

Board of Trustees 20 Feb 2017
Correspondence Forest George 2017 0109
Re: Ymas Tree Chipping

Andrew Peat

From: Mitch Forest <trusteeforest@saltspringfire.com>
Sent: January-09-17 10:36
To: Arjuna George; lucich
Cc: Howard Baker; Andrew Peat
Subject: Re: re tree chipping

Chief George,

This is a bit of conundrum Chief.

Labelling this as part of fire prevention seemingly legitimizes the effort yet on the other hand it is ratepayers money being used to dispose of holiday trees for what could be in some instances non ratepayers.

I get the "community" feeling for taking on the task however I will suggest that a volunteer community organization like the "Lions", "Legion" or the "Rotary" take this on in the future. We can approach them with the suggestion. I am sure they could use the goodwill and the exposure. In many instances people bringing trees in to these organizations for chipping make a small donation.

Let's spread the community goodwill around

Even minimal time spent doing this costs the District money and also exposes members to risk non associated with the duties expected of them..

I will ask Andrew to put this as an agenda item for our new Board.

Mitch Forest
Chair

From: Arjuna George
Sent: January 9, 2017 8:58:28 AM
To: lucich
Cc: Mitch Forest; Howard Baker
Subject: RE: re tree chipping

Good Day. Yes, we offered the tree chipping again as part of our Fire Prevention program. All the members staffing the chipping were on duty crew, no other staff or POC's were brought in for it. As the chipping is not a full-time task, members were doing the regular tasks such as cleaning the hall, doing truck and Equipment checks as well as apparatus pre-trips. The extra time to host the tree chipping was very minimal.

Have a great day

Arjuna George
Fire Chief
SSIFR

From: lucich
Sent: January-07-17 10:43 AM
To: Arjuna George <ageorge@saltspringfire.com>

Cc: Mitch Forest <trusteeforest@saltspringfire.com>; Howard Baker <trusteebaker@saltspringfire.com>

Subject: re tree chipping

Good morning Chief George,

I noticed the signage that the fire department is again offering Christmas tree chipping service. Can you please tell me whether participating District personnel are volunteering their time or are getting compensated, either directly or *time en lieu*.

Thank you,

Julia Lucich



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