

911 training camp for youth in Potton returns for a second year!

Instilling the desire in youth to keep their community safe



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Potton has long been known for building leaders within its youth population. Last summer's Municipality of Potton Firefighter/First Responder 911 Training Camp for youth ages 12-17 offered a keen group of youth the opportunity to not only acquire a taste for public safety but the opportunity to practice skills acquired while working as a team. Many of the youth who graduated from the program referred to it as one of their greatest experiences. In this effort, Potton certainly found the recipe for sparking an interest and instilling a desire to assure public safety and save lives in these young heroes.



COURTESY

"We are proud to announce that the program will run again this summer," said Potton Fire Chief, James Bouthillier. "While registration will only take place in June, with a successful summer under our belts we are expecting a

lot of interest in participating in this summer's 911 camp."

The camp will run from Aug. 7 to the 11 concentrating on a week of emergency and life saving skills. If last year's camp is any indication, the youth can be assured that the experience will be vast, detailed and delivered with motivation, inspiration and pride by the members of the Firefighter/First Responder team as well as others solicited to offer training and support.

There is an old adage that's origin is debated that says, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

By implicating these young people in not merely watching rescues and safety procedures from a distance or on a film but rather living them and taking part in their outcome, the Potton Fire Department is teaching these youth and feeding their interests, experiences and creating pride in taking part in the saving of lives. Hands on experience will allow youth to

know if these varied types of safety services are of interest to them and whether or not they might want to pursue them further as they study, choose a career path or get involved in a community rescue department in the future.

There is something quite moving in watching a 12-year-old helping a team mate during a simulation to exit a body from an accident or battle a blaze with a hose heavier than can be imagined. Tired out returning to the station, things must be cleaned and put in their place ready for the next potential emergency.

Camp 911 builds confidence, increases skills and knowledge as well as boosting the self-esteem. Heroes come in all sizes and Potton is confident that each year will bring a team of young people that the community can be very proud of.

For more information visit www.potton.ca

Thank you

On behalf of the Municipal Committee for the Daniel Menard Library we would like to take the opportunity during this special Volunteers Week to say, "Thank you!" to the team of volunteers who began the library over 25 years ago. Thank you to all those who dedicated countless hours over the years to ensure that a local library was available to the citizens of Richmond, Cleveland and Melbourne. Your time, energy and dedication to the library is valued and much appreciated.

We would also like to thank the present team of library volunteers for their time and dedication to the library and for ensuring that it continues to be a wonderful resource for our citizens for many years to come!

**To all the Front line workers, Volunteers,
Firemen and First responders.
Thank you all for your tireless efforts
and perseverance.**

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