



MONTHLY REPORT

To:	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
From:	Emergency Services / Fire Department
Date of Meeting:	28 March 2017
Subject:	FD 04-2017 March Monthly Report (Emergency Services Department)

RECOMMENDATION

That FD 04-2017 March Monthly Report (Emergency Services Department) be received for information.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of March the fire department responded to seven emergency calls most notably:

- 2 Motor Vehicle Accident – 375 Queen St West, Water St. S near Front St.
- 3 Activated alarms – INOAC, Stone Willow Inn (2)
- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident – Oxford County
- 1 Lift assist – 109 Wellington St.

This year to date 01 Jan 16 – 17 Mar 17 we have had 21 emergency response calls compared to 20 response calls last year from 01 Jan 16 to 17 Mar 16.

Tammy DeGraw, our Fire Prevention Officer, has conducted 13 fire inspections, eight follow up inspections, 3 Public Education sessions during the month of March 2017.

The Fire Department sent two firefighters to attend the NFPA 106 Ice Rescue Technician Level I & II Courses. The two candidates were successful and we are now looking at conducting the Ice Rescue Training in St. Marys if the weather permits. However, if the weather does not permit our two Water Rescue Instructors we will be conducting Water Rescue training for the members of the St. Marys Fire Department this coming Spring.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND PROJECT LIST

- I have been approved to replace our old and outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The fire department is currently conducting testing of the top 3 name brands in the market. Phase one consisted of having the top three manufacturers and representatives (MSA, Scott and Dragger) providing theory and practical demonstrations of their equipment. Phase two is completed as the firefighters tested all of the equipment and reported on which models they preferred. I am currently drafting an RFP.
- Town of St. Marys Spring Clean-up. – It has been decided that the Town of St. Marys Spring Clean-up will be conducted on Saturday the 29th of April 2017. Firefighters will be volunteering

their time and effort to pick up any unwanted metal with all proceeds being presented to Muscular Dystrophy.

- The Fire Department will be conducting a “Door to Door” Fire Prevention Public Education campaign on the 29th of March 2017 from 6-9 pm. This initiative is to deliver information to the citizens of St. Marys. Firefighters will be delivering information on “It’s the law” smoke alarm, “Beat the silent killer” carbon monoxide and “Plan your escape” a home fire escape plan. To date there have been 22 fire fatalities in Ontario and most of these deaths have been associated with people not having working smoke and CO alarms.
- I am continuing to research and procure various types of rescue equipment for water and ice rescue operations. I hope to have a majority of the equipment purchased in the next few weeks.
- I am currently developing a Live Ex - Town wide live Mass Casualty/Hazardous Materials exercise to be conducted on Wednesday the 31st of May 2017 from 0900 – 1200 hrs. The various agencies that will be involved, but not limited to, are the St. Marys Fire Department, OPP, Perth County Paramedics, St. John Ambulance, St. Marys District Collegiate and Vocational Institute (DCVI) and the standing up of the St. Marys Emergency Operations Centre. This Ex will take place on the corner of James St. North and Station St, St. Marys, Ontario and will be supported by the various outside agencies previously mentioned. It will allow stakeholders to participate in a real life situation, test the Town’s emergency response Plan as well it will provide an Emergency Services Command & Control capabilities confirmation. Richard “Andy” Anderson Fire Chief / Director of Emergency services will act as the primary POC and liaison to ensure exercise objectives are met.
- Ceremonial Fire Truck Ride for the “St. Marys Snipers U12 Provincial Petite team sponsored by Jackson's Pharmacy”. The team won the McCarthy Division of the Provincial U12. This event was hosted by Forest Xtreme Ringette from March 2nd to 5th, where 29 teams from across the province came to compete in five divisions. At the time of drafting this report all personnel and agencies involved with the organizing of this parade (Fire Department, OPP and the St. Marys Snipers U12 team) were satisfied with what is to transpire on Sunday the 19th of March 2017.
- I am currently getting an Active 911 App on every firefighter’s Smart Phone/Device. Having the Active 911 App on our Smart Phone/Device allows firefighters to receive a fire response notification from Stratford Fire Dispatch in addition to our pagers. This system does not necessarily replace our Pagers as there are certain applications that firefighters need to carry a pager i.e. work locations. It will enhance our current Pager system by having the option of receiving the alert on our Smart Phones/Devices. When the notification is received the firefighter will acknowledge the call by pressing either Responding, Not Responding or Cancel. Once this is completed they conduct this procedure the firefighter will be able to look at a map on their Smart Phone/Device. The Map will indicate their present location and the location of where they are responding too. As well when everyone acknowledges Responding I will be able to see how many are or are not responding to the call. Where everyone is located and if they are responding to the address of the call or to the fire hall. So far the one month trialed that was conducted was a huge success. This is why we are moving forward with this initiative.
- We are currently working with various businesses and nursing homes to deliver a Portable Fire Extinguisher training program in the near future. These courses will be taught by the Fire Prevention Officer and I, providing a theory lecture and practical live fire extinguisher exercise. This same training could be provided to Town employees. Projections are that if this is successful it could prove to be a good source of revenue for the fire department.

SPENDING AND VARIANCE ANALYSIS

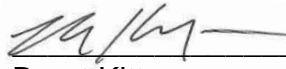
The Fire Department has purchased the following items:

- 6 Rescue Drysuits, 6 Rescue PFD's, 6 Rescue Helmets, 5 Throw bags, 6 Carabiners & Ice Picks - Total price \$2,145.49
- Hose Storage Racks \$1,351

Respectfully submitted,



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