

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: October 19, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, September 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	2	32
FAL	False Alarm	4	22
FRS	Structure Fire	1	6
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
GSL	Gas/Spill Leak		1
FRW	Wildland Fire		3
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	2	23
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
BC	Burning Complaint	5	22
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard		2
PS	Public Service		2
TOTALS		14	116

- FAL - 1 **September @ 19:42**– Report of alarms activated at a residence. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to cooking. The owner had windows open and was venting the smoke out.
- BC - 3 **September @ 9:45**– Chief 2 received a call from BCWS that they got a call for a campfire at 33km on the Finlay FSR, this area is within the District of Mackenzie. BCWS sent a member to investigate and extinguish if necessary.
- BC - 3 **September @ 1005**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that there was a fire, but was in an outdoor wood

stove. Wood stoves are permitted during the fire ban, Chief 2 cleared and returned to the Hall.

- AOA - 5 **September @ 22:04**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to perform CPR on a patient before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 9 **September @ 20:00**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that there was a fire, and the owner was unaware of the fire ban. Chief 1 had the owner extinguish the fire before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 9 **September @ 20:20**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that there was a fire, and the owner was unaware of the fire ban. Chief 1 had the owner extinguish the fire before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 9 **September @ 21:30**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that there was no fire. Chief 2 drove around and could not find a fire. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 11 **September @ 13:17**– Report of alarms activated at a business. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to a pull station being activated. Chief 2 had the property rep reset the pull station and the fire panel before returning to the Hall.
- FAL - 12 **September @ 17:58**– Report of alarms activated at residence. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to steam from a shower. There was no fire. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 12 **September @ 21:43**– Report of alarms activated at Conifex. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to a sprinkler being activated. There was no fire. Chief 2 had the property rep reset the fire panel before returning to the Hall.
- FRS - 14 **September @ 09:35**– Report of an oven on fire in a home. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the fire was contained in the oven and was easily put out by Chief 2. Crews checked for fire extension before returning to the Hall.

- MVI - 15 **September @ 13:51**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on Finlay Forest FSR. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 24 **September @ 17:03**– Requested by BCAS to assist with an MVI involving 2 quad ATV's. Crews were required to transport BCAS crew members onto a side road to access the patients. Crews assisted BCAS in transporting a patient from the accident site out of the side road to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- MVI - 29 **September @ 14:50**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on Hyw 39 south of Mackenzie. Crews were required to stabilize the rolled over vehicle to remove 2 dogs before returning to the Hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

5 September – Planning and Meeting Night

- a. Occupational Health & Safety Committee
- b. Management Team and Officers Meeting
- c. Monthly Training Plan
- d. Coordinate Work Plan Activities
- e. Complete Apparatus, Equipment and Facilities Checks
- f. Conduct Association Business Meeting

12 September- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in rescue Knots training.
- b. Probationary members participated in hose operations.

19 September- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in mechanical advantage set up.
- b. Probationary members continued with hose operations training.

29 August- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated with an over the bank scenario.
- b. Probationary members participated in ground ladder set up, carries and inspections.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

7 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of September.

FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

September 15-17 – A Fire Fighter participated in IAFF Hazmat Awareness and Operations training in Charlie Lake.

September 15 – Mackenzie Fire Department, along with other Emergency services assisted Morfee Elementary with their Terry Fox Run.

September 20 – Mackenzie Fire Department recognized a member for 40 years of service.

September 28- Campfire and Recreational Fire Ban lifted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

September – Emergency Management worked with the Province to check available resources for evacuees from Germanson Landing and Manson Creek.

September 14 – BC Rescinded the Provincial State of Emergency due to the wildfires and drought throughout the Province.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP:

Position	Allocation	Actual
Fire Chief	1	1
Deputy Fire Chief	1	1
Assistant Chiefs	2	1
Training Officers	2	2
Captains	4	2
Lieutenants	4	3
Engineers	4	1
Fire Fighters	20	8
Total Fire Fighting Force	38	19
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		8
Fire Fighter (Junior)	4	3
Leave of Absence		

NEW FIRE HALL BUILD EXPENSES TO DATE

The construction of the new fire hall continues.

The District of Mackenzie has expensed the following amounts for the project to date:

Category	Vendor	Expense to date
Design	Field Lievers Architecture	\$ 545,000
Project Management	Colliers Project Leaders	\$ 8,289
Geotechnical	GeoNorth	\$ 25,534
Survey	McElhanney	\$ 7,203
Construction Contract	Southwest Design & Construction	\$ 4,494,730
FF&E	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 177,204
Construction Management Fee	JenCol Construction	\$ 27,590
Miscellaneous*	Various	\$ 278,849
	Overall Budget Expense	\$ 5,564,399

*Miscellaneous expenses include: Hydro, legal, wages, benefits, minor contracting, and supplies.

Project works to date are as follows:

- Building is nearing substantial completion.
- Brick work is done. Concrete board has started
- Flooring & Fixtures are being installed
- Roofing system is complete
- Siding is being installed
- Final Painting inside has started.
- Windows are still in progress.

Total Project Budget = \$6.5 million

Total Expenses To Date = \$5,564,399

Total Budget Remaining = \$ 935,601

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer