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CRD Barlow Creek VFD education program credited with saving a young life

Barlow Creek – The Cariboo Regional District’s (CRD) Barlow Creek Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) received a visit from a local resident a couple of weeks ago during their regular practice night. The resident wanted to thank the department for the training provided to his granddaughter at school. He indicated the training which had been provided by the department at Barlow Creek Elementary, had saved her life.

He explained that his granddaughter was at home and noticed black smoke above her head. She crawled to where her dad was and told him, and then got out of the house while her father was able to extinguish the fire. The child told her family that she knew how to react as the fire department had come to her school and taught her what to do in the event of a fire.

“I am very proud of the dedication and knowledge the Barlow Creek VFD has demonstrated through this fire safety education program at the elementary school,” says CRD Electoral Area C Director John Massier. “Fire Chief Tom Maxwell, and the entire department should be very proud of their accomplishments, knowing their efforts have truly made a difference in our community and in particular, to this family.”

“Our department teaches the kindergarten class *Stop, Drop and Roll* and the grade three class the *Fire Safety House Program* each year,” says Barlow Creek Fire Chief Tom Maxwell. “We are also involved with a fire drill program at the school; this is time well spent from our perspective.”

The volunteer fire departments in your communities do far more than just put out fires and are always looking for new recruits. If you are interested in joining, and want to make life-changing differences in your community, contact your local fire department to find out how.

Congratulations to the entire Barlow Creek department on a job well done, and to all fire departments in the Cariboo Chilcotin, for the support you provide in protecting your communities.

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