

FVRD SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to the FVRD Spotlight, a quarterly newsletter designed to highlight services FVRD provides to electoral areas.

Fire Prevention Week

October 9 to 15 is Fire Prevention week. As a homeowner, there are many actions you can take to minimize the risk of fire, such as installing smoke alarms, not storing flammable liquids in your home, etc. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes, or less, to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Having an escape plan is essential for your family's safety. Take some time to review your safety plans and get prepared.

Visit the National Fire Prevention Association website.

Check out the public education resources at [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org) to find out what you can do to protect your family and home.

Take advantage of the FVRD's FireSmart program.

Homeowners in electoral areas are facing an ever-increasing risk of wildfires. Visit [fvrd.ca/firesmart](https://www.fvrd.ca/firesmart) to find out how our FireSmart program can help protect your home against wildfires. Contact the FireSmart Coordinator at firesmart@fvrd.ca to schedule a free property assessment and find out if you qualify for a \$500 rebate.

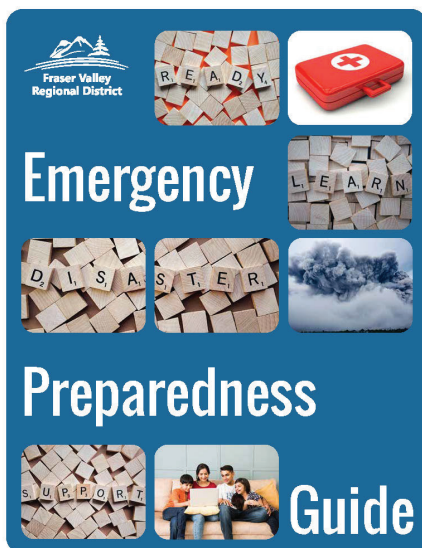
Check in with your local firehall.

Your local firefighters are also an excellent source of fire prevention information. The FVRD has eleven firehalls throughout eight electoral areas operating 24/7 365 days of the year. These dedicated volunteers, who are also your neighbours, undergo many hours of specialized training in order to keep your communities safe.

We're always looking for new members. If you're interested in serving your community as a volunteer firefighter, complete the application at [fvrd.ca/volunteer-ff](https://www.fvrd.ca/volunteer-ff).

Download the FVRD Emergency Preparedness Guide.

The Guide is available at [fvrd.ca](https://www.fvrd.ca) on the Emergency Management's *Get Prepared* page. Check out the Fire Safety chapter.





Emergency Preparedness

BC is the most seismically active area in Canada and is considered at risk for earthquakes. On October 20 residents will be asked to participate in ShakeOut BC and practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On” during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. For more information and resources on how to prepare for an earthquake, visit shakeoutbc.ca.

Fire Prevention Week and Shake Out BC serve as important reminders to electoral area residents about the need to be prepared for all types of emergencies. Get prepared and take action now:

- » Get emergency notifications by signing up for Alertable at fvrd.ca/alerts. Tell your friends and neighbours too!
- » Have a Plan — visit getprepared.gc.ca for guides and resources
- » Make an Emergency Kit for each member of your household (including your pets)
- » Download the Emergency Preparedness Workbook from the Services/Emergency Management/Get Prepared page on fvrd.ca
- » Follow @FraserValleyRD social media accounts



Meet Your Electoral Area Directors

Local government elections were held on October 15. The following Electoral Area Directors were elected to the FVRD Board to serve a four-year term.

- Area A: Diane Johnson (Acclaimed)
- Area B: Peter Adamo
- Area C: Mel Waardenburg
- Area D: Bill Dickey (Acclaimed)
- Area E: Patti MacAhonic (Acclaimed)
- Area F: Hugh Davidson (Acclaimed)
- Area G: Cory Cassel
- Area H: Taryn Dixon (Acclaimed)

Visit the Electoral Areas webpage at fvrd.ca under the “About the FVRD” tab for your Director’s contact information and a list of local services provided to your electoral area.

