

FIREFIGHTERS' MUSEUM

MANDATE AND MISSION

- » To introduce the role and importance of firefighting to communities, with special reference to the Nova Scotia experience.
- » To provide an understanding of the changing technology and the approach to firefighting as it evolved during the 19th and 20th centuries.
- » To create an appreciation of the role of the firefighter, including the volunteer firefighter, in recent history and the development of the culture.

PROPOSED CONTENT

*Note: Topics are drawn from the NS Interpretive Master Plan Content Framework.

I. CONTENT TO MAINTAIN

B. EVOLVING

B.6 Agents of Change

- New Technology: Effects/Experience: Importance of increasing effectiveness of the service through improved technology.

C. EXPLOITING

C.5 Transportation

- Roads/Vehicles: Evolution of the fire engine.

II. CONTENT TO ENHANCE

E. LIVING

E.5 Social Development and Organizations

- Community Security: Protection, Prevention, Response: History of firefighting in general, and the Nova Scotia experience in particular.
- Volunteerism: Volunteer firefighters; changing roles from past to present and contribution as volunteers today.

III. NEW CONTENT TO DEVELOP

C. EXPLOITING

C.6 Environmental Values

- Environmental Impact: Potential changes of fire to a built environment.

D. RELATING

D.3 War and Defence

- Nova Scotians at War: Service at the warfront and the home front.

E. LIVING

E.1 Life at Home and Work

- People in the Workplace: Training and facing extreme danger.

E.4 Cultural Expression

- Clothing and Costume: Evolution of clothing and gear.

E.5 Social Development and Organizations

- Health Care: Health hazards of fighting fires.

E.6 Social Development and Organizations

- Unions: Rise, role, and importance of unionization.

CONCLUSIONS

Speak more to the life and experience of the firefighter and how their work has changed through technology and training.