



KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

JUNE 2008

KANANASKIS EMERGENCY SERVICES

Our Flags Hang at Half Mast in Honor of Our Fallen Brother.

Not only did Canada lose a brave, courageous and heroic soldier on May 6, 2008 but Kananaskis Emergency Services also lost one of its own. Corporal Michael Starker or Mike as we all knew him lost his life while on a mission in Afghanistan as a reservist with 15 Field Ambulance. Mike worked full time as an EMT for Kananaskis Emergency Services in 2004-05.



During his time in Kananaskis Mike formed many life long friendships and created bonds in the valley that were never broken. Mike was known for his great sense of humor, his delicious cooking, his amazing athleticism, his ability to make us smile and laugh, his unwavering loyalty, and his charm and charisma. It was impossible to work with Mike and not feel the warmth of his friendship. The common thread amongst the staff at KES and KID is that every one of us has a special story about Mike that is unique and exceptional to each of us individually. These wonderful and memorable stories each highlight his distinctive and exceptional personality.

Mike was a highly skilled EMT who loved to assist the public in their time of need. When you dialed 911 and he showed up, you knew you were safe. He was a valued partner and employee who treated everyone with respect and also encouraged many fire department volunteers to get involved in the medical side of emergency services. His passion, dedication and commitment to helping others overflowed in his work and in his personal life every day.

In 2005 Mike left Kananaskis to pursue his dream of becoming a Paramedic. It was sad for us to see him leave, but we were happy to watch him attain his goals and have such a successful career with the City of Calgary. We all knew of his dedication to 15 Field Ambulance, and we supported his military duties. We each feared for his personal safety when he was in Afghanistan, but we also knew he was the most highly trained medic for the job and we were exceptionally proud to see him serving our country.

The loss of such an amazing person has affected all of the staff here in Kananaskis. These are very somber days. It is very hard to put into words the impact he has had on us all. Words don't seem to do justice to the loss we feel so deeply. Our flags hang at half mast in honor of our fallen brother.

Rest in Peace Cpl. Mike Starker EMT-P.

Ciara Ramsden , Paramedic
Foothills Regional EMS, Kananaskis Emergency Services

Kananaskis Emergency Services

STATISTICS

Mar 1— Mar 31/08

Parks/Dispatch Calls	86
EMS Transport Calls	26
EMS Non-Transport	7
Fire Response Calls	40

Apr 1— Apr 30/08

Parks/Dispatch Calls	95
EMS Transport Calls	1
EMS Non-Transport	6
Fire Response Calls	15

**The Kananaskis
Improvement
District is a proud
member of E-911.**

To report an emergency:

- ▣ **Fire**
- ▣ **Ambulance**
- ▣ **Police**
- ▣ **Mountain
Rescue**

Dial 911

COUNCIL SETS MILLRATES FOR 2008

Based on the approved 2008 Municipal Budget and 2008 Requisitions from Alberta Education and Bow Valley Lodge; the 2008 mill rates have been set as follows: (per \$1,000 of assessed value)

- Municipal: 5.2650
- School Requisition - Non Residential: 5.2150
- School Requisition - Residential: 3.4550
- Senior Citizens Requisition: 0.0930

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed out on June 27, 2008 with the payment due date set for August 29, 2008. A 12% penalty on outstanding current taxes will be imposed on September 1, 2007 and an additional 12% penalty will be added to all outstanding taxes on January 1st of each subsequent year.

KID Council is still looking to fill two vacant positions on Council; Small Business and Non –Commercial Residents. If you are interested in filling either of these positions please contact the Municipal Administrator, Cheryl Dubuc at 403 591-7774.

KID INCREASES COMMUNITY RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Responding to community requests to increase the recycling program the KID has now added milk containers and all plastics to the list of items collected at the Kananaskis Village. To ensure wildlife concerns are addressed the recycling building located beside the Kananaskis Village Maintenance Compound will now be utilized to sort the following products; all milk containers, plastics, tin, glass and coloured glass, white paper and newsprint and flattened cardboard. Signage indicates which canvas bag will accommodate the product you are recycling. BWI, the KID garbage contractor will be collecting and transporting all of the recycling to an outside depot. If at any time the recycling building is full please contact the KID office at 591-7774. The recycle building is open 24 hours a day and is located in the Kananaskis Village on the north side of the Manor 88 parking lot on Residence Road. Parking and access to the recycling building is on the south side of the building.

FIRESMARTING OUR COMMUNITY

Communities that are close to Alberta's forests are susceptible to wildfire. Factors like the age, density and composition of the surrounding forest affect the risk of wildfire faced by the community. FireSmart reduces the risk of wildfires by introducing a number of strategically planned treatments in and around a community. These treatments can include everything from pruning and thinning trees, fire guard establishment and hazard reduction burns. To be effective, FireSmart planning needs to start at the neighborhood's backdoor and continue to the landscape surrounding the community. That means every person in the community has a role to play in ensuring their home, their yard and their community is as FireSmart as possible.

The Kananaskis Improvement District FireSmart committee has been formed and is currently in need of a Bow Valley Evan Thomas representative to assist in determining community priorities with FireSmart initiatives throughout the KID. The committee's goal is "To develop, implement, and maintain a long term FireSmart program to reduce the threat of wildfire to human life, communities, and businesses within the KID within the context of existing management plans and policies."

If you are interested in joining the community based committee or require any additional information please contact Chief Shawn Polley at the Kananaskis Emergency Services Centre at 403 591-7755.

KANANASKIS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kananaskis RCMP Community Advisory Committee meets every third Thursday in February, March, June, September and November. The meetings take place at 1:00pm in the Charlie Beil room located in the Village Centre. If you wish to obtain copies of the minutes please contact Cpl. Tim Chmarney at the Kananaskis RCMP. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008.

MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM

Operating since 1981 the Marigold Library System is a cooperative public library system with 38 participating municipalities. For 2008 the Kananaskis Village Centre paperback deposit should be receiving well over 170 paperbacks, 50 books and 10 best sellers every month. The KID paid \$3,020.16 to the Marigold Library in 2008 to provide this service for its residents and ratepayers.

As a member of the Marigold Library System, all KID residents can access library services free of charge. Just call Marigold Headquarters at 1-800-332-1077 to sign up for your Alberta Library card. Check out your library services at www.marigold.ab.ca and be sure to visit the book deposit located in the Village Centre directly beside the Post Office. The KID has a new Marigold Library Board member, Erica Dodge. For more information on the Marigold Library Board and other Kananaskis Improvement District Boards please check the KID website at www.kananaskisid.ca.