



# EFD RETIREES BRIGADE

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## THE LAST ALARM

**NIMIS, Ed.** Passed away on January 08, 2006 at the age of 76 years.

**ROBERTSON, Gordie.** Passed away on March 03, 2006 at the age of 78 years.

**WRIGHT, Ron.** Passed away on April 04, 2006 at the age of 81 years.

**ADAMS, Jack.** Passed away on April 21, 2006 at the age of 81 years.

**PEDEN, Dan.** Passed away on July 15, 2006 at the age of 87 years.

**STAV, Ivan.** Passed away on August 19, 2006 at the age of 78 years.

**KOSH, Ken.** Passed away on August 21, 2006 at the age of 56 years

**LUYCKFASSEL, Don.** Passed away on September 11, 2006 at the age of 73 years

**RANKS, George.** Passed away on October 09, 2006 at the age of 76 years.

**FRIEDENBERG, Gordon,** Passed away on November 01, 2006 at the age of 70 years.

### OBITUARIES

**DOWHUN, Rosemarie,** Spouse of Steve. Passed away on February 02, 2006

**CASE, Marlene,** Spouse of Al. Passed away on June 16, 2006.

**GLEGLOFF, Jim.** Active Fire Prevention Member. Passed away on July 17, 2006 at the age of 48 years.

**STEVENS, Clarke** Active member in THE LINE of DUTY. Passed away on August 19, 2006 at the age of 48 years.

**METZ, Irene.** Spouse of Joe, passed away on November 06, 2006

**ZAWADA, Marge.** Spouse of Peter, passed away on September 25, 2006

## New Retirees:

<b>ZAVITZ, Ron</b>	Jan 01, 2006	30 yrs
<b>FINLAY, Mike</b>	Jan 04, 2006	33 yrs
<b>DANCOCKS, Don</b>	Jan 06, 2006	28 yrs
<b>OLSON, Jim</b>	Jan 06, 2006	30 yrs
<b>DUIGOU, Roger</b>	Jan 08, 2006	30 yrs
<b>D'AMICO, Pete</b>	Jan 15, 2006	31 yrs
<b>CYMBALA, Andy</b>	Jan 20, 2006	31 yrs
<b>TOPOLNITSKY, Wayne</b>	Jan 20, 2006	34 yrs
<b>FULLER, Dave</b>	Feb 01, 2006	34 yrs
<b>ZUBOT, Jim</b>	Feb 07, 2006	28 yrs
<b>SMITH, Miles</b>	Feb 07, 2006	31 yrs
<b>ROBERTSON, Dennis</b>	Feb 24, 2006	32 yrs
<b>MATHEWS, Don</b>	Mar 02, 2006	29 yrs
<b>DOWNEY, Stewart</b>	Mar 15, 2006	30 yrs

<b>BEREZAN, Al</b>	Apr 02, 2006	30 yrs
<b>LANE, Jim</b>	Apr 16, 2006	30 yrs
<b>BIGNELL, Larry</b>	Apr 21, 2006	29 yrs
<b>HENRY, Kim</b>	Apr 23, 2006	29 yrs
<b>MOLES, Murray</b>	May 01, 2006	28 yrs
<b>ROYER, Aime</b>	May 15, 2006	35 yrs
<b>BILOSHYSKI, Mike</b>	May 26, 2006	29 yrs
<b>DITTMER, Dennis</b>	May 29, 2006	31 yrs
<b>FARQUHAR, John</b>	Jun 17, 2006	32 yrs
<b>SIEMENS, Randy</b>	Jun 23, 2006	33 yrs
<b>HENDRIKX, Ted</b>	Jul 04, 2006	31 yrs
<b>BERLADYN, Rick</b>	Jul 05, 2006	31 yrs
<b>TOORNSTRA, Bert</b>	Jul 11, 2006	31 yrs
<b>BERNIER, Andy</b>	Jul 23, 2006	31 yrs
<b>ROSTALSKI, Ed</b>	Jul 31, 2006	31 yrs
<b>POINTON, Dave</b>	Aug 01, 2006	31 yrs
<b>BENSON, Gary</b>	Aug 15, 2006	29 yrs
<b>PERRAS, George</b>	Aug 31, 2006	28 yrs
<b>CARLSON, Don</b>	Sep 20, 2006	31 yrs
<b>CRANDALL, Jeff</b>	Sep 21, 2006	30 yrs
<b>DASHKEWICH, Peter</b>	Sep 30, 2006	32 yrs
<b>MORRIS, John</b>	Oct 01, 2006	30 yrs
<b>STAMP, Victor</b>	Nov 22, 2006	30 yrs
<b>SERBU, Jackie</b>	Dec 29, 2006	25 yrs
<b>SCHURMAN, Vic</b>	Dec 31, 2006	29 yrs

## Member News:

June 13, 2006 was a very proud day for Dinty Moor and his family when he was inducted into the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements in Handball. Dinty was introduced to Handball at the age of 17 at the YMCA, then played and coached from then on. He won many championships across Canada from 1961 to 2000, both in singles and doubles.

I received an e-mail from Dave (Boomer) Broomfield in which he revealed where he ended up since retiring from the EFD. He first became Fire Chief in Mayne Island, BC. He then decided to accept an appointment as Fire Chief in Zenica Bosnia three years ago through NATO. He is involved in upgrading the fire services in the area and is also working on establishing a training school for all of Bosnia. He also stated that he and his spouse Anita have decided to make their permanent home in the area and are looking for property in Serajevo area which has a nice climate and is in a mountain area. Property prices and cost of living are reasonable. They send Christmas and New Year Greetings to all.

**Pension Reform:** The Society for pension reform is suing the government of Alberta to correct the way it administers the

pensions of provincial employees. Members of the Edmonton Fire Department are part of this through the LAPP (Alberta Pensions Administration) that we all paid into. One part of the suit deals with a shortage of .6 percent of your average salary per year of pensionable service to everyone that retired before age 65. All fire fighters retire at age 60 or sooner. The second part that affects Firefighters is the pay back system for co-ordinated pensions. If you co-ordinated your pension you received an advance of your Canada & old age pensions. When you reached 65 the advance was halted and you then had to pay back the advance. The problem with this is you have to keep paying back for life which then can cost you a lot of money as life expectancy gets longer. At a meeting on Nov 20, 2006 the Society reported that court action has started and court dates have been set for April 3,4,&5, 2007. The hearings will take place in Calgary, AB. The Society also reported that they are in the need of funds to pay legal costs so if you have not joined the Society, the dues are \$25.00 per calendar year . An application form is enclosed that can be used for new members and also to renew for 2007.

## Tent:

The Retirees Brigade have a 24 by 30 tent for rent. The tent has full side walls with windows and a door. For rental information and bookings phone Ben Stein at 464 6062. The tent is ideal for outdoor weddings, picnics or family reunions. Call early as bookings are limited.

**Membership:** There are now 550 retired firefighters, 111 widows and 339 paid up members. If you move please let us know Membership renewals can be paid at functions or by mail to the EFD Retirees c/o the Common Wealth Credit Union, 14909 - 121 A Ave. NW, Edmonton, AB T5V 1P3.

Merry Christmas from the Executive, Committees and the Volunteers of the Edmonton Fire Department Retirees Brigade