

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

**Date:** April 20, 2026

**Subject:** Fire Department Month End Report, March, 2026

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:**

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	2	8
FAL	False Alarm	3	21
FRE	Fire Electrical	1	1
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	4	9
PS	Public Service	2	4
MA	Mutual Aid	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		13	44

- FAL -4      March @ 15:24 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- MA -5      March @ 21:43 – Requested by MLIB to assist with a structure fire on the McLeod Lake Reserve. Upon arrival crews were required to assist in the extinguishment of the fire and to cool hot spots before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 6      March @ 11:53 – Report of an MVI at Powder King involving a skidoo. Upon collecting more information, it was noted that there was no entrapment. Crews stood down.
- FRE -7      March @ 22:50 – Report of electrical wires down on some trees. Upon arrival of crews, the power was cut by BC Hydro before the trees could be extinguished. The crew returned to the hall.
- FAL -9      March @ 22:25 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.

- PS -14      March @ 11:00 – Received a call from a concerned citizen stating that a fire had occurred at a local business. Chief 2 contacted the property rep and confirmed that a small fire had occurred. Chief 2 investigated the site and determined no further action was required before returning to the hall.
- AOA -16      March @ 00:00 – Requested by Ambulance for an emergency Lift Assist. Ambulance crews requested assistance in CPR with a patient in their residence before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 16      March @ 15:28 – 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.
- AOA -6      March @ 08:31 – 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.
- MVI - 23      March @ 02:32 – Report of an MVI on Hwy 39 and Mountain Road. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that a vehicle had hit a power pole bringing the lines down and nobody was on scene. Crews waited for BC Hydro to arrive and remove the lines from the road before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 27      March @ 20:04 – Report of an MVI on Mackenzie Boulevard. Upon arrival of crews, it was determined that there was one person who required extrication. Crews extricated the patient and were required to drive an ambulance to the hospital before returning to the hall.
- FAL - 28      March @ 09:58 – Report of Commercial Fire alarms activated. Upon arrival of crews, the alarm was confirmed false. The crew returned to the hall.
- PS - 29      March @ 10:15 – Received a call from a concerned citizen stating that they thought their BBQ was on fire. The officer on call investigated the home and determined that there was no fire. The officer returned to the hall.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:**

3 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

10 March – Emergency Scene Traffic/Interior Rapid Intervention Team

- a. Firefighters conducted rapid intervention team training, going over the equipment and learning rescue techniques for a downed Firefighter.
- b. Probationary Firefighters completed a session on scene safety and setting up for emergency scene traffic.

17 March – Fire Hose/Appliances/Streams

- a. Senior Firefighters were able to complete engineer training.
- b. Firefighters assisted Officers by showing probationary Firefighters the various appliances, nozzles and equipment on the trucks.
- c. Probationary Members learned the various nozzles, hose appliances and their uses in a scenario.

24 February – Window Rescues/Hoisting Tools

- a. Firefighters and Senior Probationary Members trained in rescuing patients from windows.
- b. Probationary members trained in hoisting tools.

31 March – Live Fire

- a. All members participated in live fire scenarios at hall 2. Probationary Members were evaluated for their course.

**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:**

8 – Fire Life Safety Inspection this Month.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE:**

March 6-14 – Fire Department Staff conducted 8 probationary interviews.

March 9 – Fire Department Staff attended CBSS Community Collaboration Table hosted by MCS.

March 12 – Fire Department Staff attended a meeting discussing the building permit process.

March 19 – Fire Department Staff updated the departments call matrix with Prince George Dispatch to reflect updated call response procedure.

March 24 – Two Firefighters took fireworks training and are now Display Assistants.

March 28 – 3 Firefighters participated in a Resilient Minds workshop in Prince George focusing on critical incident stress, healthy habits and suicide prevention.

March 30-31 – Ladder 11 and Wildland passed their annual Commercial Vehicle Inspection.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

March 3 - Emergency Management Staff met with the McLeod Lake Indian Band, City of Prince George, and RDFFG about the Mock Evacuation Exercise on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

March 12 – Emergency Management Staff attended an Emergency Support Services training exercise in McLeod Lake.

March 16 – Deputy EPC attended an Emergency Operations Center Planning course in Dawson Creek.

March 19 – Deputy EPC attended an online webinar with EMCR about upcoming changes to financial standards during emergencies from the Province of British Columbia.

March 30 – Staff attended an exercise orientation with the McLeod Lake Indian Band about the upcoming Mock Evacuation.

### **FIRE SMART:**

March 2 - FireSmart Coordinator met with the contractor completing the Fuel Mitigation Project.

March 3 – FireSmart Coordinator had a meeting about a FireSmart grant.

March 4 – FireSmart Coordinator, Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief attended the March MWAC meeting on TEAMS.

<b>FireSmart Assessments</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Home Assessments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Critical Infrastructure Assessments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**PERMITS ISSUED:**

<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Recreational Burn Permit	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>
Category #1 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Category #2 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Category #3 Burn Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Fireworks Permit	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</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	1
Fire Fighters	20	7
<b>Total Fire Fighting Force</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		11
Fire Fighter (Junior)	4	1
Leave of Absence		2

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer