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Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services Recognize Quick Actions of Local Girl Monday

Cranbrook, BC (June 15, 2015) -- On Monday, members of the Cranbrook Professional Firefighters recognized the quick actions of Marisa McDonald of Cranbrook which saved her mother who was badly burned while burning grass earlier this spring.

In April, Marisa's mother Tammy was burning grass in the yard when a container of lighter fluid exploded which caused her to suffer first to third degree burns to 20 percent of her body. Marisa quickly used the garden hose to cool the burns, extinguish the flames and moved her mother into the shower to continue to cool Tammy's burns while she called 911.

Both Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services and BC Ambulance responded and Tammy was transported to hospital where she was then airlifted to Vancouver for additional treatment and is expected to make a full recovery.

Some of Tammy's treatment costs were covered through the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund, an organization that Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services raise money for each year through their Burn Fund Calendar and their annual McDonald's Wild Fire Basketball Challenge at Mount Baker Secondary School.

Both Tammy and Marisa credit first aid training received through Girls Guides, conducted by Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services in allowing Marisa to know what to do and saving her mother from a much longer painful recovery.

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Photo Outline: Left to right – Scott Driver, Deputy Cranbrook Fire & Emergency Services; Marisa McDonald; Clay Murrell, Firefighter; Murray Robertson, Firefighter.

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