



Retirement  
Captain (SRCP CWO) Bruce Paradis, MMM, CD

Captain Paradis joined the CF in 1979 out of Rosemere Quebec and completed basic training at CFB Cornwallis. After completing his QL3 Firefighter training in Borden, he was posted to CFB Chatham NB where he worked with some great aircraft that are now mounted on sticks. Leaving Chatham as a Master Corporal after a great eight years and where he met his wife Bonnie, Captain Paradis was posted in January 1988 to the Halifax NS area where he served as a Firefighter on Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Iroquois and Athabaskan completing a NATO tour and numerous exercise deployments.

In 1991 Captain Paradis was posted across the harbour to 12 Wing Shearwater as a Sergeant serving as a Fire Inspector, Chief Fire Inspector and finally as a Deputy Platoon Chief. Upon promotion to Warrant Officer in 1996, Captain Paradis was posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake as a Platoon Chief and during his tour at 4 Wing, he served as Task Force Fire Marshal in Kosovo from December 1999 to Jun 2000.

In July of 2000, Captain Paradis was promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer and posted to ASU Edmonton Fire Service as the Deputy Fire Chief. In 2003, he was posted to 17 Wing Winnipeg MB as the Fire Chief where he had the honour of serving with the only Dalmatian in the National Defence Fire Service (RIP Dottie).

In 2004, after a very short tour of Winnipeg, Captain Paradis was posted early to the office of the Canadian Forces Fire Marshal in Ottawa where he was employed to write deployed ops fire policy and complete the Fire Service Training system. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer in August of 2004 and posted to DGMP to conduct the Firefighter Functional Analysis with the MOSART project. During that time, he completed a systematic review of the entire Firefighting occupation with the assistance of many occupational members which resulted in changes to training and employment.

In 2005, Captain Paradis was posted back to the office of the Fire Marshal and assumed the position of CFFM CWO, Operations and Senior Trade Advisor to the occupation. As part of his responsibilities, he was appointed to the Canadian Fallen Firefighter Foundation Board of Directors representing Military Firefighters.

Along with his CFFM duties, Captain Paradis was appointed Group Chief Warrant Officer to Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) in 2006 and served in that capacity until 2011.

In 2011, the Don of the Engineer Mafia made then Chief Warrant Officer Paradis an offer he couldn't refuse, Special Requirements Commissioning to the rank of Captain with a posting to 14 Wing Greenwood. Returning to an operational fire service location was one of the best ways to top off a great career and the Firefighters in 14 Wing made it even that more enjoyable.

During his career, Captain Paradis has had the fun of completing a tour in Kosovo and Macedonia, NATO with Iroquois, RV exercises and numerous trips to Europe and Afghanistan as well as one of his personal favourites, two recce's to Resolute Bay.

Captain Paradis has served from Pte to CWO and in every operational job in the firefighter occupation with the exception of CJIRU.

The most significant milestone of his career was as the CFFM Chief Warrant Officer where he had the honour to represent the National Defence Fire Service and all of the Firefighters; both CAF and civilian. Major milestones include the operational governance and planning of fire protection for the 2010 Olympics, Afghanistan Roto O to Roto 11, as well as every other Canada Command and CEFCOM mission during that time including Op Hestia, the first time CAF Firefighters were deployed in a Search and Rescue capacity.

Captain Paradis remains on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation as Treasurer and is a National Advisory Council Member to the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

Captain Paradis will be retiring from the Wing Fire Chief position in April 2015 and plans to enjoy retirement with his wife Bonnie in and around the Moncton area. He will be dedicating many more hours to the Fallen Firefighters ensuring they are honoured and remembered. Travel is in the cards, visiting their sons and their grandchildren and basically enjoying life. He could not have had the career that he has had without the support of his wife and their two sons, Aaron (Samantha) and Jeff (Meghan); thanks to all of them for their never ending patience.