

# Prosper In Perth County: North Perth Fire Department

## Transcript

Bouncy and intense music begins. Camera swings to the exterior building of the North Perth Fire Station and focuses in on the Municipality's logo. "Prosper in Perth County" appears on the screen in white text.

Shots of an individual putting on fire equipment in slow motion appears. An individual puts on a yellow fire hat and mask. Shot of a firefighter walking across the fire hall. Bethany, dressed in her fire equipment, emerges from a red shipping container at fire practice. Fades to a close-up shot of Bethany in her uniform, with fire trucks behind her.

Bethany: "I'm Bethany Pilkington and I am a firefighter at North Perth fire department. I live here in Listowel Ontario."

We hear Bethany speak. Shot cuts to a male firefighter walking up to a fire truck and opening the passenger door. Shot of fire trucks pulling out of the shop one after the other. Firefighters practice carrying mock bodies across the fire hall. Bethany hooks on equipment to her fellow firefighter during outdoor practice.

Bethany: "As a new recruit in North Perth, we do sixteen weeks of training, so eight hours each weekend for sixteen weeks. Training really boosts everyone's confidence and we were able to go into every call knowing that we have the tools and knowledge that will help us in every call we need to go to."

We hear Bethany speak. Two fire trucks drive out of the building. The camera does a circular view of a fire truck. Camera transitions to Bethany with her helmet off while smiling and looking off into the distance. Shot fades to a close-up shot of Bethany in her uniform, with fire trucks behind her.

Bethany: "I was born in a place called Blackburn in the United Kingdom. We moved over and bought a house in Orangeville. In Orangeville they weren't hiring at the time when I was looking. In the interview at North Perth, I told them if I got the job I'd move here."

Fire truck drives and we see a fire hose along the road. Shot shows Bethany adjusting her fire equipment. Camera zooms in on a circle of firefighters eating dinner and socializing outside of the fire hall. We hear Bethany speak.

Bethany: "Being the first female firefighter in North Perth, I think it's a great change. Everyone at all three stations are really happy about it, and I never feel like I am the only female here, because they never make it feel that way."

Firefighters emerge from a smoky area with masks on. Shot transitions to firefighters turning on a hose of water. Shot of a firefighter driving a firetruck from the perspective of the back seat. Shot of Bethany looking out the firetruck window. We hear Bethany speak.

Bethany: “Integrity, honesty, I believe that being out in the community and being able to show that you have those characteristics is important. Playing sports for the past 18 and 19 years, having a job where I’m always part of a team was really important to me. I just work better with people.

Firefighter climb truck’s the ladder and look out at the horizon. Shot of a firefighter turning on the water hose from the top of the ladder. An aerial view of the firefighters on the ladder spraying a shipping container during practice fades in. A close-up shot of Bethany in her uniform, with fire trucks behind her transitions on the screen.

Bethany: “I like small towns, so for me it was a no-brainer. Everyone kinda knows everyone and always wants to hang out with each other which is pretty cool. It’s a tight knit community, they’re always inviting me places, which is really nice being away from home. There’s actually a lot to do in town, they have all of the stores you need, and the city is what, only 40 minutes away, which really isn’t that far to go.

Shot of firefighters climbing stairs and walking across the fire station. Shot of Bethany smiling while in her equipment, looking off into the distance. We hear Bethany speak.

Bethany: “The opportunity here has been amazing, so the things I’ve learned already in 8 months I wouldn’t be learning sitting at home. So I’m definitely really happy I chose to move to Listowel.”

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