

Fire Notification List

When a 911 call is placed for a fire incident on Crane Lake, Seguin Fire Service is notified. Seguin provides fire support to Crane Lake under a contract with the Township of the Archipelago which we pay for on our taxes. At the same time as Seguin Fire Service gets the call, a mass notification is sent out by a company called Northern911 to anyone on Crane Lake who has signed up to receive these notifications, including our Fire Safety Committee volunteers.

Be aware that although Seguin Fire Service has committed to respond with “best efforts”, because of its distance from the lake, it is much more likely that volunteers on Crane Lake arrive at the scene of an incident first. As time is always of utmost importance to limit damage and to prevent a fire from spreading, if we are able to start applying water to a fire while the professionals are on the way, the outcome will be much more positive.

Any Crane Lake cottage owner / family is eligible to receive notifications of fire incidents on Crane Lake. If you happen to be on the lake at the time of a fire incident and are able and willing to respond, you can sign up to receive these notifications.

We have created an online “Fire Notification Signup” form on the Crane Lake Association website. It is located under the “Fire Safety” tab on the home page at www.cranelakeassociation.ca. As soon as the form wording is finalized (hopefully by the time you are reading this), the password access will be removed and you can then fill out the form.

We are allowed a maximum of 100 spaces for cell numbers and an additional 100 spaces for e-mail addresses (for a total potential of 200 contacts). Please note the following guidelines:

- Decide whether you would prefer to receive the notification by text message or by e-mail. If you don't have a preference, we will fit you in where space is available. There is a place to indicate your preference on the form.
- Please limit the number of people per cottage address to one (1), unless there are more than one Fire Safety Committee members at your cottage, as we are limited to a total of 200 contacts. Note that once someone receives a fire notification, they can redistribute it to as many people as they wish.
- Even if you already receive text notifications of fire incidents (like Fire Safety Committee members), please fill out this form so we have all the information in one place.
- The person in your cottage you select to receive the notification should ensure they always keep their phone within earshot to become aware of a notification as soon as possible after it is sent.
- Signing up for notifications does not mean you are required to personally respond to a fire, but it allows you to know the location of the fire should you be on the lake at the time of the incident and able and willing to provide assistance. This assistance could be retrieving / delivering a portable pump, helping run hoses, operate a pump, or even transporting people with mobility issues to safety.
- We will provide further information and instructions once the signup has been completed, but you should set up your phone / device so the Fire notification message is a priority, has a distinctive notification sound, and overrides any privacy or “Do Not

Disturb” settings (for example if the call comes overnight). We will provide you with the phone number(s) and e-mail address(es) that the notifications will originate from.

- After the notification lists are set up with Northern 911, we will let you know and do a test of the system.
- To give you an idea of past history, there have been two live fire incidents on Crane Lake in the last 4 years. They are infrequent (and hopefully will stay that way) but can happen at any time.

If you are signing up for notifications, please complete the form by April 15, 2023. We will be sending the information to Northern911 all in one batch. If you sign up after this date (assuming space is still available), you can still be added to the list, but it will be at a later time.

If you have any questions about this process, you may contact Bruce at firesafety@cranelakeassociation.ca.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe cottage season 2023! See you on the water. 😊