



<b>Report Presented To:</b>	Township of Southgate Council Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	2025-03-05
<b>Report Number</b>	FIRE2025-003
<b>Title:</b>	2024 Year-End Report
<b>Open/Closed Session:</b>	Open Session
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**Executive Summary:**

Attached is the Dundalk Fire Departments 2024-year end report. This report acts as a summary and highlights activities related to the three lines of defence provided by the fire department which consists of public education, fire prevention and emergency responses.

**Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Staff Report FIRE2025-003 be received for information.

**Background:**

The Dundalk Fire Department annual report is committed to communicate to Council a summary of events and achievements for the Fire Department over the previous year.

**Analysis**

Staff have displayed the last five years of emergency response data within the report. This data shows the steady increase of call volume each year and displays the calls based off municipality by type of incident. Over the last five years the department has been equipping itself to be more self sufficient and rely less on utilizing mutual aid. This has been achieved by upstaffing its volunteer firefighters, changing its fleet to reflect the rural community we protect vs having an urban department fleet and entering into automatic aid agreements for tankers with neighbouring departments. The department has been successful in this goal with the following data to support it.

In 2024 the department was dispatched to co-occurring incidents a total of six times. Most of these incidents were just two emergency calls at one except for October 18<sup>th</sup>. On October 18<sup>th</sup> the department was successful at operating at four different emergency calls all at once.

The Dundalk Fire Department provided resources through mutual aid to neighbouring departments a total of eleven times, and only called on mutual aid three times. One of the three

times was because one of our automatic aid agreements could not be used as the department's resources were already dispatched via mutual aid to a separate event. The department had three events where a neighbouring tanker was dispatched through automatic aid agreement and only once where the departments tanker was dispatched as per an automatic aid agreement. It should be noted that the number for automatic aid resources received in 2025 will increase with Shelburne aerial truck being included now into automatic aid. The Dundalk Fire Department also sent resources via fire protection agreement to assist Mount Forest within Southgate a total of six times.

In 2025 the department will be looking at its agreements with Wellington North and West Grey Fire Services to see how we can get increase in the level of service provided to the residents with quicker dispatch times by using automatic aid agreements vs mutual aid activations.

### **Internal Policy and Legislated Requirements:**

As per By-law 2019-053 being a by-law to establish and regulate a Fire Department in the Township of Southgate under ***Fire Chief Responsibility and Authority*** 14.q. *preparing and presenting annual and periodic reports to Council as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief, and any other specific reports as directed by Council.*

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

There are no financial or resource implications as a result of this report.

### **Attachments:**

List Attachments:

Attachment 1: FIRE2025-003 – 2024 Year-End Report