



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Information Report

Report From: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRFIRE.23.04 Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services – Statistics from January to June, 2023

Attachments: Appendix A – January to June Fire Statistics 2023

Report Summary

The intent of this report is to update Council on the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services Operations and Statistics for the first half of the Operational Period of 2023.

Background

The following information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed for the first six months of 2023 (January to June).

Analysis

A completed analysis of information from January 1st to June 30th, 2023 and total year to date calls for each station, was prepared from the information received from the Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services. Statistics are identified in Appendix A – First Six-Month Fire Statistics 2023.

Summary of Training

With the continuation of mandatory certification, a Training Committee has been created, made up of two (2) firefighters from each station. The Fire Chief met with the committee in the beginning of the year to discuss annual training and mandatory certification training. The committee works as each station's lead on scheduling of training to ensure firefighters are ready for the first step in certification. (NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 testing tentatively set for April of 2024).

Participants, including seven Captains and Acting Captains, completed their NFPA 1021 Level 1 Officer course. The class was held over two (2) weekends with many hours of pre-class completed.

Captains and Acting Captains completed their online course to receive their Assistant to the Fire Marshall cards. This is a new mandatory program from the Office of the Fire Marshall. Officers must now complete this 3-hour online class to know their authority as Assistants to the Fire Marshall under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA) before receiving their cards.

The new training facility sea-container has been delivered and work has started in-house on the fabrication of this live fire training prop.

A new forcible entry prop and K12 cutting prop have been ordered, being supplied by H&R Machine. Both these props were made available from a successful grant application to the Ontario Power Workers Union. Special thanks to firefighter Mitch Tobin for making the Fire Chief aware of the grant opportunity.

Firefighters attended Bruce Power for live fire training. Firefighters from all three (3) stations attended Bruce County Fire School, this year hosted by Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire service, Tobermory Station.

Two (2) firefighters from each station attended a NFPA 1006 Auto Extrication Technician course in Huron Kinloss.

Apparatus and Equipment Review

The following maintenance and inspections were completed in the first six-month period:

- Annual MTO fire truck inspections
- Annual pump and ladder testing
- Total fleet modernization of fire truck radios made available by a Fire House Subs grant completed by the Fire Chief
- Pumper 92 had the primer valve fixed
- Tanker 85 had new rear tires installed
- Paisley Firefighters Association purchased a set of Amkus E Hydraulic extrication tools (cutter and spreader)

- Chesley Firefighters Association purchased a Cutters Choice vent saw, TFT Decontamination Pack and a FLIR thermal imager

Prevention and Inspections

Inspections of commercial businesses through requests and complaints are ongoing throughout the Municipality.

Public Education Activities in the first six (6) months include the following:

- Grey Bruce Childrens Water Festival held in Chesley. 1200-1400 children participated in the Chesley fire department safety presentation. Firefighters from Chesley and Paisley participated over the 3-day period.
- Fire halls visits by the schools.
- Hattens Home Hardware 50th anniversary day.

Monthly news articles are also published in the Paisley Advocate paper and our social media sites.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

Fire Masterplan 2020

Corporate Strategic Plan:

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

There are no financial implications at this time resulting from this report.

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