



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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Staff Report

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PERIOD REPORT

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TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Chris Jancowski, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department - 2015 Third Period Report

The following is a report on the activities pertaining to the Fire Department from September 01, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

I. DIVISION ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Operations Division

Call Type and Volume		Routine Activities	
Alarm calls	41	Assist other agencies	2
Assist public	20	Bylaw inquiries	3
Burning complaints	4	General Inquiries	13
Hazardous materials	9	Oil tank inspection	23
Structure fires	2	Placed on stand	3
Other fires	13	Plan review	5
Other responses	8	Public ed / Hall	5
Medical aid	372	Fire Investigation	2
MVI	18	Business licenses	14
Rescue	0	Car Seat inspection	0
Electrical emergency	10		
Total Period	497	Total Period	70
Responses YTD	1414	Activities YTD	395

- Noteworthy Emergency Response
September 16, 2015

Glen Vale Road House Fire - The department responded to a residential structure fire in the 900 block of Glen Vale Road. The fire attack was assisted with mutual aid from the CFB Esquimalt Fire Department. Firefighters successfully contained the fire to the building of origin with limited radiant heat damage to the neighbouring exposures.

- **Capital Projects**

The Fire Department, with the assistance of the Township's Logistics Supervisor, has successfully replaced the lift pumps in the fire station. This project included the replacement of the pumps along with the associated electrical components. In addition, the department has also completed the replacement of the flooring on the second floor of the public safety building. The replacement of the stairwell flooring and treads has been deferred until early 2016 due to the requirements of asbestos remediation.

- **Membership Activities**

Two members of the department, Captain Troy Saladana and Firefighter Spencer Robinson, received their twenty year federal exemplary service medals. These medals were presented by Mayor Desjardins and Fire Commissioner Anderson at the Township's Annual Employee Recognition Event on December 1st.

2. Prevention Division

2015 Company Inspections			
Platoon	Total Premises	Inspections Completed	Inspections Ongoing
A	128	131	2
B	128	123	5
C	137	123	0
D	132	143	0

Prevention Activities

Fire Prevention staff are continuing to assist the public with information requests. These requests range from property file searches to oil tank installation permits.

The department was very involved in Fire Prevention Week from October 4-10. The department started the week's activities with a community open house. This open house had a wide range of activities, from coloring stations for children to tours of the equipment and apparatus used by members to serve the community.

As a result of these activities, one youth was selected to be the Fire Chief for a Day. The Fire Chief for a Day initiative involves the department picking up a student from home and bringing them to the fire station for a tour prior to being dropped off at school. At lunch the student was taken to a restaurant of their choice for a meal with the department members. During this week, the department also coordinated the delivery of fire safety materials to all

schools within the Township.

As part of a new regional smoke alarm initiative, the department partnered with Panago Pizza to assist in delivering pizza orders. These deliveries were conducted with a company representative along with fire crews that conducted a voluntary smoke alarm inspection at the time of their pizza delivery. If the residence had a working smoke alarm the deliveries resulted in no cost; if there was no smoke detector the crews offered to install a free smoke alarm.

In November, the department has conducted several Learn Not to Burn sessions for all local elementary schools. These sessions combine several learning objectives into hands-on “fun skills” for students.

3. Training Division

During this period, members received over 1167 hours of regular Platoon Drill Training, and over 29.5 hours of various online and self-development Fire Officer Courses.

In October, the department conducted several refresher sessions for Technical Rope Rescue Skills. These technical skills assist members when conducting rope rescues or during confined space rescue activities. In December, the department hosted a series of medical aid workshops focused on preparing firefighters to assist in emergency childbirth and care of young children. These workshops were well received in the region and had many members attending from other departments.

The members of the department also attended a Fire Dynamics workshop in Nanaimo. This workshop incorporated modern principles of fire science, fire research and fire attack theories.

Fire / Rescue Training		
Platoon	Company Level	Officer Development & Self Dir
A	227	7.5
B	250	0
C	308	12
D	382	10

II. COMMITTEES

Esquimalt Fire Department members are actively involved with numerous local and regional initiatives, including:

- Greater Victoria Fire Chief's Association
- British Columbia Fire Chiefs' Association
- CRD Regional Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee

- Greater Victoria Fire Training Officers Association
- Fire Training Officers Association of BC
- Fire Prevention Officers Association of BC
- Greater Victoria Fire Prevention Officer's Association
- Esquimalt's Integrated Bylaw Enforcement Team
- Local Government Emergency Program Advisory Commission
- Municipal Safety Committee
- BC Burn Fund

The Greater Victoria Fire Chief's Association has developed and adopted a regional standard for Passport Accountability. The development of this regional approach was greatly assisted with the involvement of the Greater Victoria Fire Training Officers Association. This common system will ensure the safety of all members when working on Mutual Aid or large scale events.