



Captain (Don) McNeil,

Captain Don McNeil will retire from the CF on the 06 Jan 2012 after 36 plus years of service as a Firefighter and Construction Engineer.

Captain McNeil joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1975 as a direct entry Firefighter. Upon completion of Basic and Trades training he was transferred to CFB Uplands Ottawa. While in Ottawa, between playing sports and work, he met his wife Dianne and they were blessed with two children Dawn-Marie and Cory.

In 1980 it was time to sail and he was posted to HMCS Algonquin for two years, then off to CFB Trenton. It was a short three years in Trenton; in 1985 Capt McNeil was posted to CFB Lahr Germany where he spent the next five years.

In 1990 Capt McNeil was accepted for CFR and it was off to CFB Chilliwack to begin training as a newly commissioned officer. Upon completion of training in 1991, it was off to CFB Edmonton as the Fire Chief and for a brief period as the Ops O at CE.

In 1994 he was posted to Air Command Winnipeg where he was the Deputy Fire Marshal and Airfield Engineer Training Officer. In 1997 he escaped Winnipeg for a one year stint as the Fire Chief in Goose Bay, and then with no opening for Fire Chiefs it was off to the Golan Heights for a one year tour with UNDOF Headquarters as a CE officer.

Upon completion of the UN tour in July 1999, Capt McNeil was posted to NDHQ Headquarters and has moved throughout the building, CFFM office, CLS Fire Marshal and CMS Fire Marshal.

Capt McNeil will be retiring in Ottawa with Dianne where they plan on enjoying some travel and the summers on the lake.