

Department: Community Services

Business Unit: Fire & Emergency Services

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Subject

2024 Year-End Fire & Emergency Services Report

Recommendation

That report number FD2025-01 “2024 Year-End Fire & Emergency Services Report” be received for information.

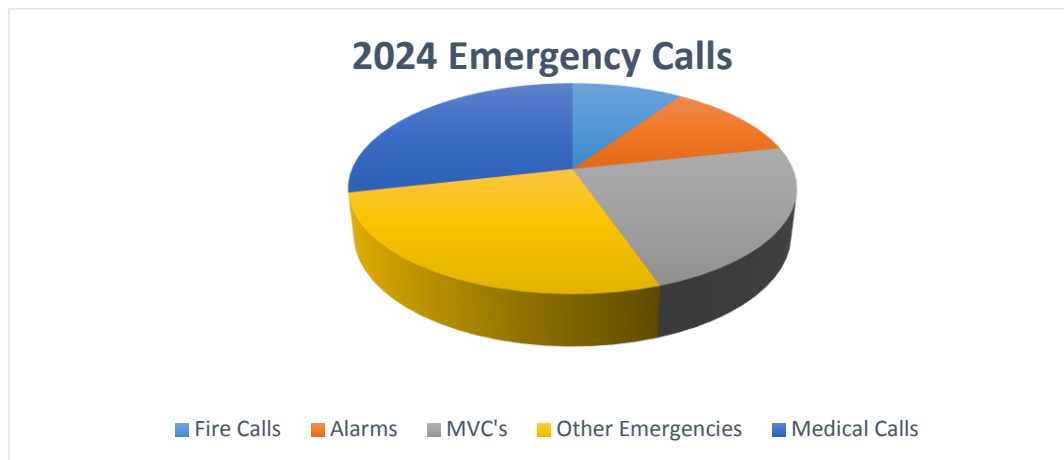
Background

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of Fire Department activities and responses for 2024. The department’s services are separated across three divisions: Operations, Training, and Fire Prevention. Highlights from each area are summarized below and further detailed in the appended presentation (Appendix A).

Discussion

Operations Division

- Town of Erin Fire and Emergency Services responded to 276 incidents in 2024. There was no loss of life due to fire last year, and the estimated value of damage due to fire is \$8,196,000. The below chart breaks down the types of incidents with figures provided in Appendices A through D which further delineate incident data by type in comparison to previous years.



Training Division

- 79 practices were held in 2024 for a total of 1,525 hours of training logged. Of those, 24 were truck and equipment checks, and the remaining 55 were a combination of preplans, classroom and practical training covering a wide range of skills.
- Two members were certified as Incident Safety Officers - NFPA 1521. As Tanker 58 entered service, staff received specialized training on operation of the vehicle and its equipment. Staff also received training in new vehicle technologies highlighting the challenges lithium ion batteries present for extraction and firefighting.

Fire Prevention Division

- The department continued its permitting and inspection programs with service levels captured in the table below:

| Service | # of Inspections/Reviews Completed |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Firebreak lots | 35 |
| Complaint follow-up | 21 |
| Large Burn Permits | 17 |
| Site Plan Review | 10 |
| Records requests | 9 |
| Fire Safety Plans | 7 |
| Food truck inspections | 4 |
| Exhibition Fireworks Permit | 1 |

- Public education was delivered through events such as the Fall Fair, and via social media and digital signage during Fire Prevention Week, Carbon Monoxide Week, and for the “Saved by the Beep” campaign.

Strategic Pillar

Service Excellence & Good Governance

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the proposed recommendation.

Conclusion

To conclude, the department continues its activities across all divisions into 2025 and will provide further reporting for the first quarter of this year at a future meeting of Council.

Attachments

Appendix A – Quarter 1, 2024 Incident Data

Appendix B – Quarter 2, 2024 Incident Data

Appendix C – Quarter 3, 2024 Incident Data

Appendix D – Quarter 4, 2024 Incident Data

Appendix E – Fire and Emergency Services Department Presentation

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