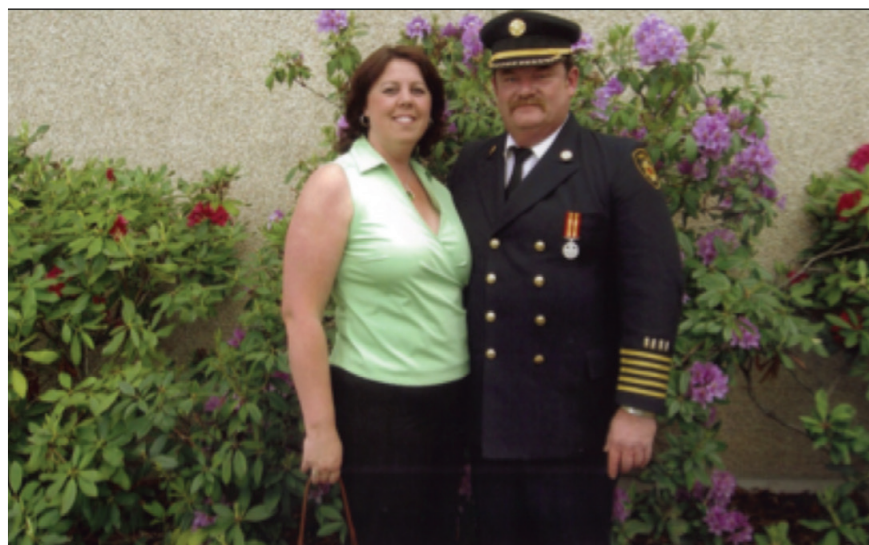




Ken McClure, Fire Chief

March 14th, 2011 – September 20th, 2014



We are all shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of our Fire Chief, Ken McClure. He was a stellar man, deeply loved, respected, and admired. Ken worked tirelessly on behalf of our community. Passion for emergency services radiated out of his very being.....a passion that was matched by his skill. He transferred not only his enthusiasm but his expertise to our local fire department. He influenced change at the provincial level that benefited Golden as well as every community with road rescue services throughout the province. On behalf of the Town Council and our staff, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, to his colleagues both near and far, and to the Golden Fire Rescue Department.

-Mayor Christina Benty and Town Council

In less than three years, Ken McClure's accomplishments has and will continue to make ripples across the British Columbia pond. First, in a system where the costs of highway rescue had been greatly borne by the residents of communities, he was instrumental amongst less than a handful of his peers in BC to convince the Province to more than double the re-imbusement rates to communities providing this service. As a result, the cost of our department to rescue people so frequently on our often dangerous highways, is nearly cost recoverable.

His other lasting material legacy will arrive in a few short months: the first of its kind in being fully paid for through provincial grants heavy duty road rescue vehicle custom designed by him, with the great help of his crew thanks to his inclusive teaching style. It's arrival will be precedent setting in British Columbia, a testament to his dedication, and as it is used by the men and women of Golden Fire Rescue in the ensuing years to save many lives, the ripple effect of Ken McClure will be not be lost, but will reach only further.

The Chief believed in the power of dedication to and respect for the people who work for and around you as the key to create a place where loyalty and honour become second nature. He rebuilt a department into a focused, team driven, and highly motivated force and inspired the men and woman who are our fire fighters and rescuers to be exceptional people and motivators in our community.

Ken McClure had a presence that could never be ignored: never arrogant, never overbearing; commanding respect, yet quietly respectful. For those of us lucky enough to be his family, to have worked with him, been a friend, or simply one to understand the magnitude of his achievements in the name of public service, protection, and leadership, his legacies will influence us the remainder of our lives.



-On behalf of the Town of Golden staff, the Golden Fire/Rescue Department, and the Golden Volunteer Fire Fighters Association