



**2009 Call-Out Firefighter of the Year**

Kananaskis Emergency Services is proud to announce that Senior Firefighter Murray Bruce was voted by his peers as Firefighter of the Year for 2009. Murray joined the Fire Department in January of 2005, and quickly advanced as he was promoted to Senior Firefighter in July 2006. Murray achieved his NFPA 1001 Level 2 Professional Firefighter Certification in July 2008. Murray shows his strong commitment to the community with his participation in several community events, including the 911 Lifeshavers event for the Alberta Kids with Cancer foundation and the Jamie's Kids with Cancer events held in Kananaskis every year. Help us congratulate Murray on his achievement as he continues to be a valuable member of the Kananaskis Community.

**Kananaskis Emergency Services**

**STATISTICS**

<b>January 2010</b>	
Parks/Dispatch Calls	108
EMS Transport Calls	3
EMS Non-Transport	10
Fire Response Calls	28

<b>February 2010</b>	
Parks/Dispatch Calls	77
EMS Transport Calls	4
EMS Non-Transport	7
Fire Response Calls	27

**Evan –Thomas Fire Guard & Prescribed Fire  
Buller Creek Fire Guard & Prescribed Fire**

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and Tourism, Parks and Recreation (TPR) would like to provide information about plans for two prescribed fires in Kananaskis Country in 2010. These prescribed fires will take place in stages in the Evan-Thomas Valley in the Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Park and in the Buller Creek area of the Bow Valley Wildland / Spray Valley Provincial Parks.

These prescribed fires and associated fire guards will help to reduce the threat of large-scale uncontrollable wildfires with associated benefits that will restore vegetation diversity, improve wildlife habitat and impede the spread of mountain pine beetle.

These prescribed fire projects, totaling 1358 hectares (Buller Creek 950 ha; Evan Thomas 408 ha), will see fire guard construction work commence in late February and early March, 2010 respectively. Initial fire guard construction and fuel modifications near the guards will involve mechanized operations followed by hand ignitions to establish a functional fire guard to anchor subsequent prescribed fire operations.

The Buller Creek prescribed fire is slated to take place in stages between May 1 and September 30, 2010. The Evan-Thomas Creek prescribed fire will not have any ignition operations during long weekends or during the months of July and August. Favourable weather and forest fuel conditions are needed for ignition operations to begin as well as to minimize smoke while ensuring that these prescribed fires do not spread beyond containment lines. Backcountry users and nearby communities may be impacted by temporary trail and facility closures.

These prescribed fire plans are consistent with the objectives of the approved Kananaskis Country Vegetation Management Strategy and with the approved management plans for Spray Valley Provincial Park, and the Bow Valley / Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Parks. Detailed environmental assessments have been completed for each site and the long-term benefits of prescribed fire in these locations will significantly exceed any short-term negative impacts.

Prescribed fire operations are extremely dynamic with respect to suitable ignition windows which can present challenges for communicating with a diverse range of people and businesses about such events. To keep the public informed of activities surrounding these prescribed fires, an information poster and updates will be issued prior to the start of ignition operations. There will also be signs posted throughout these areas and information will be available on online.

Enclosed for information is a map showing the locations of the Evan-Thomas Creek and Buller Creek prescribed fires.

In an attempt to identify those residents and businesses that will want to receive updates as these projects proceed, we would ask that you respond to Melanie Percy, Senior Park Ecologist, at 403-678-5500 ext 231 or [Melanie.Percy@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Melanie.Percy@gov.ab.ca) and we will place your information into our update processes. It is also our intention to expand on a list of people with smoke sensitivity or other respiratory conditions that was first developed in conjunction with the Mt. Nestor Prescribed Fire operations of the last several years. Please contact us as above to identify your situation and we will place you on that notification process.

**The Kananaskis Improvement District is a proud member of E911.**

**To report an emergency:**

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

**Dial 911**




# Annual General Meeting


The Kananaskis Improvement District Annual General Meeting was held in the Charlie Beil room on February 3, 2010. The Council attendees were Chairman and Large Business Representative Dan DeSantis, Councillor Bruce Lukey representing Non-commercial Residents and Ratepayers and Jamie Tiessen and Ken Kelly representing Albertans-at-Large. A number of community members were also in attendance. Representatives were also present from Kananaskis Emergency Services, RCMP, Foothills Regional Emergency Services, Kananaskis Operations Support and the Kananaskis Improvement District.

Highlights from 2009 include:

- ◆ The Communications Strategy developed by the KID FireSmart Committee was formally approved;
- ◆ The Budget and Audit Committee approved a \$1,100 donation to Bow Valley Victim Services Association;
- ◆ Detailed fuel modification work was undertaken at the Lower Kananaskis Lakes Cabin Subdivision as part of the 2008 FireSmart Community Grant;
- ◆ A FireSmart and Toxic Roundup Information day / BBQ was held at the Lower Kananaskis Lakes Cabin area;
- ◆ Bruce Lukey was sworn in as Council member representing Non-commercial Residents and Ratepayers;
- ◆ Phase One of the Wireless Internet project becomes available at Kananaskis Village, Mt. Kidd RV Park and the Kananaskis Country Golf Course residences;
- ◆ The Kananaskis Rotary Club donated \$5,000 to the Emergency Services Centre;
- ◆ Two grants were applied for and approved under the FRIAA program;
- ◆ H1N1 vaccination clinic was held at the Village;
- ◆ Refurbishment of existing recycling facilities as well as additional recycling bins approved in 2010 budget.


## Kananaskis Recycles

 The Government of Alberta and Kananaskis Improvement District have established a long-term commitment to sustainable practices and working together to help visitors and businesses in the area to reduce, reuse and recycle.

 Blue recycling bins are located at various sites and campgrounds throughout Kananaskis for recyclable beverage containers. As well, you're encouraged to use recycling depot facilities at various locations in the Kananaskis area.



 Please dispose of propane cylinders in the specially marked bins located in various campgrounds, visitor information centres and recycling centres.

 Kananaskis supports the 'Pack it in...Pack it out' philosophy and encourages visitors to take all recyclables home when recycling facilities are unavailable.

*To learn more about our program, look for posters at our information kiosks, speak to staff at the information centres, or visit [www.KananaskisID.ca](http://www.KananaskisID.ca)*



### Tax Roll Assessment Information

The 2010 Tax Roll Assessment information for the Kananaskis Improvement District is now available on our website at:

[www.kananaskisid.ca](http://www.kananaskisid.ca).

### Emergency Preparedness Week May 3 to 8, 2010 Is your Family Prepared?

With all the major events happening around the world, you never know when or where an emergency situation or disaster may occur. Avalanches, Earthquakes, Floods, and Landslides ~ if you or your family is caught in an emergency or disaster, are you prepared?

Many items are required to build a 72-hour kit. Do you have a kit? Items you need to think about include: Is there enough drinking water for everyone in the household?; How much food will you need for 72 hours?; Do you have fresh batteries for your flashlight and portable radio?; Do you know the location of your fire extinguisher?; Do you know the location for your gas shut off valve?; Do you have a first aid kit and do you know where it is?; Do you have an emergency plan? ; Do you know the safe exits from your home and neighborhood?; Are you aware of the risks in your region?

All the information you need on Emergency Preparedness Week, how to build your emergency kit and what should be included in your emergency plan, can all be found in the "72-hour guide" downloadable online at [www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx). You are also welcome to stop by the Kananaskis Emergency Services during business hours to talk with our Fire Officers who will be able to show you examples of emergency kits and give you a copy of the "72-hour guide".