



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: David Sparling, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
DATE: 23/01/2017
SUBJECT: Report for Month of January for December 2016 FDNH Activities
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approve the Fire Department of North Huron report for December 2016 activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

December FDNH 2016 activities as indicated in the report below.

DISCUSSION

Training:

Weekly Training:

- 1 week Rapid Intervention Team and (RIT) training (29 personnel)
- 1 week of monthly equipment checks (40 personnel)
- 1 week of firefighter survival training (25 personnel)
- 1 week of firefighter survival training (28 personnel)

Notable:

FDNH completed a comprehensive rural water supply plan for tanker refill points throughout our fire protection area.

Firefighter Tony Falconer has returned from his medical leave of absence.

Blyth and Wingham Firefighters' Associations each donated a skid of food to the food bank.

Notable Fire Prevention and Public Education:

FDNH made a presentation to the Wingham United Church Women.

December Incidents:

2 December:

- Power lines down/arcing
- North Huron
- Outcome: Secured site until Westario arrived.

3 December:

Fire - structure

North Huron

Outcome: Total loss.

Notes: Mutual aid (tanker) from Goderich FD and Goderich FD (tanker). Estimated loss: \$1.1M, 640 pigs.

3 December:

Alarm system activation

North Huron

Outcome: No smoke. No fire. Faulty detector.

Notes: Cancelled before fire apparatus responded.

4 December:

Medical first response

North Huron

Outcome: Patient transferred by EMS.

4 December:

Assist investigation

North Huron

Outcome: FDNH called to assist OFMEM with apparatus and personnel at barn fire investigation from 3 December.

5 December:

Open air burn

Morris-Turnberry

Outcome: Fire extinguished by property owner.

Notes: Burn in contravention of Ontario Fire Code.

5 December:

Open air burn

North Huron

Outcome: Fire extinguished by FDNH.

Notes: Burn in contravention of municipal bylaw. Owner billed for services.

13 December:

Motor vehicle collision

North Huron

Outcome: Patient transferred by EMS.

13 December:

Smoke alarm activation

Morris-Turnberry

Outcome: No smoke. No fire. Faulty alarm.

18 December:

Mutual Aid - tanker
Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh
Outcome: FDNH cancelled prior to arrival.

20 December:

Automatic Aid
South Bruce
Outcome: FDNH cancelled prior to arrival.

23 December:

Fire - structure
Morris-Turnberry
Outcome: Significant smoke damage. Home saved.
Notes: Mutual aid (rescue and tanker) South Bruce – Teeswater and Howick (tanker).
Damage estimated at \$40,000.

26 December:

Automatic Aid
South Bruce
Outcome: Call placed from Morris-Turnberry in automatic aid area with South Bruce.
Full FDNH response. Call actually in South Bruce (i.e. across the road).

29 December:

Alarm system activation
North Huron
Outcome: No smoke. No fire. Faulty detector.

30 December:

Motor vehicle collision
North Huron
Outcome: 1 patient deceased, 2 other transferred by EMS.

30 December:

Alarm system activation
North Huron
Outcome: No smoke. No fire. Water pipe had burst activating system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2016 was the second busiest year ever. However, FDNH responded to more working fires (incidents where something was burning) than any year since our establishment in 2010. Working fire calls are the most expensive calls FDNH responds too.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

FDNH's current contract with our neighbours is in place until 31 December 2018. It may be reasonable to assume that adjustments will be required to these contracts at that time

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3. Ensure our community is healthy and safe.



David Sparling,
Director Fire & Emergency Services



Sharon Chambers, CAO