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Staff Report FIRE2021-006

Title of Report: FIRE2021-006- 2021 1st QUARTER UPDATE
Department: Fire
Council Date: May 5, 2021

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2021-003 for information.

Background:

In the 1th quarter of 2021 Dundalk Fire Department responded to 30 incidents. 7 Rescues, 7 other response, 5 medical, 4 property fires/explosions, 4 public hazards, 2 CO false call and 1 pre fire condition. 17 of these calls were in Southgate, 9 calls in Melancthon, 3 calls in Grey Highlands and 1 call in Wellington North.

8 Auxillary firefighters were hired and started their recruit training on January 7th, 2021. 3 resigned during the recruit class process which lasted 4 months. The five Auxillary firefighters being Kate Stepanov, Harris Belanger, Thomas Watt, Brennen Lovato and Gianlucas Scorzafave are now responding to emergency calls on the trucks. All five auxillary firefighters have a bright future with the Dundalk Fire Department.

A preconstruction meeting was held virtually for the new fire apparatus which was tendered to Commercial Emergency Equipment. The apparatus is still on schedule for its delivery dates of January/February 2022 and has not been effected by Covid-19.

5 Members attended the Ontario Fire Academy in Orangeville to complete their Firefighter 1 and/or Firefighter 2 examinations. The department is on track to have 90% of members certified to Firefighter 1 and 2 by July 2021.

The Dundalk Firefighters Association purchased a track kit for the UTV in February. The Cost was just under \$6000.00. The tracks allow the UTV to be used in snow and in wet/muddy areas. Since purchasing the track kit the UTV has been requested twice by EMS to assist with patient recovery and 1 time by the Shelburne and District Fire Department.

Staff Comments:

Members of the Dundalk Fire Department received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at a clinic set up in Grey Highlands for emergency personel.

Currently the Dundalk Fire Department has cancelled all in person training for the duration of the current Provincial stay at home order. Firefighters will be participating in some virtual training until we can get back to in person training.

Fire Department office staff are working from home as much as possible. Inspections have been postponed unless its an immediate threat to life concern until the stay at home order has been lifted.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with the report.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments:

Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2021-006 for information on the Fire Departments activities for the 1st quarter of 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CAO Approval: *Original Signed By*
Dave Milliner, CAO

Attachments: None