



Barriere First Responders Society (BAFRS)

Who We Are

- ▶ Established in 2014
- ▶ Registered Non-profit with Canadian Charitable Status
- ▶ 20 Total Members (Non-First Aiders / First Aiders)
- ▶ 15 Active FR/EMR/PCP Responders On-call (Carrying a pager)
- ▶ 24/7 Radio-paged Response Model (BAFRS Owned Paging System)
- ▶ March 2026 - 6 additional members enrolled in FR training (21 Active Responders)



What We Respond To

▶ BCEHS Call Categories:

- Purple (Deadly)
- Red (Delay Harmful)
- Orange (Emergency Delay less harmful)
- Yellow (Non emergent)

▶ Additional Operation Roles:

- Fire Rehabilitation
- Highway Rescue (Medical Support ONLY)
- Natural Disasters
- Civil Emergency Operations
- Available to the District during any emergency!

Clinical Response Model - Descriptions

PURPLE	RED	ORANGE	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE
Immediately life threatening (cardiac / respiratory arrest) Highest priority Echos and Deltas	Immediately life threatening or time critical Advanced skills recommended	Urgent / Potentially serious but not immediately life threatening	Non-urgent (not serious or life threatening)	Non-urgent (not serious or life threatening)	Non-urgent (not serious or life threatening). Further telephone triage appropriate.
Code 3	Code 3	Code 3	Code 2	More information coming soon	If a BLUE incident is triaged as requiring an ambulance response the incident will be re-coded to reflect the urgency of attendance. Response will align to the allocated code.
	Potential divert from RED to PURPLE	Potential divert from ORANGE to RED to PURPLE	Potential divert from YELLOW to ORANGE to RED to PURPLE		
					
					

Area of Operation

- ▶ 3,700 sq km Service Area
- ▶ 4,500 Full-time Residents (approx.)
- ▶ Aligned Boundaries to Serve Barriere BCEHS Geolocated Response Area
- ▶ Mutual Aid - Simpcw First Nations
- Requested by BCEHS and Simpcw to Provide Primary FR Coverage

Operational Activity 2025

- ▶ 128 Medical Callouts (Last 5 years with 100 plus calls annually)
- ▶ 2 Fire Rehabilitation Request (Barriere Fire Rescue)
- ▶ 25 Events Locally - Providing First Aid
- ▶ 19 Dedicated Training Nights (Medical Scenarios, Skill Sessions, ect)

Professional Standards & Growth

- ▶ All First Responders Received the Scope of Update
- ▶ First Responders Take a 6 Day Course (\$700 per person)
- ▶ 2025 - 3 Members Upgraded to EMR 15 Day Course (\$2200 per person)
 - Anticipating Upgrading Several More FR to EMR every Year
- ▶ 4 Members CISM Trained - 2 Completing Certificate Program (JIBC)

Equipment & Capital Assets

- ▶ Total Assets: \$300,548
- ▶ Capital Assets: \$269,585

- ▶ FR-3 Medical / Command Trailer - \$54,900
- ▶ FR-1 & FR- 2 Response Vehicles - \$174,500
- ▶ Medical Equipment - \$31,000
- ▶ C-Can and Portable Structure - \$9,150

- ▶ This infrastructure was built without municipal capital expenditure.



Financial Sustainability

▶ 2025 Operational Expense - \$29,180

▶ Revenue Sources:

- Grants
- Donations
- Event First Aid
- Fundraising

District Agreement

- ▶ One Fire Hall Bay (Lease Agreement Approved By Prior Council and CAO)
- ▶ In Return
 - Fire Rehab Services (Snacks, Drinks, Vitals, Special Equipment) **Rad-57 SpCO \$6500 alone**
 - First Responder Services for Barriere
 - Emergency Support When Requested
- ▶ Offered Fire Fighter Transport if ambulance is delayed during Fire Rehab



How the Society Model Strengthens Public Safety

- ▶ No tax-based operational burden
- ▶ Independent Grant Eligibility
- ▶ Dedicated Medical Training Focus
- ▶ Capital Assets Remain Community-owned
- ▶ No Fixed Response Boundaries

How the Society Model Strengthens Public Safety

- ▶ Medical calls handled by BAFRS allow fire apparatus to remain available for fire suppression and rescue
- ▶ Prevents operational conflicts between medical and structure fire responses
- ▶ Reduces wear and capital strain on heavy apparatus
- ▶ Dedicated medical and fire services strengthen overall emergency capability by allowing each to develop true expertise in their discipline.

TRU Building Request

► Request:

- One Secure Office Space
- Shared Meeting / Training Room Access

► Rationale:

- Activates a currently boarded-up public asset
- Creates shared office and meeting space for multiple non-profits
- Strengthens collaboration between community service organizations
- Provides visible District support of volunteer-based services





Questions?



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Re: Use of the Former TRU Building for Shared Non-Profit Office and Training Space

Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Barriere First Responders Society (BAFRS), I would like to formally inquire about the potential use of the former TRU building as shared office and training space for BAFRS and other local non-profit organizations.

BAFRS is a registered, volunteer-based non-profit organization that provides Medical First Responder services to the Barrière community and surrounding area. Like many non-profits, our organization operates entirely on fundraising, grants, sponsorships, and donations. We do not receive dedicated core funding for operations, administration, or infrastructure. As a result, finding affordable and suitable office and training space has always been a significant challenge.

We believe the former TRU building presents a unique and mutually beneficial opportunity for both the District of Barrière and the local non-profit community. Our vision would be for BAFRS to utilize a single room within the building for modest administrative office space, while the larger conference and common areas could be shared among multiple non-profit groups for meetings, training, and community programming. This shared-use model would



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maximize the building's value, reduce barriers for volunteer organizations, and encourage collaboration between local service groups.

This concept aligns well with the District's continued support of non-profits and community-based services, while also putting a currently boarded-up building back into active, positive use. Revitalizing this space would help increase vibrancy in the downtown core, improve the visual appearance of the area, and reinforce Barrière's commitment to community engagement and volunteerism.

BAFRS has already utilized the TRU building on several occasions for First Responder and Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training sessions, and it has proven to be an excellent facility for this purpose. Having reliable access to indoor training and meeting space would significantly enhance our ability to train volunteers locally, improve retention, and better serve the residents of Barrière and our partner communities.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Council or District staff to further discuss this concept, potential logistics, and how such a shared-use model could be structured in a way that benefits both the District and participating organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We truly value the District of Barrière's continued support of emergency services and community non-profits, and we look forward to the possibility of working together on this opportunity.

Respectfully,

Drew McMartin

President

Barriere First Responders Society