



# MONTHLY REPORT

<b>To:</b>	<b>Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Emergency Services / Fire Department</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>25 April 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FD 06-2017 April Monthly Report (Emergency Services)</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

That FD 06-2017 April Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

## DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of April the fire department responded to two emergency calls most notably:

- 2 Activated alarms – 25 Thames Rd, 22 Church St

This year to date 01 Jan 17 – 13 Apr 17 we have had 23 emergency response calls compared to 25 response calls last year from 01 Jan 16 to 17 Mar 16.

Tammy DeGraw, Fire Prevention Officer, has conducted eight fire inspections, five follow up inspection, three Public Education sessions during the month of March 2017. The Fire Prevention Officer and I attended DVCI to speak with two students about fire safety involving hand sanitizer. The Vice Principal and an OPP officer were in attendance. Two major industrial buildings (Shur-Gain and INOAC) fire Inspections were completed.

- The Fire Department conducted a “Door to Door” Fire Prevention Public Education campaign on the 29th of March 2017 from 6-9 pm. Fire Department personnel were able to visit and deliver information to over 1,000 homes in St. Marys.
- The Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) and members of the Fire Department set up a Public Education (Pub Ed) display at the Independent Grocers on Saturday the 8th of April 2017. As well the FPO held a Pub Ed at St. Marys Holy Name of Mary School for two kindergarten classes.
- On Thursday 6th of April 2017 I went to support Randy Pettapiece’s firefighter safety bill, which passed the 2nd reading in the Ontario Legislature. The Rea and Walter Act— is a bill that would give firefighters better information to fight fires. The bill is named in honour of two North Perth Fire Service members, Ken Rea and Ray Walter, who died battling a fire in March 2011. The tragedy happened when the roof of the Listowel Dollar Stop collapsed. In total, about 40 people were at Queen’s Park to attend the debate, including firefighters from Perth-Wellington and across the province.

## 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- I have been approved to replace our old and outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.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. – 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.
- Exercise “Hail Mary” - Town wide live Mass Casualty / Hazardous Materials exercise will be conducted on Wednesday the 31st of May 2017 from 0900 – 1200 hrs. The first of many meetings was conducted on the 5th of April 2017 to discuss the exercise. The various agencies in attendance were the St. Marys Fire Department, OPP, Perth County Paramedics, St. John Ambulance, St. Marys District Collegiate and Vocational Institute (DCVI), Murphy Buss Lines, K&K Towing Town staff. Another meeting is set to take place on the 3rd of May 2017.
- St. Marys Fire Department will be hosting the annual breakfast on Sunday 7th of May 2017 from 8-12 pm. All proceeds will be presented to Muscular Dystrophy, local sports and other local organizations.
- The St. Marys Fire Department will be in possession of the Perth County Fire Safety Trailer in mid-May. The Fire Safety Trailer will give us the ability to mobilize our community education and prevention program. We will be able to train adults to extinguish simulated kitchen fires that are intense and true to life, yet completely safe; teach children what they should do in case of fire in their home, if they see smoke or feel a warm door; instruct community members how to respond to various emergencies they might encounter in the home or workplace, from gas leaks to fire; and people of every age will benefit from the lifesaving lessons learned in the realistic settings of our Fire Safety Trailer.
- 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 FPO 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**

- Annual Fire Department Ladder Inspection \$819.25
- Rescue Basket and floatation \$1,847.71
- Firefighter ¼ Zip jackets \$2,458.99

Respectfully submitted,

  
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