

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: August 9, 2025

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, July 2025

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	2	17
FAL	False Alarm	2	7
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	2	13
PS	Public Service	1	7
BC	Burn Complaint	1	6
GSL	Gas Leak		2
CO	Carbon Monoxide	1	2
FRS	Fire Structure	1	1
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
FRE	Electrical Fire		1
ACE	Aircraft Emergency	1	1
PS	Public Service	1	1
TOTALS			59

- FAL - 5 July @ 04:37 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was false due to a pressure drop in the system. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL – 17 July @ 05:21 – Report of Commercial Fire Alarms activated. The on-call officer investigated and found it was a false alarm, due to a pressure drop. Crews stood down and returned to hall.
- FRE – 19 July @ 09:32 – Report of Fire Alarms activated. The duty officer responded to the scene and found a smoking washing machine. The washing machine was unplugged, and the scene was turned over to the property representative once the equipment was cool.
- BC - 19 July @ 14:45 – Report of a Burn Complaint. The officer on call responded and spoke to the property owner before returning to the hall.

- BC - 21 July @ 23:55 – Report of a Burn Complaint. Upon arrival of the officer on call, the officer reminded the resident of the rules outlined in the Burn Permit before returning to the hall. RCMP attended the scene as well.
- FAL - 27 July @ 06:02 – Report of commercial alarms activated at the COOP. Upon investigation, the on-call officer determined it was a false alarm due to a glitch in the system.
- MVI - 27 July @ 18:53 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 North of the Junction. Crews were required to move the patient from an embankment and into an ambulance before returning to hall.
- MVI - 28 July @ 12:14 – Report of an MVI on the Finlay FSR. Crews were updated that there was no entrapment. Crews stood down and did not respond.
- AOA – 28 July @ 18:04 – Requested by Ambulance for an Emergency Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance moving a patient from their residence to an ambulance, and with transport to the hospital before returning to the hall.
- MVI – 30 July @ 09:39 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 North of the junction. Crews were updated that there was no entrapment. Crews stood down and did not respond.
- MVI – 31 July @ 12:46 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 North of the junction. When crews arrived on scene, it was found to be a previous incident. Crews stood down and returned to hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

1 July - ***No Practice on July 1st due to Holiday.***

8 July – 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

15 July – Training Night Engineer Training / Responding on Apparatus

- a. Senior Firefighters participated in Engineer Pump Operations Training.
- b. Probationary/Junior Firefighters practiced responding on an apparatus, donning PPE, and radio communications.

22 July – Training Night Engineer Training / Hydrants

- a. Senior Firefighters participated in Engineer Pump Operations Training.
- b. Probationary/Junior Fire Fighters learned how to hook an apparatus to a Fire Hydrant.
- c. Probationary/Junior Fire Fighters practiced hose handling tactics.

29 July – Training Night Engineer Training / Hydrants

- d. Senior Fire Fighters practiced Engineer Pump Operations.
- e. Probationary/Junior Fire Fighters practiced hooking up a hydrant to the apparatus.
- f. Probationary/Junior Fire Fighters practiced hose handling with small and large diameter hand lines.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

3 – Fire Life Safety Inspection this Month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:

July 7 – Fire Department staff spoke to BCAS regarding the First Responder Program.

July 17 – Fire Department staff conducted a Respirator Fit Test for Recreation Services.

July 28 – Aug 1 –9 Fire Department Members participated in First Responder Training.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

July 7 – Deputy EPC assisted Municipal Office Staff with a Work Safe BC First Aid Assessment.

July 9 – Deputy EPC and Deputy Fire Chief assisted Recreation Staff with a Work Safe BC First Aid Assessment.

July 16 – District of Mackenzie Staff attended Emergency Management Team Meeting.

July 28 – Emergency Program Staff opened a cooling center at the Recreation Center for the hot weather.

FIRE SMART:

July 3 – FireSmart Coordinator attended virtual FireSmart Coordinators meeting.

July 9 – FireSmart Coordinator attended MWAC Meeting.

July 14 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator started with the District of Mackenzie for the summer.

July 14/15 – BC Wildfire Service conducted a Fuel Risk Reduction cleanup project around the BC Ambulance Station, and the hospital across from Bell Place.

July 16 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator created mailout flyers for the Public Alerting System and FireSmart Rebate Program.

July 17 – FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market to promote the FireSmart and Emergency Preparedness.

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July 18 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator created more FireSmart Fridays posts for social media, and prepared flyers for future community outreach events.

July 21 - FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator met with FireSmart BC Staff about the Junior FireSmart Coordinator Program.

July 22 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator updated social media banners and created updated graphics.

July 24 - FireSmart Staff conducted two FireSmart Assessments on Critical Infrastructure.

July 24 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market

July 26 - FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended Rocking the Ridgeline

July 29 – FireSmart Staff conducted a FireSmart Home Assessment.

July 30 – FireSmart Staff conducted a FireSmart Home Assessment.

FireSmart Assessments	This Period	Year to Date
Home Assessments	2	11
Critical Infrastructure Assessments	2	2
Totals	4	13

PERMITS ISSUED:

Permit Type	This Period	Year to Date
Recreational Burn Permit	24	303
Category #1 Burn Permit	0	5
Category #2 Burn Permit	0	3
Category #3 Burn Permit	0	5
Fireworks Permit	0	0
Totals	24	316

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)		7
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