



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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PERIOD REPORT

DATE: May 03, 2018 Report No. FIRE-18-002

TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Steve Serbic, Assistant Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department - 2018 First Period Report

The following is a report on the activities pertaining to the Fire Department from January 01, 2018 to April 30, 2018.

I. DIVISION ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Operations Division

| Call Type and Volume | | Routine Activities | |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|
| Alarm calls | 29 | Assist other agencies | 0 |
| Assist public | 20 | Bylaw inquiries | 0 |
| Burning complaints | 3 | General inquiries | 1 |
| Hazardous materials | 4 | Oil tank inspections | 11 |
| Structure fires | 4 | Placed on standby (C.S.R., Fire) | 1 |
| Other fires | 7 | Plan review | 0 |
| Other responses | 8 | Public ed. / hall tour | 6 |
| Medical aid | 360 | Fire investigations | 0 |

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|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| MVI | 16 | Business licenses | 0 |
| Rescue | 1 | Car seat inspection | 5 |
| Electrical emergency | 5 | | |
| Total Period | 457 | Total Period | 24 |
| Responses YTD | 457 | Activities YTD | 24 |

2. Community Services

Prevention Activities

Crews have had a good start to this year’s fire inspection program and have become more accomplished with data entry into the new FDM Inspection module program the department implemented this year.

The department continues to work with the other municipal departments in achieving quick turn around of new business license applications. In the first quarter, were we involved in 42 applications.

| 2018 Company Inspections | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Platoon | Total Premises | Inspections Completed | Inspections Ongoing |
| A | 140 | 43 | 3 |
| B | 132 | 31 | 4 |
| C | 131 | 49 | 30 |
| D | 145 | 30 | 15 |

3. Department Services

The department has had a busy first quarter from an events and training perspective. Crews have been participating in advanced training with the Justice Institute at West Bay Marina along with a visit from the Coast Guard. This advanced training is in preparation for an emergency event at the marina, similarly to the training at the West Bay RV Park. That training at the RV Park was thankfully done just before the motorhome fires and was extremely effective in helping quickly contain those motorhome fires.

The department has also been carrying out strategy and tactical drills on some of Esquimalt’s older 3 and 4 storey buildings that are at a higher risk of having an emergency event. This training allows the crews to refine their skills and look at “best practices” in the unfortunate chance that they do respond to an actual event in those particular buildings.

Lastly, the department has been working with the First Nations Emergency Services Society to fine tune details on the up coming First Nations Expo that the Township will be hosting from June 4-6, 2018.

II. COMMITTEES

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

- Greater Victoria Fire Chiefs' 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 Officers' Association
- Department Safety Committee
- BC Burn Fund

In addition to the various committees listed above, the Department has also been participating in ongoing regional discussions regarding fire service agreements. These discussions involve other regional fire departments expressing their interest in participating in the new Regional Fire Service Agreement.