

Municipality of East Ferris

Report to Council

Report No.: Fire Department – 2020-01

Date: June 23, 2020

Originator: Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief

Subject: Fire Department Activity Report for 2019

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation - For Council's information.

BACKGROUND

This report provides information on the annual activities of the East Ferris Fire Department for the year 2019.

For Council's information, the average response time from January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019, from the time a call is received and the first emergency apparatus responding was 6 minutes and 35 seconds with an on-route time of 5 minutes and 27 seconds for an average response time of 11 minutes and 47 seconds for the first apparatus to arrive on scene.

The average time spent for an incident was 46 minutes and 38 seconds. The clock stops once all apparatus and personnel are back in service.

The average number of personnel on scene was 4.49 with a total average of 5.76 responders. Not all members are required on scene and may be stood down.

The total staff hours in 2019 for emergency calls was 772 hours and 52 minutes with an average personnel hours per incident of 4 hours and 28 minutes.

In 2019, the Fire Department responded to 173 emergency calls with an estimated dollar loss of \$434,065.

The department had a total of 4 fire responses of the 173 emergency calls.

- 4 calls were structure fires; 2 houses, 1 sauna and 1 attached garage for an estimated loss of \$434,065. The potential estimated loss is valued \$777,698. The members saved an estimated value of \$343,633 in property.
- 3 fire responses with no estimated dollar loss including chimney, grass and hydro pole fires.

The Department also responded to 166 non-fire calls that accounted for the majority of the responses in 2019. The number of responses and the percentage breakdown are as follows:

- 1 Controlled burning
- 2 False carbon monoxide (CO) alarms
- 2 False fire calls or alarms reported by monitoring companies
- 118 Medical / resuscitator calls
- 9 Other responses, cancelled calls on route or perceived emergencies/incident not found
- 8 Pre-fire conditions with no fire including equipment over heating
- 5 Public hazard calls, gas leaks with CO present (4), downed hydro lines (1)
- 19 Rescues including motor vehicle collisions, ice / water and off-road responses.

The Department responded to 2 Mutual Aid Assistance calls in 2019:

- 1 in Bonfield
- 1 in Callander

The Department also conducted 68 sessions which included training, equipment maintenance, various meetings and public events. The number of sessions does not include inspection of residential or commercial properties.

A 5-year comparison on the number of incidents by group type and total annual emergency calls from January 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2019 is included with this report for Council's information.

Also included with this report is the 2019 Standard Incident Report Verification Summary that has been reviewed and submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal. The Standard Incident Report provides details on statistical data such as total calls and dollar losses.

CONCLUSION

The volunteer firefighters provided 772 hours and 52 minutes for emergency calls and 3,230.75 total hours for training and other non-emergency activities. A total of 4,003.27 hours was dedicated to protecting the community in 2019.

As the Fire Chief, I am very proud of the members who have committed to their skills and knowledge training. Their dedication has been reflected in the protection and assistance to residents and visitors of our community. Their professional attitude and performance towards public safety has been demonstrated in their efficiencies when responding to calls for help.

I thank Council for their ongoing support and for the modern equipment provided to our department which has greatly assisted in the department's operations, the safety of our members and the department's public image.

Respectfully Submitted,

I concur with this report:

Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief

Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer