



# Nicola Lakeshore Estates Inc.

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## FIRE SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE – POSTING

Here is some information from the Tobiano Development who have been working away at establishing a volunteer Fire Department.

They are organized under a Society that has responsibility for streetlights, paths, trails, roadway (not public) and the fire suppression. The Fire Department operates under the noted society.

Three years ago they applied for a grant in aid from the TNRD for fire suppression funding. They applied at a time when the developer was in control and have received funding (through tax increase) of:

Year 1 - \$250,000	-	used to increase water reservoir
Year 2 - \$200,000	-	used to increase distribution and F/H placement
Year 3 - \$150,000	-	used to do training, purchase truck and pay operating costs

They have obtained G/L Insurance for 5 Million with one caveat: they must response to a fire call. Cost is approximately \$7,000 per year for G/L and \$2,500 per year for truck and hall.

They purchased a 1996 pumper for approximately \$80,000 – it will be good for approximately 20 years, so 2016.

They have spent approximately \$16,000 on communications gear – radios, repeaters, etc.

They are just finishing off with the 911 dispatch service and at that point can request the fire underwriters to do an audit of the system to determine at what protection level they will be at which will cost \$6800.00. Currently they are like us at the unprotected level.

Compensation for fire crews is as follows:

Captain - \$4000 / year plus turn out cost  
Officers - \$14 per hour for turn out  
Fireman - \$11 per hour for turn out

They have been working at training a crew of 16 with a turn out of 8. If we had paid staff that number would be 5.

More information when I know it.

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