

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: February 6, 2026

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, January 2026

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	5	5
FAL	False Alarm	15	15
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	4	4
PS	Public Service	1	1
TOTALS		25	25

- AOA -1 January @ 08:14 – Requested by Ambulance for a Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance moving a patient from their residence to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- FAL -1 January @ 16:52 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -1 January @ 17:17 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- PS -16 January @ 12:00 – Received a call from a concerned citizen stating that they had a family member on the floor that needed assistance to get up. Crews assisted the family member to their feet and placed them in a chair before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 4 January @ 16:13 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 South of the Junction. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that there was no entrapment. Crews returned to the hall.

- MVI - 4 January @ 16:13 – While returning to the hall 911 reported another MVI on Hwy 97 South of the Junction. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that there was no entrapment. Crews returned to the hall.
- AOA -5 January @ 14:34 – Requested by Ambulance for a Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance moving a patient from their residence to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- FAL -6 January @ 02:45 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -6 January @ 06:26 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- AOA -6 January @ 12:23 – Requested by Ambulance for a Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance moving a patient from their residence to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- AOA -7 January @ 21:53 – Requested by Ambulance for assistance gaining access to an apartment building. The on-call officer assisted in gaining access to the building before returning to the hall.
- AOA -9 January @ 16:28 – Requested by Ambulance for a Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance moving a patient from their residence to an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- FAL -11 January @ 16:01 – Report of Residential Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- MVI - 12 January @ 16:07 – Report of an MVI at Hwy 97 & Hwy 39 Junction. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that there was no entrapment. Crews returned to the hall.
- FAL -19 January @ 11:36 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -19 January @ 19:51 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -20 January @ 10:26 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.

- FAL -20 January @ 18:35 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -21 January @ 22:36 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -22 January @ 01:50 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -26 January @ 03:26 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -27 January @ 09:25 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -27 January @ 22:28 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- MVI - 31 January @ 14:02 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 97 South of the Junction. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that there was no entrapment. Crews returned to the hall.
- FAL -31 January @ 15:35 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

6 January – 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 January – Over the bank Rescue/Ladders/Fire Behavior

- a. Firefighters completed over the bank training with an emphasis on the use of rope systems to recover patients that may be down an embankment.
- b. Senior Probationary Members completed ladder training.
- c. New Probationary Members completed introduction to fire behavior.

20 January – Rapid Intervention Team/Ventilation/Water Supply

- a. Firefighters participated in Rapid Intervention Team training.
- b. Senior Probationary Members participated in ventilation training.
- c. New Probationary Members participated in water supply training.

27 January – Engineer Training/Forcible Entry

- a. Engineers and Engineers in training practiced with Ladder 11.
- b. Firefighters and Probationary Members completed forcible entry training.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

10 – Fire Life Safety inspections were conducted in the month of January.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:

January 2 – Fire Department Staff conducted respirator fit testing for Recreation Services.

January 6 – Fire Department staff issued a warning letter to the business regarding repeated false alarm activations, outlining potential next steps if the issue continues.

January 12 – Fire Department staff met with the business to discuss the repeated false alarm activations and review expectations moving forward.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

January 8 – Emergency Management Staff met with Colliers Project Leaders about the Emergency Program Review.

January 19 – Emergency Management Staff met to review draft of a new Emergency Program Bylaw.

January 21 – Deputy EPC attended an online webinar on Volunteer Recruitment and Retention with EMCR.

January 22 – Emergency Management staff met with Colliers Project Leaders about the Emergency Program Review.

January 22 – Deputy EPC attended an online webinar from the Province of BC on an introduction to the Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment tool.

January 28 – Emergency Management staff met with their counterparts in Mcleod Lake, Prince George, EMCR to discuss the annual mock scenario and upcoming training.

FIRE SMART:

January 15 - FireSmart Coordinator met with a contractor about Wildfire Community Protection Systems.

January 26 – FireSmart Coordinator met with the FireSmart Coordinator from Tumbler Ridge to share information on FireSmart Rebate Programs.

FireSmart Assessments	This Period	Year to Date
Home Assessments	0	0
Critical Infrastructure Assessments	0	0
Totals	0	0

PERMITS ISSUED:

Permit Type	This Period	Year to Date
Recreational Burn Permit	9	9
Category #1 Burn Permit	0	0
Category #2 Burn Permit	0	0
Category #3 Burn Permit	1	1
Fireworks Permit	0	0
Totals	10	10

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	1
Leave of Absence		



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer