

# **Barriere First Responders Society**



## **2017 Annual Report**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Barriere First Responders Society (BAFRS) is a registered non-profit organization, operating in the community of Barriere, British Columbia. Our primary function is that of a community resource to assist the BC Ambulance Service with high acuity medical emergencies when ambulance is delayed. We also provide assistance with patient care on highway rescues and civil emergency operations. Barriere First Responders plays an integral part in emergency services and stands ready to assist the community as needed.

Level of emergency preparedness: BAFRS is composed solely of volunteers. At this time there are 15 members of which 12 are on call and can be reached by phone paging 24 hours a day. Call-outs are primarily initiated by the BC Ambulance Service but can be initiated by other federal, provincial, and municipal emergency service agencies.

Volunteers responding to a callout, report to the fire hall, where a fully stocked retired ambulance is stored. Members communicate, with other members, that they are responding to a call on "Whats App". This speeds up response time so members aren't waiting at the hall for someone that is never coming. Once on scene members provide life saving emergency medical care at the level of First Responder Level 3. First Responder training is a 40 hour comprehensive course, every 3 years, covering; CPR and AED use, minor wound care, splinting, airway management, and spinal immobilization. Once BC Ambulance arrives, members give a handoff report and assist BC Ambulance with any other patient care required. Members may be required to assist with patient extraction and or ride third with BC Ambulance to assist with critical patients. Once clear, members return to quarters where they debrief, restock, and pretrip the ambulance for the next call.

BAFRS resources include a retired ambulance, automated external defibrillators, medical jump kits, oxygen, spine board and clamshells, fire rehab kit, plus minor and major trauma kits. BAFRS is committed to fundraising to enhance it's medical equipment allowing us to provide cutting edge medical care.

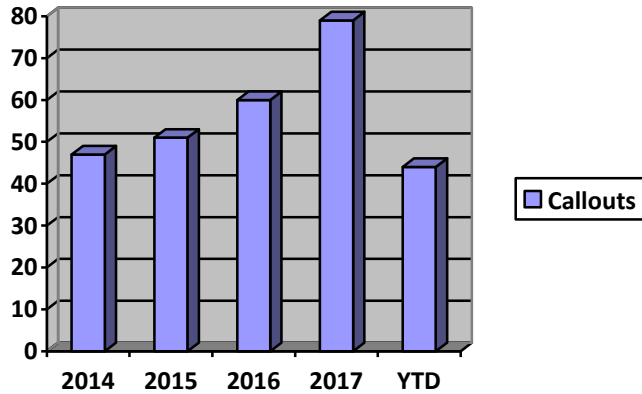
In 2017 we were called out to 79 medical and mutual aid tasks. Members logged several hundred additional hours on training, administration, and community events such as the Barriere Fall Fair and Rodeo, the Barriere First Responders' annual Emergency Service Gathering, and many other events.

Business and Training meetings are held the first Monday of every month at the fire hall. The directors meet 30 minutes prior to the regular members. Any business requiring a vote by the members is done quickly after all members show up. Once all business is dealt with, members run through skill stations and medical calls to maintain their skills.

Area of operation: BAFRS' area of operation is approximately 3700 square kilometres in extent. Our boundaries are the same as Barriere BC Ambulance. This includes McClure, Barriere lakes, Agate bay, Darfield, Louis Creek, and Chu Chua, with approximately 4500 persons residing in the area covered.

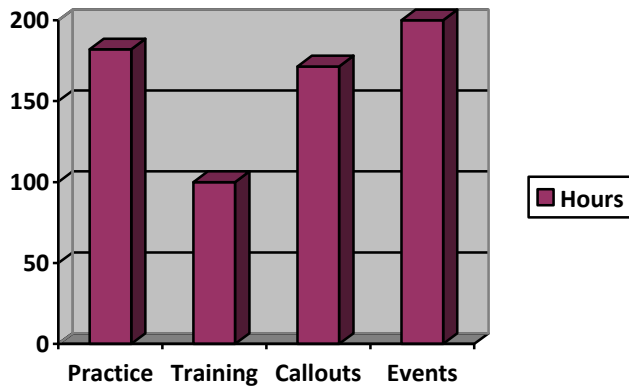
Mutual aid agreements: A mutual aid agreement was established with Chu Chua First Responders. In the event that either one of us requires assistance, or isn't able to respond; the other will cross cover the area.

## 2. BARRIERE FIRST RESPONDERS STATISTICS



### Yearly Callouts

2014 – 47  
 2015 – 51  
 2016 – 60  
 2017 – 79



### 2017 Person Hours

Practice – 182  
 Training – 100  
 Callouts – 171.5  
 Events and Fundraising – 200  
 Total Hours – 653.5

### 2017 Fundraisers

- Bullarama
- Car Wash
- Hot Dog Sales
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Spaghetti Dinner
- True Grit Rodeo
- Laughing Logger Show

### 2017 Training

- Narcan Endorsement
- Mass Casualty Incident
- Evidence and Scene Protection

### 2017 Events

- Big Barriere Block Party
- Fall Fair and Rodeo Parade
- Barriere Fire Dept Open House
- Bike Rodeo
- Daycare Presentation

### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART BAFRS 2017

