

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

First Aid Team Report General Meeting April 28, 2026

Hello Everyone

I am pleased to assist First Aid Team Coordinator, Dot Bishop, to introduce the Desert Cove Emergency First Aid Team and update you on our activities

For well more than a decade, residents of Desert Cove have been served by volunteer members of the community who are ready to answer your call for help at anytime of the day or night. When you call, we will walk you through the steps to follow in an emergency, tell you to call 911 and be at your home in minutes to provide care and support until the Ambulance arrives.

All First Aid team members hold a basic first aid certificate and have taken advanced training as well. We are trained to assess a patient, check blood pressure, pulse and oxygen levels. We can stabilize an injury, dress a wound and care for you until the Ambulance arrives. We are all trained in CPR and the use of the AED and have access to the necessary equipment. Through your financial support we have added blood pressure monitors and oximeters to every team member's emergency kit.

Since December the DC First Aiders have responded to 16 calls. An updated Emergency Contact List is currently being delivered to every home in the Cove. Be sure to read it and put it where you can easily find it in an emergency.

Our Team:

Dot Bishop – our Coordinator served many years as the Industrial First Aid attendant for the Bishop's Construction Company. Dot's kindness and empathy make her well suited to help out in an emergency. And her determination to get things done make her an excellent leader of our team. Dot lives on 8th Avenue.

Vikki Jane who lives on 10th Avenue worked 15 years as an RN at a hospital in Newcastle. In Canada Vikki nursed for another 16 years on Vancouver Island in the areas of transitional palliative care, dementia and wound care. Vikki presently works on a casual basis at Noric House. Her calm confidence and cheerfulness help calm her patients.

Kelly Bodie's nursing experience is vast and varied. Almost immediately after graduation as a Licensed Practical Nurse Kelly returned to University earning a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing followed by a Master's degree in Nursing. She has experience and additional training in Critical Care, Emergency Room, Intervention Radiology, Intensive Care, Oncology, Wound Care and Pediatrics, to name a few. Kelly has taught at the University level and has managed a Cancer Care Centre as well as a Small Community Hospital. Kelly lives on 10th Avenue.

Kelly and Vikki will be providing additional First Aid training to the First Aid Team members as Professional Development.

Terry Hunt recently retired from the Surrey Fire Department after 29 years of service. At the time of his retirement Terry was the Captain of Fire Hall #2 in Whaley. A firefighter not only responds to residential and commercial fire emergencies but to medical emergencies as well. Terry trained as an Emergency First Responder, served on the Hazmat Team for 10 years and

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as a Personal Fitness Trainer for his fellow firefighters. Terry's 15 years with the BC Firefighter's Burn Camp, the Big Brothers program to name a few make it no surprise he was happy to join the Desert Cove First Aid Team. Terry lives on 4th Street.

Gord Harland, our most recent recruit, worked 40 years in industry. For most of those 40 years he was a member of and in charge of his workplace Safety Committee. Industrial First Aid Training prepares a person to treat some pretty traumatic injuries however his first call out the day after he joined the DC First Aid Team was to care for a person who was feeling faint. His patient reports he was wonderful and she felt well cared for. Gord, as with all members of the team holds current certificates in First Aid Level 2, CPR and AED operation. Gord lives on 1st Street.

And finally, **Denise Harper**. I have been a First Aider since CPR was called External Heart Massage. Throughout my life I remained involved in activities where First Aid knowledge was an asset. When I retired to Desert Cove I joined the First Aid team. I love Desert Cove and care deeply for the people who live here. I will continue to serve for as long as I am able. I live on 6th Street and don't mind what hour it is when you reach out for help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Harper

On Behalf of the Desert Cove First Aid Team