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PERIOD REPORT

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SUBJECT: Fire Department - 2016 First Period Report

The following is a report on the activities pertaining to the Fire Department from January 01, 2016 to April 30, 2016.

I. DIVISION ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Operations Division

Call Type and Volume		Routine Activities	
Alarm calls	36	Assist other agencies	4
Assist public	27	Bylaw inquiries	4
Burning complaints	2	General inquiries	5
Hazardous materials	8	Oil tank inspection	29
Structure fires	5	Placed on stand	4
Other fires	12	Plan review	0
Other responses	6	Public ed./ hall	3
Medical aid	392	Fire investigation	2
MVI	16	Business licensing	28
Rescue	1	Car seat inspection	1
Electrical emergency	6		
Total Period	511	Total Period	80
Responses YTD	511	Activities YTD	80

- Noteworthy Emergency Responses:

February 27, 2016 - Apartment Building - Structure Fire

The department responded to a reported structure fire at the 800 block of Craigflower Road. Upon arrival, heavy fire was coming from the second floor with fire and smoke extending to the upper floors. Our firefighters, along with members from the CFB Esquimalt Fire Department, did an excellent job of confining the fire to the unit of origin. The department was greatly assisted at this emergency by the Esquimalt Emergency Social Services program that supported the occupants along with other community members.

March 29, 2016 - Recreational Vehicle Fire

The occupants of this recreational vehicle had been awoken in the early hours to the sound of their smoke alarm. After exiting the vehicle they attempted to extinguish the fire and contacted 911. Upon arrival of the fire department, the fire had fully involved the vehicle with extension of fire that involved two other vehicles. Firefighters were successful in limiting the damage to the units involved at the time of arrival.

- **Membership Activities**
In February, two members of the department attended a safety conference in Victoria. This conference provided additional insight to our members concerning best practices for safety and wellness within fire departments.

2. Community Services

Prevention Activities

In February, the department redeveloped our pre-incident planning program. This program allows members to collect data and create digital floor plans of multi-residential and commercial buildings. This information enables members to provide a higher level of response to our citizens during emergencies.

A new initiative in 2016 has been the development of a pocket guide for company inspections. This guide provides quick access to BC Fire Code references for members while conducting inspections in the community.

2016 Company Inspections			
Platoon	Total Premises	Inspections Completed	Inspections Ongoing
A	143	79	64
B	130	53	77
C	133	46	87
D	141	76	65

3. Department Services

In January, the department hosted a Fire Dynamics workshop for members of the Esquimalt Fire Department along with other firefighters in the region. The workshop was delivered by Assistant Chief Greg Norman of the Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department. This workshop outlined the changes to fire behavior at structural fires due to changes of firefighters' tactics

and household materials involved.

In February, the department also hosted a High Rise / Wide Rise workshop. This presentation was delivered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and was well attended by department members and members in the region. This workshop provided modern tactics to allow firefighters to successfully manage complex structural fires.

In March, the department attended several sessions for urban search and rescue training at the CFB HUSAR Site. These workshops provided an overview to building assessments, safety and basic principles in building stabilization techniques.

Public Education

In April, the department hosted two car seat installation clinics. Department members completed a day of car seat technician recertification and then ended the day with a clinic for the public to have their car seats checked. Both sessions had a good turnout from the community.

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
- Department Safety Committee
- BC Burn Fund

In addition to the various committees above, the department has also been participating in ongoing regional discussions regarding fire service agreements. These discussions revolve around the need to update existing agreements such as the Core Mutual Aid Agreement and to establish other agreements to increase service delivery.