

The First Watch



L-R: Lt. Kevin Whelan, FF Jennifer Tilley, FF Tim Perrin, and FF Steve Harnum make up the first shift to provide 24 hour weekend coverage by career firefighting staff in Conception Bay South.

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On December 4th, the Conception Bay South Fire Department began 24-hour weekend staffing of its fire stations with career firefighters. Until now, all “after-hours” weekend emergency and fire protection services have been provided exclusively by a dedicated volunteer staff. In recent years, the number of emergency calls has increased significantly in Conception Bay South, prompting council to approve additional funding of \$910,000 to provide increased staffing, and other improvements to emergency and fire protection services. Early in the coming year, the Conception Bay South Fire Department will begin staffing its fire stations on a 24-7 basis with career firefighters, in addition to its current team of volunteer members.