

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, May 2025

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	3	15
FAL	False Alarm	1	5
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	0	11
PS	Public Service	1	6
BC	Burn Complaint	1	5
GSL	Gas Leak	1	2
CO	Carbon Monoxide	1	1
FRV	Vehicle Fire	1	1
FRE	Electrical Fire	0	1
TOTALS		9	47

- AOA – 9 May @ 11:27 – 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.
- AOA – 14 May @ 08:52 – 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.
- FRV - 15 May @ 13:31 – Report of vehicle’s brakes on fire. Upon arrival of crews, the fire in the brakes were extinguished by the workers at the business with a fire extinguisher. Crews used foam and water to cool off the areas of concern before returning to the hall.
- GSL – 17 May @ 14:24 – Received a phone call that there was a smell of gas reported at a district facility. The duty officer responded to the scene and advised the property representative that the smell was coming from garbage that had not been removed.

- PS - 21 May @ 10:08 – Received complaint from a concern citizen that a local contractor was blocking a hydrant with a piece of equipment. The officer on call responded and seen that the equipment was further away from the hydrant than reported and was not a concern to the fire department. The officer on call informed the resident before returning to the hall.
- FAL - 21 May @ 16:02 – Report of alarms activated at a school. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was false due to a vacuum bag bursting and setting off the smoke alarm. The crew returned to the hall.
- AOA – 24 May @ 15:01 – 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.
- BC - 28 May @ 17:53 – Report of a Burn Complaint. The officer on call responded and found a group of kids having a fire down at the lake not in a firepit. The officer on call informed the group of the dangers and had them extinguish the fire before returning to the hall.
- CO – 29 May @ 17:38 – Report of a carbon monoxide detector activation. The duty officer responded to the scene and advised the property representative to wait outside until the home could be cleared. The duty officer could not find any trace of CO on the handheld monitor. Fortis gas arrived and also did not get any trace of CO.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

6 May – 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

13 May – Training Night Wildland Firefighting

- a. Introduction to wildland firefighting.
- b. Introduction to the three Structure Protection Units.
- c. Introduction to Wildland 11.

20 May – Training Night Wildland Firefighting

- a. Crews were joined by Tse'khene Fire Department for joint training.
- b. Crews practiced grubbing around critical infrastructure.
- c. Crews practiced setting up on bridges.
- d. Mark 3 pump training.

27 May – Training Night Wildland Firefighting

- a. Crews were joined by Tse'khene Fire Department for joint training.
- b. Fire Fighters conducted a structure protection exercise on the Ernie Bodine Community Centre.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

1 – Fire Life Safety Inspection this Month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:

May 2-3 – Fire Department members attended the Spring Expo hosted by the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.

May 5 – Fire Department staff conducted fire extinguisher training at Conifex Power Plant for NAOSH week.

May 7 – Fire Department staff did a class visit at Morfee Elementary.

May 8 – Fire Department staff conducted hose handling exercises at Conifex Sawmill for NAOSH week.

May 24 – Fire Hall #1 had it's grand opening ceremony.

May 30 – Fire Department deployed Wildland 11 to the Dawson Creek Fire Centre with 3 crew members on board.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

May 1 – Fire department staff attended a meeting on the state of natural hazards in the province.

May 8 – District staff met to discuss the objectives of the EOC.

May 9 – Public Alerting System Test.

May 22, 23 – 1 Member of the District's EOC team went for Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis training at Mcleod Lake.

FIRE SMART:

May 7 – FireSmart Coordinator and Fire Chief attended MWAC meeting.
 May 7 – FireSmart Coordinator conducted FireSmart Home Assessment.
 May 15 – FireSmart Northern Communities TEAMS meeting.
 May 20 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator posting closed.

PERMITS ISSUED:

Permit Type	This Period	Year to Date
Recreational Burn Permit	77	247
Category #1 Burn Permit	1	3
Category #2 Burn Permit	2	2
Category #3 Burn Permit	2	5
Fireworks Permit	0	0
Totals	79	257

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)		11
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