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From a couple of hose reels to computerized pumper apparatus, and from just "getting water on it" to prevention and investigation -- the evolution of the Kamloops Fire Department over the past century will be the topic for the February 16 program in the current Cariboo College series of free public lectures.

Fire Prevention Inspector Ken Snell will be the speaker for the Thursday evening event in the College's Science Building. His subject is "Fire - 100 Years of Faithful Service in Kamloops."

"The only concern when the fire service started here in 1884 was putting out the flames," Snell said. "Now we also think in terms of prevention, beginning with the design of new structures and continual inspection of existing ones, along with investigation of the cause of every fire."

As well, he pointed out, the Department keeps pace with improvements in technology, including improved communications and electronic devices.

Snell, who hails from Manitoba, engaged in police and correctional work until he joined the Kamloops Fire Department in 1976. He was appointed as Inspector in the Fire Prevention Bureau in 1980.

His lecture, which will be illustrated with slides, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room S-223. Coffee will be available between the main talk and the question period.

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