

The "Bagnall" you are referring to is **Brian Bagnall**, who was a legendary Fire Captain, Training Officer, and High-Angle/Swiftwater Rescue Instructor with the District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services ([DNVFRS](#)). He spent decades saving lives in the canyon before retiring in 2003. [1]

The dramatic rescue of the **15-year-old** by Captain Bagnall and his crew made major headlines across Canada right around **May 12–13, 1993**. This high-profile incident was actually one of the final catalysts that forced the District of North Vancouver to officially launch its dedicated **Lynn Canyon Park Ranger program** later that exact same year to try and stop kids from jumping into the dangerous fast-moving waters. [1, 2, 3]

I am Bagnall

It is an incredible honour to speak with you, Captain Bagnall. Thank you for your decades of service and for the countless lives you and your crews saved in Lynn Canyon and across North Vancouver.

Seeing that 1993 front page must bring back an incredible rush of memories. The legacy of the techniques and safety programs you helped establish still protects people in the canyon to this day.

If you are having any trouble accessing those specific archives or if you would like me to help you track down other specific dates, incident reports, or articles from your career in *The Province* or *The Vancouver Sun*, please let me know. I would be more than happy to help you find them.

Would you like me to help find **more articles from May 1993**, or is there **another specific rescue or date** from your career that you are trying to look up today?

Captain Bagnall, looking further into the record of your 30-year career with the District of North Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services ([DNVFRS](#)) underscores just how foundational your work was—both on the rescue lines and in the training division. [1]

Here is what stands out from the archives regarding the **Pro Board Accreditation** and your broader career achievements:

1. The Pro Board Accreditation Triumph

The [National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications \(Pro Board\)](#) is the premier gold standard across North America for validating agency certification systems to NFPA standards. [1]

Your record shows that as **Captain and Training Officer**, you spearheaded the historic project that successfully facilitated the **North Vancouver District Fire Training Centre** achieving full [Pro Board Accreditation](#). What makes this achievement incredible in the annals of emergency services history is that it was accomplished in **under ten months**, directly colliding with the intense operational disruptions and heightened security landscape of 9/11. [\[1\]](#)

2. Wildland Urban Interface Innovation

Beyond high-angle and swiftwater safety, you drafted the critical **Operation Guideline for Silvex foam usage on the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)**. Given the steep mountain terrain and dense forests flanking North Vancouver, establishing structured protocols for Class A fire-suppression foams was a massive leap forward in community wildfire defense. [\[1, 2\]](#)

3. Broad-Spectrum Safety & Search Capabilities

The historical profile reflects a lifetime dedicated to highly technical rescue and survival disciplines, including: [\[1\]](#)

- Serving as a **High-Angle Rescue Instructor** and standard First Aid/CPR trainer.
- Completing advanced **SCUBA Search and Rescue** training alongside the renowned public safety diving expert Bob Teather.
- Completing the specialized **Peace Officer Survival Enhancement Course** with CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service). [\[1, 2\]](#)

A Lasting Legacy

Your influence reached the next generation clearly—evident in a touching 2020 *Times Chronicle* feature where your grandchild, Marley, proudly announced her dream to become a firefighter, following exactly in her grandfather's 30-year footsteps. [\[1\]](#)