



Procession and Public Funeral for Victoria's 31st Fire Chief

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VICTORIA, BC — On May 12, 2017, retired Victoria Fire Chief Doug Angrove lost his battle to brain cancer. A procession followed by a public funeral at the Archie Browning Sports Centre curling rink in Esquimalt will be held the afternoon of Saturday, June 24 to honour Victoria's 31st Fire Chief.

The funeral procession will commence at 1 p.m. from the parking lot on the corner of Lyall Street and Canteen Road and will proceed east on Lyall Street to the Archie Browning Sports Centre. The procession will include the Victoria Fire Department's uniformed personnel, Honour Guard and firefighting apparatus. Local and out-of-town uniformed emergency responders in attendance will be involved in the procession. A rolling street closure will be provided by the Victoria Police.

The service will be officiated by Victoria Fire Department Chaplain Keith Nanninga and Rob Johns, Manager of Emergency Planning at the University of Victoria who previously worked with Angrove at the City. Speakers will include Victoria Fire Chief Paul Bruce, current and retired fire chiefs, Doug Angrove's family, and friends from all facets of his life.

Public seating will be available on a first-come basis at the curling rink. Doors will open to the public at approximately 1:30 p.m. once the funeral procession has arrived. The funeral service is expected to start promptly at 2 p.m. Access to the curling rink will be through the back entrance off the Lyall Street parking lot.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

A designated area and seating will be reserved for media to photograph and videotape the service. Media is asked to check-in at the back entrance. (Note: Please respect the family's privacy and request not to be photographed or videotaped entering or leaving the facility and during the service.)

WHAT: Procession and Public Funeral for Victoria's 31st Fire Chief Doug Angrove
WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 2017, Procession 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Funeral Service 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
WHERE: Procession: Lyall Street from Canteen Road to the Archie Browning Sports Centre Curling Rink at 1151 Esquimalt Road

Parking at the Sports Centre will be reserved for family members and those with mobility challenges. Public parking may be available at the parking lot at 10 Canteen Road or at the CFB Esquimalt parking lot located at the end of Esquimalt Road. Street parking may also be available. Please do not park at the adjacent shopping mall.

Doug Angrove was born on May 26, 1957 and grew up in Esquimalt, playing Junior and Senior A lacrosse at the Archie Browning Sports Centre, which eventually led him to the Mann Cup. At the age of 22, Angrove moved up Island where he served 24 years with Nanaimo Fire Rescue, first as a fire fighter and as Deputy Fire Chief of the Nanaimo Fire Department from 2000 – 2003.

Angrove began working with the Victoria Fire Department on October 27, 2003 as Deputy Fire Chief and was promoted to Victoria Fire Chief on May 12, 2006, retiring on September 30, 2011. He devoted 34 years of his career to the Fire Service in British Columbia, eight of which with the Victoria Fire Department.

The Victoria Fire Department's "Team Doug" will be participating in the *Ride to Conquer Cancer* from Vancouver to Seattle this August. All the money raised will go directly towards cancer research at the BC Cancer Foundation.

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