

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Subject:** Fire Department Month End Report, August 2025

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:**

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	3	23
FAL	False Alarm	7	16
FAS	False Alarm Good Intent	2	3
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	4	20
PS	Public Service	3	9
BC	Burn Complaint	5	12
GSL	Gas Leak		2
CO	Carbon Monoxide		2
FRS	Fire Structure	1	2
FRV	Vehicle Fire	1	2
FRE	Electrical Fire		2
ACE	Aircraft Emergency		1
<b>TOTALS</b>		25	94

- BC - 1 August @ 16:06 – Report of a Burn Complaint. The officer on call responded and spoke to the property owner before returning to the hall.
- BC - 5 August @ 18:17 – 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.
- FAL -6 August @ 09:34 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was false due to flow testing the system. The crew returned to the hall.
- BC - 8 August @ 05:05 – Report of a Burn Complaint. Upon arrival of the officer on call, the officer determined that the caller thought they seen smoke when it was fog.

- FAL -9      August @ 14:48 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was false due to flow testing the system. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAS – 11      August @ 18:11 – Report of possible electrical fire. Chief 2 investigated and found no evidence of heat within the home. Chief 2 advised the homeowner to have the electrical panel inspected by a certified electrician before returning to the hall.
- FAS – 11      August @ 18:31 – Report of Fire Alarms activated. The duty officer responded to the scene and found a heat detector activated in the laundry area. Investigation found that a boiler was down for repair and the extra load on the other boilers cause an increase in heat in the room. The officer turned over to the property representative once the equipment was cool.
- PS – 12      August @ 13:15 – Received a call from a concerned citizen that a logging truck was parked in front of a fire hydrant in front of the Legion on Skeena Drive. Chief 2 investigated and issued a written warning notice to the truck driver before returning to the hall.
- AOA – 14      August @ 08:07 – 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.
- FAL - 15      August @ 14:20 – Received a call from a concerned citizen that it looked like a home might be on fire as there was smoke coming out from the home. Upon investigation, the on-call officer determined it was a false alarm due to an inversion, and the smoke was not dissipating from the homes chimney.
- FAL - 16      August @ 02:44 – 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 - 16      August @ 13:46 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 North of the Junction. Crews were required to perform CPR on a patient and extricate other patients from a multi vehicle, multi patient accident.
- FAL - 17      August @ 17:41 – 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.

- FAL - 17      August @ 18:09 – 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.
- AOA – 17      August @ 19:06 – Requested by RCMP to store a stolen vehicle in the firehall so forensics could process it for evidence.
- AOA – 18      August @ 02:27 – 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 - 19      August @ 09:25 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 North of the Junction. Crews were required to assist BCAS with patient care and isolate a fuel spill before returning to the hall.
- PS – 19      August @ 14:25 – Received a call from a concerned citizen that their smoke alarm was activated. Upon arrival, Chief 1 investigated and found that the alarm was a CO detector going off because of dead batteries. Chief 1 had the homeowner change the batteries before returning to the hall.
- FRV – 21      August @ 12:54 – Report of a vehicle fire on the Finlay FSR, officer on call confirmed that response was outside of the Mackenzie fire response zone, no response.
- BC -24      August @ 19:32 – Report of a fire in a wrecking yard in the industrial area, Chief 2 investigated and found an unattended burn barrel. Chief 2 called PR and had them come and put the fire out. Chief 2 gave a verbal warning and educated the PR on safe burning practices.
- BC – 24      August @ 21:30 – Report of an open-air fire at the Alexander Mackenzie Landing campground. Upon arriving at scene Chief 2 found a large open-air fire. Chief 2 educated the people on safe burning practices and informed them of the District of Mackenzie's Bylaws as well as where to check for current burn bans. Chief 2 ensured fire was out before clearing scene.
- FRS – 26      August @ 17:14 – Report of a structure fire in Century Trailer Park. Upon arrival there was heavy smoke exiting the structure. Attack team entered the building and performed a primary search before ventilating and extinguishing the fire. Crews swapped and completed overhaul. Crews returned to hall and got the trucks and gear back to operational readiness.

- MVI – 27      August @ 2:32 MVI on Centennial Dr, single occupant rear ended a parked car. Crews assisted with securing the scene, as well as lifting the patient into the back of the ambulance.
- FAL - 28      August @ 21:51 Reports of a barbecue fire, upon arrival crews determined that the fire had died down and response was not needed.
- PS – 29      August @16:45 Resident came to the firehall to ask for assistance moving their sick dog into a trailer. Crews at hall assisted the resident.

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:**

#### 5 August – 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 August – Driver Training Road Portion

- a. Firefighters practiced safe driving techniques, defensive maneuvers, and apparatus handling under real traffic conditions to build confidence and situational awareness.

#### 19 August – Driver Training Course Portion

- a. Members completed a controlled driving course focusing on precision skills such as backing, turning radius, obstacle navigation, and emergency stopping.

#### 26 August – Hall Duties

- a. Firefighters did not complete regular practice during this session. Instead, they conducted a post-incident debrief, cleaned equipment and apparatus, and carried out the tasks that followed a fire earlier that evening. Trucks and gear were then restored to full operational readiness to ensure preparedness for the next response.

**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:**

3 – Fire Life Safety Inspection this Month.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:**

August 16/17 – 5 Fire Department members went to Prince George for their Air Brakes Endorsement.

August 21 – A warning was issued to a repeat offender for multiple false fire alarm activations. They were advised that continued non-compliance may result in further enforcement action.

August 28 – Fire Department perform a confined space entry under the bleachers in the arena to remove a large number of stored items for the Rec Centre staff.

August 29 – Fire Department worked with Recreation Services to set up a cooling event for the community with Ladder 11.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

August 7 – FireSmart Coordinator attended meeting in McLeod Lake with the Province for the Evacuee Registration Assistance tool for Emergency Support Services.

August 12 - Deputy EPC, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Chief had a meeting with Colliers Project Leaders about the Emergency Program Review.

August 20 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator revised and updated the Emergency Evacuation Brochures.

August 25 - Emergency Program Staff opened a cooling center at the Recreation Center for the hot weather.

August 27 - Deputy EPC, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Chief had a meeting with Colliers Project Leaders about the Emergency Program Review.

**FIRE SMART:**

August 6 - FireSmart Coordinator, Junior FireSmart Coordinator, and Deputy Fire Chief attended MWAC Meeting.

August 7 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market.



August 8 – FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the AGA in McLeod Lake.

August 13 – Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended an online meeting with FireSmart BC about the Junior FireSmart Coordinator Program.

August 14 - Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market.

August 18 – FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended online call with FireSmart BC.

August 21 - Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market.

August 22 – FireSmart Coordinator and Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended a FireSmart Ice Cream Day in McLeod Lake.

August 28 - Junior FireSmart Coordinator attended the Community Market.

<b>FireSmart Assessments</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Home Assessments	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
Critical Infrastructure Assessments	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>

**PERMITS ISSUED:**

<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Recreational Burn Permit	<b>6</b>	<b>309</b>
Category #1 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Category #2 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Category #3 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Fireworks Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>322</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Actual</b>
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
<b>Total Fire Fighting Force</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		9
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