

Dundalk Fire Department 2021 Year End Report



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Staff

Fire Chief	Derek Malynyk
Deputy Fire Chief	Vacant to be filled in 2022
Fire Prevention Officer/Captain	Richard Amyotte
Captains	Michael Thompson
	Cheryl Inkster
	Jason Burnette
Acting Captains	Adrian Simpson
	Cody McGrady
Firefighters	Keith Fisher
	Don VanAlstine
	Kyle Tipple
	Evan Mount
	Austin Fisher
	Adam Perry
	Zack Perry
	Shawn Galbraith
	Brian Bernardo
	Garret Childs
	Brady Thompson
	Jaxyn Thompson
	Brennen Lovato
	Lucas Scorzev
	Harris Belanger
	Kate Stepanova
Auxiliary Firefighters	Paul VanAlstine
	Lorne Fick
	Ken Smith
	Bruce Marshall
Auxiliary Firefighters starting in 2022	Georgia-Ann Reidl
	Zach Hull
	Trevor Hald
	Justin Pate
	Kyle Babcock
	William Conley
	Steve Zezelic

Training

Practice Nights

In 2021 the Dundalk Fire Department adopted a two-platoon system model for training again to try and keep the number of personnel in the fire hall down. In January during Covid-19 restrictions practices were switched to an online format using Go To Meetings. This had limited use and in person practices were resumed in the following weeks.

Each platoon participated in 23 schedule training nights, 12 truck checks and an annual CPR recert day. This accumulates to 78 hours of scheduled required training each year by the Dundalk Fire Department members.

In 2022 the Dundalk Fire Department will be switching to a four-platoon system model for training due to Covid-19 as well as the number of staff. During the past two years staff have found that training in smaller groups allows for more hands-on training, more discussion on what is being taught, allowing officers the chance to instruct more and to keep on track with time as practices are set for two hours.

Recruitment

At the start of 2021 the Dundalk Fire Department had eight new recruits start the fire department recruitment program. This program is an inhouse program which consists of 30 hours of in class theory learning which is conducted every Tuesday night from January-April. Due to Covid-19 majority of the theory learning had to be switched to online using Go-To-Meetings. 32 hours of hands-on practical training which is completed on one Saturday each month. In 2021 the Saturday training days were in partnership with West Grey Fire Services, holding two of the four dates in Dundalk and the remaining in Durham. On top of these mandatory dates several hours of home study is required to be successful in the recruitment training. Once completed all the required training firefighters are allowed to start attending emergency calls for with the Dundalk Fire Department and are assigned a platoon to attend regular training nights with. A Firefighter 1 testing date is booked for the next available testing date in the area for these members. At the end of the recruitment process four of the eight firefighters remained.

DZ License Training

Last year six members from the department received their DZ license. This is the first step to being allowed to operate one of the trucks. In 2021 staff implemented a new driver training program. The program is designed to have operators become familiar with the vehicles, but also have a record of training on file for the members. The program is a step program which requires members to complete the first vehicles sign offs completely before moving onto the second vehicles. Staff must complete two written test. One on the Standard Operating Guidelines the department has for driving and an emergency mapping test. Once successful staff must complete three hours of non-emergency driving, demonstrate locating each piece of equipment on the apparatus as well as how to operate the equipment, a final drive test and three emergency responses with an experienced driver in the passenger seat. This is completed for each apparatus.

Additional Training

2021 saw the closure of the Ontario Fire College. Utilizing the Regional Training Centers the following training was completed.

Firefighter I	Four
Firefighter II	Seven
Pump Ops	One
Fire and Life Safety Educator	One
Instructor I	Two
Officer I	Two
Court room procedures	One
Incident Safety Officer	One
Officer III	One
Fire Investigator	One

Public Education and Community Involvement

Members from the Dundalk Fire Department were able to offer public education in several ways this year. In April the fire department ran a spring fire safety poster design contest which received lots of interest and submissions of posters. In August the department held a touch a truck event in Corbetton, Holstein and Dromore. Wellington North Fire and West Grey Fire attended in the Holstein and Dromore locations as well. Staff attended the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village "Super Safety Days" event which was a four-day event involving several area fire departments, Police and EMS. Fire Prevention Officer RJ Amyotte and staff attended Dundalk & Proton Community School and Highpoint Community School for fire prevention week. Egremont Community School utilized the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety village virtual program as fire prevention for the year of 2021. The department held three open houses one during fire prevention week, while the other two was in conjunction with community events.

Even during a year which consisted of more lock downs, the department was able to find ways to still be involved in community events. The events the department participated in were the Agricultural Society's Truck Pull, Dundalk Halloween Fest, Toy Drive, Letters for Santa, Pictures with Santa and both the Holstein and Dundalk's Santa Clause Parade.

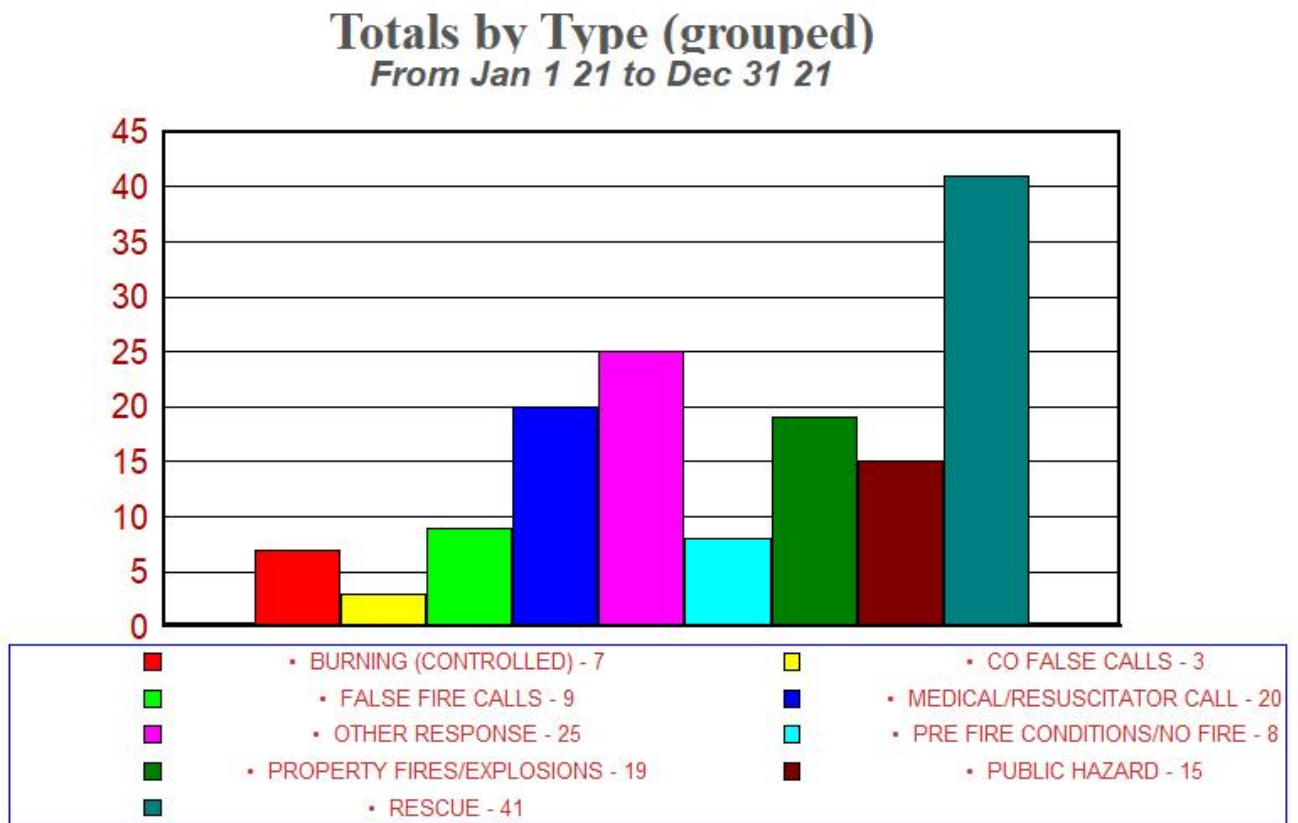
Fire Prevention and Enforcement

In 2021 operating off a request and complaint basis, 16 properties had inspections completed on them. Some of these properties requiring several visits from staff to bring them into compliance within the Ontario Fire Code. Out of these properties three orders to comply were laid and ultimately brought into compliance. One property resulted in an immediate threat to life being posted in conjunction with the CBO and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, occupancy was removed from the building. In 2022 staff will be focusing on the downtown core as well as other large occupancy buildings within Southgate.

There were five events in the past year which resulted in fines due to failure to comply with the open-air burn bylaw. Staff attended and dispersed one large firework display which was in contravention to the fire work bylaw and followed up with a firework complaint which was resolved with public education.

Emergency Calls

The Dundalk Fire Department responded to 147 incidents in 2021. Of these calls, 102 were in Southgate, 26 in Melancthon, 18 in Grey Highlands and 1 in Wellington North.





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Totals by Geographic Location
From Jan 1 21 to Dec 31 21

Response Type	# of Incidents
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Unclassified

2219 - Melancthon

01	Fire	1
23	Open air burning/unauthorized controlled burning (no uncontrolled fire)	1
29	Other pre fire conditions (no fire)	1
37	CO false alarm - perceived emergency (no CO present)	1
53	CO incident, CO present (exc false alarms)	2
61	Vehicle Extrication	4
62	Vehicle Collision	5
702	CPR administered	1
84	Medical Aid Not Required on Arrival	1
85	Vital signs absent, DOA	1
88	Accident or illness related - cuts, fractures, person fainted, etc.	2
910	Assisting Other FD: Mutual Aid	4
96	Call cancelled on route	1
98	Assistance not required by other agency	1

Total For 2219 - Melancthon:	26
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2350 - Wellington North

910	Assisting Other FD: Mutual Aid	1
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Total For 2350 - Wellington North:	1
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4205 - Dundalk/Southgate Fire Department

01	Fire	11
03	NO LOSS OUTDOOR fire (see exclusions)	4
21	Overheat (no fire, e.g. engines, mechanical devices)	1
22	Pot on Stove (no fire)	3
23	Open air burning/unauthorized controlled burning (no uncontrolled fire)	3
24	Other Cooking/toasting/smoke/steam (no fire)	1
29	Other pre fire conditions (no fire)	2
31	Alarm System Equipment - Malfunction	3
32	Alarm System Equipment - Accidental activation (exc. code 35)	1
34	Human - Perceived Emergency	3
	Human - Accidental (alarm accidentally activated by person)	2
	Authorized controlled burning - complaint	3
38	CO false alarm - equipment malfunction (no CO present)	2
41	Gas Leak - Natural Gas	1
42	Gas Leak - Propane	1
50	Power Lines Down, Arcing	2
53	CO incident, CO present (exc false alarms)	6
59	Other Public Hazard	2
62	Vehicle Collision	24
64	Commercial/Industrial Accident	1
71	Asphyxia, Respiratory Condition	1
85	Vital signs absent, DOA	4
86	Alcohol or drug related	3
88	Accident or illness related - cuts, fractures, person fainted, etc.	4
898	Medical/resuscitator call no action required	1
89	Other Medical/Resuscitator Call	1
911	Assisting Other FD: Automatic Aid	1
93	Assistance to Other Agencies (exc 921 and 922)	3
96	Call cancelled on route	7
98	Assistance not required by other agency	1

Total For 4205 - Dundalk/Southgate Fire Department: 102

4215 - Municipality of Grey Highlands

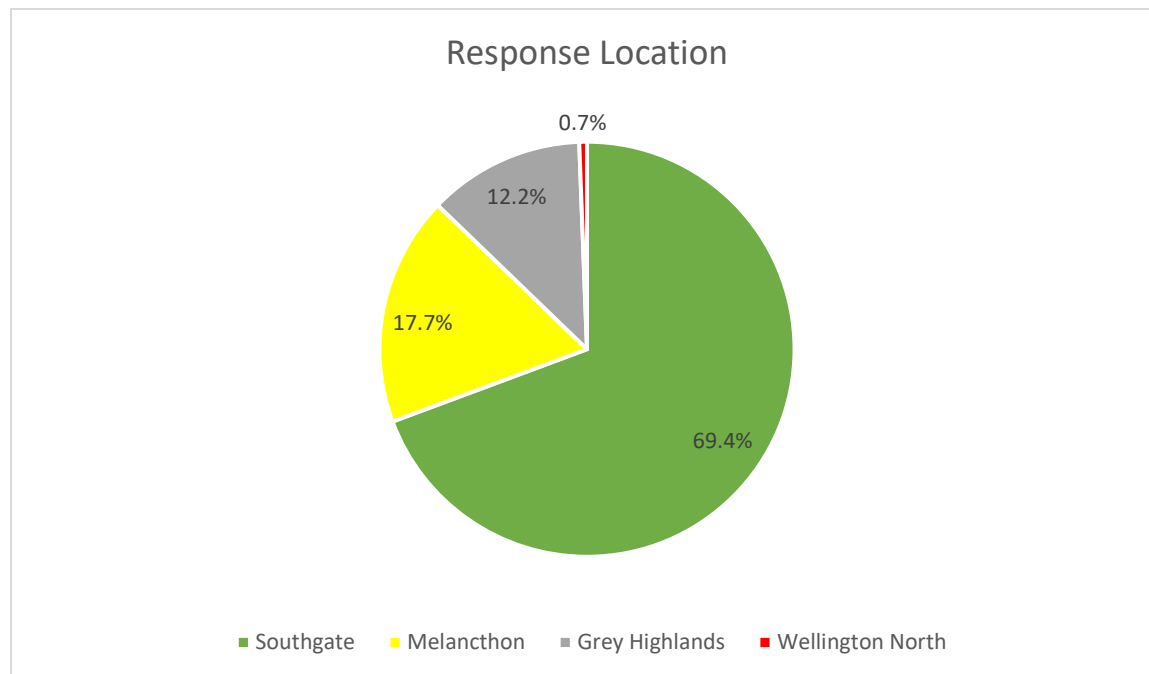
01	Fire	2
03	NO LOSS OUTDOOR fire (see exclusions)	1
53	CO incident, CO present (exc false alarms)	1
62	Vehicle Collision	7
86	Alcohol or drug related	1
912	Assisting Other FD: Fire Protection Agreement	1
96	Call cancelled on route	5

Response Type	# of Incidents
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Total For 4215 - Municipality of Grey Highlands:	18
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Total For Unclassified:	147
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Total Number of Responses	147
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Achievements

There were several achievements and equipment obtained by the Dundalk Fire Department in 2021. With donations made in memory of the late Norm Jack the Dundalk Firefighters Association purchased a Sparky the Fire Dog Costume. The Dundalk Firefighters Association also purchased a Track system for the UTV to allow the UTV to travel in the snow. A rehab trailer was put into service for the department thanks to generous donations from Flato, Dunwood Signs and firefighters for donating their time to retro fit the trailer into what it is today.

Council approved the purchasing of used Scott's SCBA air packs for the department.

Staff attended a prebuilt and final inspection of Engine 15 in 2021 which we be delivered January 18, 2022.

The Dundalk Fire Department was recognized as a "Built For Life" fire department and remained Covid-19 transmission free.

Message from the Chief

2021 was a trying year for everyone's mental health. I would like to thank all the Dundalk firefighters for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance. It takes some incredible people to be able to do what they have done this past year, including leaving their families to respond to emergency calls during a global pandemic knowing there will be encounters with covid cases. The citizens in the Dundalk Fire Departments response area have a great group of firefighters to be proud of. I would also like thank Southgate Council for investing into and supporting the department. Without your support we wouldn't be where we are today.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing team of individuals and to a successful year in 2022!