

COMTECH FIRE DISPATCH

Financial Tips and Community News

Welcome to Comtech Fire Dispatch. In this monthly newsletter, you'll be able to read about the latest news, upcoming community events, interesting facts, members in the spotlight and a whole lot more. Happy reading!

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Upcoming Events

- September 26th: Toronto Fire Canada 150 Truck Visit to King Street Branch
- October 19th: International Credit Union Day, with refreshments in all our branches!



Did you know that Comtech Fire Credit Union:

- Has seven branches in Ontario, with a new branch set to open in early 2018 on the Danforth in Toronto?
- Supports community and partner causes with contributions of over \$50,000 every year?
- Offers some of the very best rates on home and auto insurance through our partner at the Personal?
- Has one of the largest ATM networks in Canada and the United States, and you will never pay a fee to use any of them (some locations in the US excluded)?
- Is one of the few unionized financial institutions in Ontario?
- Has total assets of over \$500 million?
- Offers complete financial and estate planning services?
- Is made up of close to 20,000 members in Ontario?



What's New at Comtech Fire? Merger News

Combining 3 Credit Unions is no easy task, but we're committed to making it work. With the merger with Fire Services Credit Union and the acquisition of Limestone Credit Union in the past twelve months, we've become a single Credit Union that will have 8 branches in operation by early 2018. That means we'll be servicing the needs of close to 20,000 members.

Bringing together three different staff and cultures, charting a new course forward and bringing three different systems, product lines and support services together is hard work and there will be some bumps along the way. Our Fire Service CU members will be aware of some transaction challenges on their conversion to the more modern Wealthview Banking system. Our staff worked very hard, and it goes without saying that we are deeply appreciative of our member's loyalty and patience.

In the first quarter of 2018, the conversion of our Limestone members to our core banking system will be completed. While we can't predict exactly how conversion will go, we can anticipate a much smoother transition for our Limestone members.

Please check our **website** for current updates and information on the upcoming conversion. After conversion, Limestone members will see additional benefits and services; including a state of the art mobile app that includes deposit anywhere technology and other advanced features!



2017 Community Commitment Donations and Sponsorship

- UTV for the Emergency Services Department in Loyalist Township
- OPFFA Patrick J. Defazio Health & Safety Seminar in Toronto
- Sault Ste. Marie Professional Fire Fighters 24 hour hockey challenge
- Bell President's Hockey Tournament in Kingston, ON.
- OPFFA Spring Conference in Niagara Falls
- OPFFA Annual Convention in Toronto
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Convention
- Canadian Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament
- Guelph, Timmins, Barrie, Toronto, Richmond Hill, Oakville and Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Golf Tournaments
- Oakville Fire Fighters Extracation Team
- Camp Bucko Curling Bonspiel
- Ontario Credit Union Foundation Golf Tournament & Bursary Program
- Bell Marcel Vincent Slo-Pitch Tournament
- Toronto, Mississauga, Oakville, Richmond Hill, Brampton Fire Recruit Classes
- Fire & Emergency Services Training Institute Pre-Fire Training Classes and Certification Program
- Kevin Frost Three Time World Champion Canadian Deaf-blind athlete
- Kingston Boys & Girls Club
- Kingston Special Olympics Team
- St.Paul's Elementary School BBQ and Leadership Award
- Kids Come First Golf Tournament in support of Autism in Ottawa
- Toronto Fire Canada 150 Fire Truck
- Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto Fire Pink Trucks for Breast Cancer research



Community Events Kingston & Amherstview

Each year CRI Canada gives back to our communities through Learning Grants. By providing financial assistance to younger credit union members, CRI Canada helps credit unions build a strong connection with our youth. We are thrilled to announce that on August 10, 2017, on behalf of CRI Canada, Gisele Godfrey and Amy Caird presented our member Maeve Lovelace with her \$1,000.00 cheque as one of the Ontario grant winners. Congratulations to Maeve! It was not an easy task to choose only two highly qualified candidates from the applications submitted in all of Ontario.

On Sunday, August 20, 2017, Comtech Fire Credit Union was the proud sponsor of the 4th Annual 2017 Ride for Kids Kingston charity event. We had 116 riders and corporate sponsors which resulted in \$12,000.00 being raised to support The Boy and Girls Club Kingston and area and local children's charity groups. Since 2014, this event has raised over \$35,000.00 for children and teens. A big Comtech Fire thank you goes to Kate Burns, Amy Caird and Gisele Godfrey for helping set up our booth in the vendor area!

On Monday, September 4, 2017, our volunteers had a great time at the Kingston & District Labour Council annual Labour Day Parade and Picnic at McBurney (Skeleton) Park in Kingston. We were there to help celebrate labour in our community and promote our products and services.

On Sunday, September 24, 2017 we were proud sponsors of the Kidney Foundation of Canada Kingston Walk charity event. We set up our booth at Lake Ontario Park to support raising funds for kidney research and programs which helps improve lives for all people touched by kidney disease.



Member Testimonial: Toronto Professional Fire Fighter's Celtic Society

We are proud to provide primary banking services and financial support for the Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Celtic Society, a charitable organization of active and retired Toronto Firefighters and friends who respect and celebrate the strong Celtic culture and traditions found in the Toronto and North American Fire Services. Through events, they support many Canadian children's charities as well as the amazing Toronto Fire Services Pipes & Drums Band.

"The Celtic Society has been involved with Comtech Fire Credit Union since 2006. They have provided excellent service and advice with our accounts as well as set up online banking and e-transfers that we use for our payments. They also provide us with space to promote and sell our merchandise at their branch, and support for our fundraising events that we host. All this helps our Charity in raising money for the Children's Charities and Firefighter Charities that we support", said Celtic Society President David Cossitt.

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