakers while others do demonstrations. The two firefighters who participated: **Brian McKay** and **Dave Raymer**, were informative, helpful and highly professional. Their presentation/talk at the show on home safety reached in excess of 300 people.*

*Not only was it great for the new parents to be, but they also gave some of the "veteran" parents and grandparents pause for thought. As one lady mentioned she hadn't even*

*thought about a smoke detector in the nursery, or the addition of a carbon monoxide detector. I'm confident many of these same folks will be installing them. As for the Sparky Dog; it was a big hit! These two gentlemen were true ambassadors for the Fire. Dept.*

*This is an exciting yet sometimes scary time for the ladies. To have two firefighters participating, and in uniform, added a degree of reassurance to those ladies who were due and/or past due. (Fortunately their services in that regard weren't called upon.) Having them hand out flowers and gifts to the moms-to-be was a true bonus!*

*Once again; Thank You. If these two gentlemen are any indication of your members at large, then you are indeed very fortunate."*

## 24 Hours in a Fire Station - by Doreen Cordeiro

On April 23rd I was lucky enough to be able to do a 24 hour Ride-a-Long at Station 13, King Street, Dartmouth. When I arrived at 0800 hrs. I met my fellow co-workers: Capt. **Dave Laybolt**, FF **Albert LeGrow**, FF **Jim Gates**, FF **Todd Ferguson** and student firefighter **John Jimenez**. John gave me a tour of the station and explained to me all equipment on Quint 13. This was the first time I was that close to a fire truck in my life! John showed me the pole that is still used by the fire fighters to get from the top floor to the garage. I must admit I wasn't brave enough to try it!

Later in the morning we had a couple hours of training on Wildland Fires, given by FF Jim Gates. After this we broke for lunch of roast chicken with all the fixings, including hot apple pie for dessert. Delicious!!

After lunch we all headed out to the harbour in the rescue boat. This was incredible. I had so much fun and even got to drive the boat. We practiced water rescue for a couple hours and then headed back to the station for cleaning up and remainder of our Wildland Fire Training.

Sometime after supper it occurred to me that I hadn't gone out on a fire alarm call. We talked about this and I realized that sometimes we can go many hours without a call. It wasn't long after though that the alarm did go off and we were very quickly in Quint 13 and off to our first call. After arriving on scene it was apparent that the call of a possible chimney fire was unfounded and we headed back to the station.



left to right: FF Jim Gates, FF Todd Ferguson, Doreen Cordeiro, FF Albert LeGrow, and Student FF John Jimenez. (Photo by Captain Dave Laybolt)

The rest of the night was uneventful - no more calls. We talked for a few more hours and I learned so much about the life of a fire fighter. About 2300 hrs we headed for our beds for a night's sleep. Although we were prepared to jump out of bed at any time during the night, we didn't receive a call.

In the morning we had our breakfast and met with the oncoming shift. The end of a most wonderful experience for me.

I want to thank all the crew from Station 13: Dave, Albert, Jim, Todd and John; you all made my 24 hours a most enjoyable and exciting time. I also want to thank you for

making me feel comfortable and welcome at your place of work. Thank you also to **Lynda McEwen** and **Darlene Ellis** for arranging this Ride-A-Long for me; I will remember it for a very long time.



Doreen Navigating Halifax Harbour

## RURAL NEWS

We will be dedicating space for rural news. Please forward any contributions, story ideas or photographs to your District Chief, or to the editor (see page 12 for contact information).

### Recent Chief and Deputy Appointments

- Herring Cove - Dave Crowe appointed Chief effective June 1, 2004
- Lakeside - James Belanger re-appointed Chief effective April 1, 2004
- Lawrencetown - Troy Nieforth appointed Deputy Chief effective May 1, 2004
- LWF - Lloyd Currie re-appointed Chief effective June 1, 2004
- Prospect - Barb Sawatsky re-appointed Chief effective April 1, 2004
- Waverley - Ron Dalrymple re-appointed Chief effective May 1, 2004

**Beaverbank/Kinsac Volunteer Fire Department Grand Opening -  
Saturday, August 28, 2004 - watch for further details.**

### Wayne Blackburn Retires

*Submitted by Mike Jesty*

Firefighter Wayne Blackburn of Station 58 in Lakeside suffered a medical emergency while on duty back in April 2004. Sadly, Wayne was told by doctors he will not be returning to work due to his condition.

On May 14, 2004 approximately 35 career firefighters, from the rural and core, came together at Station 58 to show Wayne their support and appreciation for a job well done over the past 29 years.

Wayne served as a volunteer with Lakeside Fire Department from 1968 to 1975, hired fulltime on January 25, 1975.

The event was planned by the staff of Station 58 who had a meal prepared by Firefighter **Bruce Byrnes** and his wife **Hazel**. A collection was started by staff to purchase Wayne a large 9-11 tribute for his collection. Wayne was also given t-shirts and \$250.00 in cash.

This is a thank you to Wayne for his time and dedication. Thanks to everyone who showed their support for Wayne at a time in need.

Below are pictures of Wayne, co-workers and friends.



### HRFE Welcomes ...

**Doreen Cordeiro** is the new Administrative Support Assistant to the District Chiefs (Core), working out of Headquarters, Alderney Gate. She was first hired by the former City of Dartmouth - Police Department on January 12, 1988 and stayed with Police for approximately 13 years and then spent almost four years with Planning & Development. On March 29, 2004 Doreen transferred to HRFE.

Doreen has been married to her husband Kevin for 29 years and they have one daughter, Erin, who is presently going into her third year at Dalhousie Medical School and will be a General Surgeon when she finishes her studies. Doreen is a native Dartmouthian, going back a couple of generations. She says of working in Fire, "I truly love my job and hope to be here until retirement!!!!"

**Heather Martin** is the new person at the front desk at Headquarters (Alderney Gate). Heather has been working in HRM for about 15 years – prior to amalgamation she was with the Town of Bedford. Heather is married and has a 20 month old daughter, Brianna. She enjoys spending time with her family, as well as playing softball, darts and other sports. She attended Sir John A. MacDonald High School and Nova Scotia Teachers College for Child Development & Special Education.

### With Sympathy

**Clarence Martin**, father of Fire Prevention Officer Glenn Martin passed away, May 13, 2004. Clarence joined the Halifax Fire Department as a Firefighter on May 12, 1947, and retired as a Lieutenant in Fire Prevention.

Retired Lieutenant **George Collins**, passed away at the age of 85. He retired from Old Halifax Fire Department on June 1, 1978 after 31 years of service.

**Ted Faulkner**, retired firefighter, recently passed away. Ted was one of the original members of the Musquodoboit Harbour Volunteer Fire

Department, serving for more than 20 years.

Retired District Chief **Eric Vincent** passed away on May 29, 2004 after a short illness. He retired from former Halifax Fire Department in 1988 after 30 years of service.

**Larry Foran**, one of the founding members of the Bay Road Fire Department, Station #59, passed away June 23. He was a member of the fire service for 33 years.

**Darryl Nause** passed away on April 29, 2004 after a lengthy illness. Darryl joined the Dartmouth Fire Department on July 5, 1976 .

## Fire Prevention - Fire Investigation Course

*Submitted by FPO Wayne Chapdelaine*

The following is a list of department personnel who completed the Level 2 Fire Investigation Course in September of 2003.

Stephen Nearing, Holly Weatherby, Kevin Thomas, Wayne Higgins, Paul Nickerson, Jim Martell, Daniel Hamer, Gary Euloth, Tony Garber, Wayne Chapdelaine, Terry Jesty,

Scott Wheeler, Tom Silver, Glenn Martin.

This course was held at Station #9 and was one week in length. The certificates issued are from the Manitoba Emergency Services College and training represents the very latest skills in Fire Investigation. The program facilitators were **Wayne Chapdelaine**, HRFE; **Vince Penney**, Office of the Fire Marshal;

**Ken Swan**, Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner.

A Level 3 program is currently being developed to meet the new Canadian Standards. **Wayne Chapdelaine** and **Vince Penney** are currently facilitating this project. As well, the NFPA 921 Guide to conducting Fire Investigations has been taught several times and three courses are currently scheduled.

## General and Core Volunteer Recruitments

*Submitted by Janice Reynolds  
HR Consultant*

General Recruitment is near complete. Candidates have completed the qualifying interview phase, CPAT testing, polygraph testing, board interviews and

psychological assessments. Reference checks are ongoing and are expected to be completed in July. The remaining phases, including criminal records check, drivers abstract and medical testing will be conducted as vacancies occur.

There is also a lot of interest in Core Volunteer Recruitment. The CPAT test was completed on May 15 and 16. Board interviews are beginning on June 16, 2004.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 490-4391.

## Hazardous Materials Response Team



Mayor **Peter Kelly** joined the Honourable **Ernie Fage**, Minister Responsible for the Emergency Measures Act, and Environment and Labour Minister **Kerry Morash** on May 5, 2004 in the Grand Parade to view new hazardous materials handling equipment acquired for a new federal-provincial-municipal cooperative effort.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service's Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response Team was also on site.

## Mechanical Grand Opening

*Submitted by Marcheta Jamieson*

May 17, 2004, heralded the Grand Opening of the new Emergency Fleet Service, Mechanical Division facility, now located at 196 Waverley Road.

**Paul McCulley**, the Mechanical Division Superintendent, took great pride in showing off this newly acquired property to any guests wishing a guided tour. Director of Real Properties, **Mike Lebreque**, complimented Mr. McCulley and his staff for the outstanding effort shown in making the facility fully functional

in such a short period of time, not to mention maintaining quality service throughout the relocation from the West Street facility.

Those in attendance included Chief Director **Mike Eddy**, Fire & Emergency; Deputy Chief **Tony Burbridge**, HR Police; Councillor **Brian Warshick**, District 6, Westphal, Waverley; Councillor **Ron Cooper**, District 4, Cole Harbour North/Cherry Brook and Councillor **Condo Sarto**, District 7, Woodlawn.

Guests representing other HRM business units and vendors from as far away as Centreville, NB were present and enjoyed the barbeque, cold plates and refreshments which were provided on a beautiful sunny Monday afternoon.

The staff of the Mechanical Division would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the official opening.



New Mechanical facility located at 196 Waverley Road, Dartmouth

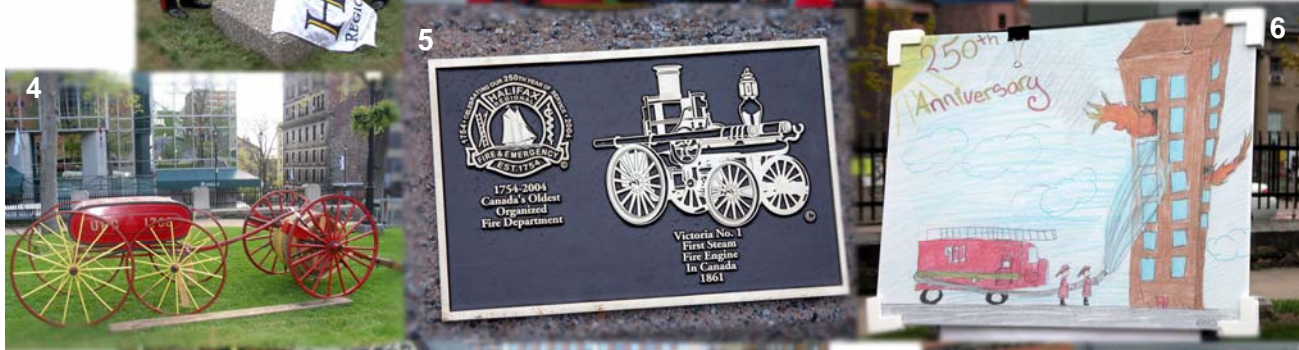


Performing the ceremonial cutting of the cake were Chief Director Mike Eddy (Fire), Superintendent Paul McCulley (Mechanical Division), Councillor Brian Warshick, Councillor Ron Cooper and Director Mike Lebreque (Real Properties).

- 1 - The new 250th Anniversary flag is unveiled and raised at Grand Parade
- 2 - BTs Cyril Lunney interviews a member of the High Angle Rescue Team in Grande Parade
- 3 - Chief Director Michael Eddy giving a speech



- 4 - Hose Reel and Cart
- 5 - Official Plaque commemorating 250th years of firefighting
- 6 - Winning artwork design for Historical book



- 7 - Cake Cutting with a twist - using a ceremonial fire axe
- 8 - A member of the High Angle Rescue Team repels from atop of City Hall through Grand Parade
- 9 - Dignitaries being "piped" to the stage for the official ceremony



- 10 - Children's performer Mary Lambert entertaining school children
- 11 - Pancake Breakfast
- 12 - Sparky delights the kids

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**A NEWSLETTER  
DEDICATED TO  
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**Halifax Regional  
Fire and Emergency**



### St. Lucia Day

On Monday, May 26, 2004 Administrative staff gathered to celebrate fire's diversity as a business unit in HRM. Candace Edwin, a Human Resources student from the Caribbean island of St. Lucia shared a part of her culture with staff by preparing local food dishes for everyone to sample.



### National Volunteer Week

A special thank you to all volunteers on the occasion of National Volunteer Week, April 18-April 24, 2004. Volunteer dedicate their time, energy and talents on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality residents. Your efforts do not go unnoticed! Thank you!

### Joints in Motion Team

*The Canadian Arthritis Society has asked FeedLine to include the following in our publication:*

*"We are looking for a firefighter to join the Joints in Motion Team, with members of the workforce within HRM; i.e, police, paramedics, recreation. Please note that you do not have to be a runner. We have participants at all fitness levels, all ages! They can walk or run – do a half marathon or a full!!*

**Train...Travel...Triumph!**

Run or Walk a Marathon! Make a difference in the lives of 4 million people, including your own!!

4 million Canadians, including 173,000 Nova Scotians, are living with arthritis. Here's your chance to help. Join Joints in Motion, the Arthritis Society's signature fundraising program designed to help you complete a 21 km half marathon or 42 km marathon in honour of an arthritis "hero", someone living with arthritis.

We will take you from never having done anything like this before, to crossing the finish line! We will provide you with everything you need to achieve this!

Imagine the thrill of participating in a world-class marathon or half marathon! Now add the excitement of traveling to Lisbon, San Diego or exciting Las Vegas with a team of fellow Nova Scotians!! For your fundraising efforts, you will be rewarded with a "wealth" of benefits...from the inside out!

Experience the experience...live the dream!!

Each Joints in Motion training team member will receive:

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