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Parksville Fire Responds to “Bomb Cyclone” Incidents

At the height of the recent storm, Parksville Fire Rescue members were extremely busy responding to about 24 incidents related to storm damage. Fire rescue apparatus was deployed across the Parksville Fire Protection Area to deal with multiple co-occurring incidents. More than thirty of Parksville Fire’s thirty plus members were engaged in response and dispatch activities throughout the night.

- 13 hydro related (power lines down/ trees or branches on lines / branch on fire on lines)
- 1 brush fire (caused by debris on power lines falling to the ground)
- 1 Carbon Monoxide alarm
- 2 fire alarm activations in apartment building related to power outages
- 5 public service calls
- 2 elevator rescues

QUOTE CHIEF MARC NORRIS

“I wish to recognize our members, most volunteer on-call firefighters, for their great work in stabilizing and mitigating all incidents as well as their dedication to the safety of our community. This was by far, the busiest 16-hour period Parksville Fire has experienced, previously with twelve calls in a similar period.”

Parksville Fire wishes to remind residents of the importance of being prepared for weather events. During strong wind events there are likely to be power outages and debris on roadways and sidewalks. Roads may be dark and traffic lights may not be functioning. The importance of being prepared for at least 72 hours cannot be overstated. Visit the [Emergency Management Oceanside](http://EmergencyManagementOceanside.com) website for more information on how to get prepared and how to be involved.

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For more information:

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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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