

## FIRE FORCE WORK & TRAINING

Our team are all volunteers and they make a huge commitment to being firemen/women. They are required to attend training every Wednesday, plus other training courses as they become available and they are usually weekends. They are also on call-out at all hours of the day and night. They also help with endless fundraising.

*Some of the call-outs this season have been:*

Two call-outs were out of our area – Whitianga and Thames. They were long days and nights.

We have also had an increase in local call-outs eg: house fires, storm damage and road closures.

Our call-out area has also been formally enlarged as we have become better equipped and trained.

The OVRFF is always open to new recruits. You would be helping your community and you learn a lot. It's a great team.

## THANK YOU TO:

- ✚ Our dedicated fire crew.
- ✚ The OVRFF committee.
- ✚ Our associate members who pay subs and donations. Your subs/donations are a huge help in off-setting the costs of this volunteer organisation.
- ✚ The Onemana Ratepayers for your continuous support.
- ✚ All of our supporters, community members as we could not function without your backup eg: fund raising, joining as Associate Members etc.
- ✚ Neville & Valerie – who do so much behind the scenes.
- ✚ Rusty & Liz Wylie for hosting the prize giving for about 90 people.
- ✚ The local farmers and Rayonier forest (Matariki) for allowing us access to your properties.
- ✚ Del Reid from TCDC – Rural Fire (he has the final say on what happens). He is immensely supportive of our Fire Force.
- ✚ Skyworks Helicopters.
- ✚ To the many local organisations who donate or give us reductions for various activities.

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We have many ongoing costs, plus we continually need to future proof our equipment and station eg: running the fire trucks, maintaining equipment to a high standard, training costs and upgrading equipment etc.

We are involved in fundraising at the following events: Brits at the Beach, Beach Hop, Fishing Club competitions, the Opoutere regatta and at times for private functions such as at a wedding.

## FUTURE PLANS

- To continue to increase our training to a high standard
- To have the whole team trained to the same standard
- To continue to recruit
- To maintain equipment to a high standard
- To upgrade equipment as required
- To continue to look at extending our fire station

## REMINDERS

- ✓ Please join/re-join as an Associate Member (form attached)
- ✓ Please feel free to also send a donation
- ✓ If you would like to join the OVRFF contact Jo Adams
- ✓ We are also looking for a treasurer. Please contact Jo.

NEED MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT –  
Jo Adams – (07) 865 8584 or 0274 493 034

**IMPORTANT - Please Note:**

**There is a total fire ban on the Coromandel – including NO FIREWORKS.**

Please respect the work that our volunteers do. They are trying to protect our community. 'No fires' includes no beach fires and NO fireworks. We all need to get Fire Permits for fires. This is a TCDC bylaw.

**If you see this bylaw being breached please ring 111 and ask for the Fire service.**

**Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.**

## ONEMANA VOLUNTARY RURAL FIRE FORCE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014



**ONEMANA FIRE STATION**

Station 7971  
Thames Valley Rural Fire District  
Whitipirorua Rd  
Onemana

*Greetings from the OVRFF crew & committee.*

## YOUR FIRE FORCE TEAM

Fire Chief - Jo Adams  
Fully trained crew bosses - Rusty Wylie & Danny Smith  
Crew - Nick Noa, Many Bears, Erika Sedin  
New recruits in training – Tim, Gene Wharepapa  
Support staff – Neville Rapley, Ron Jones  
Our team has a fully trained St John's officer, plus another on call.