

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: April 9, 2025

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, March 2025

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	2	10
FAL	False Alarm	1	3
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	4	9
PS	Public Service	1	4
TOTALS		8	28

- FAL - 4 March @ 12:39 – Report of an alarm activation at the Rec Center. Staff were on site assisting them with a fire drill. No response was required.
- AOA – 7 March @ 10:36 – Requested by BCAS for a Lift Assist. Crews were required to move a patient from their home and into an ambulance before returning to the hall.
- PS – 9 March @ 20:03 – Report of a Gas smell near the Tree Crusher. Chief 1 & 2 Investigated but could not smell anything or detect fumes on the Gas Monitor. Fortis was notified and a few days later, Fortis found that a gas line was leaking. Repairs were made.
- AOA – 13 March @ 03:56 – Requested by BCAS for a Lift Assist. Crews were required to move a patient from a piece of machinery to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 13 March @ 10:29 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 south of the Junction. Crews were required to assist with a patient before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 21 March @ 08:09 – Report of a vehicle hitting a power pole on Centennial Drive. Crews were required to assist with traffic control before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 21 March @ 10:04 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 north of the Junction. Crews were

required to assist with a patient before returning to the hall.

MVI - 30 March @ 17:04 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 north of the Junction. While responding, crews were informed by RCMP that there was no entrapment. Crews stood down.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

4 March – 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

11 March – Self Rescue and Rapid Intervention Team

- a. All Members participated in self-rescue and rapid intervention team training.

18 March – Scenario

- a. All Firefighters participated in a scenario at the EBCC, focus area was interior search & rescue training.

25 March – Scenario

- a. All Firefighters participated in a scenario at the EBCC, focus area was interior search & rescue training.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

- 7 - Fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of March.
- 1 - Special event inspection was conducted in the month of March.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:

March 1 & 2 – 8 Fire Department Members attended Live Fire 1 training in Maple Ridge at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, with funding from the IREN community grant.

March 13 – Fire Department put in a grant for First Aid Training and Resources to Enbridge's community grants program.

March 15 & 16 – 4 Fire Department Members attended Live Fire 2 training in Maple Ridge at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, with funding from the UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant.

March 22 & 23 – 11 Fire Department Members attended WSP 115 Structure Protection training in Mackenzie put on by BC Wildfire.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

March 18 – Emergency Management staff met with Connect Rocket and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George for an onboarding orientation of the Public Alerting system.

FIRE SMART

March 5 – Fire Smart Coordinator and Fire Chief attended MWAC meeting.

March 20 - FireSmart Coordinator had TEAMS call with a BCAA representative regarding the FireSmart BC Outreach Program.

March 27 - Fire Smart Coordinator had TEAMS meeting with other Coordinators in the Area

March 28 – BC Wildfire Service inspected Structure Protection Trailers

PERMITS ISSUED

Permit Type	This Period	Year to Date
Recreational Burn Permit	32	96
Category #1 Burn Permit	2	2
Category #2 Burn Permit	0	0
Category #3 Burn Permit	3	3
Fireworks Permit	0	0
Totals	37	101

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	2
Engineers	4	2
Fire Fighters	20	8
Total Fire Fighting Force	38	19
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		12
Fire Fighter (Junior)	4	4
Leave of Absence		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer