

October 2008

Fire Chief: Paul Maynard
18 yrs service

Deputy Chief: Peter Johnston
18 yrs service

Training Officer:
Shannon Cunningham
15 yrs service

Area Population: 1,000-3,000

Members: 55 Volunteer

Medical First Responders: 20

Current Medical First
Response Level 3
(effective July 1, 2008)

2007 Medical First Response Calls

Fire	118
Medical	11
MVCs	17

Apparatus Profile

2 Pumpers

Tanker

2-Zodiacs Rescue Boats

Passenger Van

Light Rescue

Hurst Rescue Equipment

Submitted by
Chief Paul Maynard

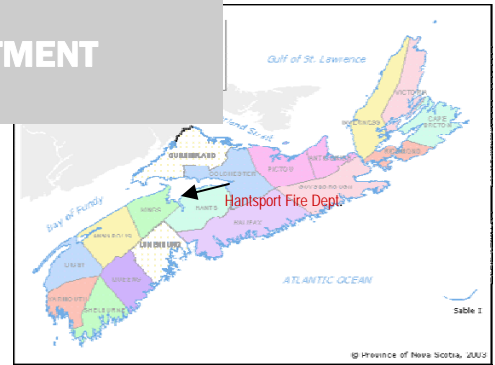
HANTSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hantsport is between Kentville and Windsor, just off Highway 101 on the Bay of Fundy side of Nova Scotia. An article published by the Town of Hantsport in 2006 quoted the population as 1, 191 persons.

There are three large industries in the area—Fundy Gypsum Company, Canadian Keyes Fibre Inc., and Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited.



The current apparatus consists of a 1993 International Pumper (840gpm, 800 gal.), 1998 International Pumper (840gpm, 800 gal.), 2003 Peterbilt tanker (1050, 2000 gal.), 1987 GMC (840gpm, 1200 gal.), 2000 2008 Dodge 3500 Megacab, equipped with a tow package, medical first response equipment, rapid intervention equipment and traffic control devices and a 2001 GMC passenger van.



The Hantsport Fire Department operates two Zodiac rescue boats. Marine 1 is a 20' vessel equipped with a 115hp outboard and GPS and depth sounding equipment. Marine 2 is a smaller 12' craft with 15hp motor for smaller bodies of water. A complete set of Hurst Rescue Equipment is carried on one of the pumpers.

The Fire Department has a fire prevention officer and an active fire prevention program that is carried out in coordination with local schools, day camps, summer camps, senior's complexes and local industry.

A Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) was formed in 2005/06 as a unique combined effort with the Windsor and Brooklyn Fire Departments. The need for a water rescue team was identified and through the assistance of the community and businesses, funds and equipment were donated to make this team a reality. In 2005/06 a Training Centre was built on property donated by a local citizen.



This Centre consists of a training tower, maze and large cement pad for vehicle extrication work. The facility has become a key resource for weekly training regimes within the department.

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The Hantsport Fire Department has nine registered Medical First Responders (listed in the new MFR database). They are active in their training which has proven to be of benefit. Areas of potential risk include both light and heavy industry, 100 series highway and railway, pulp & logging industry, nursing homes, wilderness areas, and of course the surrounding population. To be ready

for any call they may receive, they regularly attend their own firefighter training as well as sponsored EHS Medical First Response Refresher Sessions.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Hantsport Fire Department has a number of initiatives for the future including an upgrade of the water rescue craft and a new building to house this important equipment. The Department is also involved with fire service studies that have been completed in both Hants and Kings County that has reviewed a number of key factors to improve the fire service in the area. In cooperation with the respective Councils and Fire Departments, several new initiatives and changes will take place within the Hantsport Fire Department within the next number of years.

The future will continue to be progressive for the Hantsport Fire Department as the need for a tri-department confined space entry / collapse/trench rescue has been recognized. This team will be another initiative to strengthen the bond between Departments and meet the growing demands in this region of Nova Scotia.

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