



Staff Report FIRE2021-009

Title of Report: FIRE2021-009- 2021 2nd Quarter Update
Department: Fire
Council Date: September 1, 2021

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2021-009 for information.

Background:

In the 2nd quarter of 2021, the Dundalk Fire Department responded to 47 incidents. 14 rescues, 7 property fires/explosions, 7 burning (controlled), 5 other responses, 4 medicals, 4 public hazards, 2 pre fire conditions and 1 CO false call. 37 of these calls were in Southgate, 5 calls in Melancthon and 5 calls in Grey Highlands.

Six residents were billed for violating the Southgate Burn Bylaw in the 2nd quarter totalling a sum of \$6,851.40. All six of these incidents resulted in emergency responses for the fire department. Notable items being burned were household garbage, plastic, scrap cars and a 28 foot travel trailer. One warning letter was issued to a resident after video was submitted to the Fire Chief of them burning a fiberglass boat.

Four members attended the Grey County Regional Training Centre for courses in the 2nd quarter. Six firefighters attended for firefighter I and firefighter II testing.

The Dundalk Firefighters Association purchased station wear for ten firefighters. The Association also purchased a Sparky the Fire Dog costume to be used at public education events moving forward with donations received in memory of Norm Jack.

The Dundalk Fire Department with donations from Flato and Dunwood Signs commenced with fabrication on the new rehab unit. Since the end of the second quarter the trailer has been completed and is now operational.

Staff Comments:

Members of the Dundalk Fire Department have started the process of obtaining their DZ licenses. It is the Fire Department's goal moving forward that after a member's first year they are to acquire a DZ licence.

Staff responded to two firework complaints, and both have been resolved by educating individuals about the firework by-law.

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:

1. Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2021-009 for information on the Fire Departments activities for the 2nd quarter of 2021.
2. For the purpose of definitions in this report I want to provided example to better describe the following response calls:
 - Other Response – Call cancelled on route, Mutual Aid, Assist other agency
 - Public Hazards – Hydro lines, CO incident, Spills
 - Pre-Fire Condition – pot on stove, mechanical device overheated

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: None