MONTHLY REPORT

To: Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council

From: Emergency Services / Fire Department

Date of Meeting: 24 October 2017

Subject: FD 14-2017 October Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT FD 14-2017 October Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of October (6 September – 12 October 2017) the fire department responded to 15 emergency calls most notably:

- 1 Motor Vehicle/Bicycle Accident – St. Marys
- 9 Activated Alarm – No Fire - 7 St. Marys and 2 Perth South
- 2 Fires – 575 James St South St. Marys
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents – 1 St. Marys and 2 Perth South

This year to date 01 Jan 17 – 12 October 2017 we have had 86 emergency response calls compared to 78 response calls last year from 01 Jan 16 to 12 October 2016.

Fire Chief has conducted four Fire Inspections, two follow up inspections and one fire drill. Fire Prevention Week, which ran from 8-14 October 2017, with this year’s theme of “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways out” was very successful. The Fire Department hosted an Open house on the 11th of October. In spite of some inclement weather a large number of parents and children attended the festivities that included a fire rescue display, fire prevention/public education information distribution, fire safety trailer, auto extrication demonstration and door prizes. As well the Fire Department visited two schools.

St. Marys Fire Chief and HR are working together to recruit another Fire Prevention Officer. Interviews start on the 18th of October 2017.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND PROJECT LIST

The Fire department is awaiting the arrival of the 20 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from A.J. Stone. Delivery was expected to be 4-6 weeks starting the 1st of October.

19 Fire Department personnel have been course loaded on two on-line courses - Legislation and Hazardous Materials Awareness courses starting on the 1st of December 2017. Both courses should take 60 and 30 days respectively to complete. These courses are offered by the Ontario Fire College and are recognized courses with the National Fire Protection Association. These courses have to be completed to meet minimum standards and to be compliant.
3 firefighters have been course loaded on an NFPA 1021 Fire Officer level I course from 23 October – 3 November 2017. The course is 80 hours in total with a written exam. Course is to be held in Stratford.

1 firefighter has been course loaded on an NFPA 472 Hazmat Operation Level course in December. Course is to be held in Stratford.

**SPENDING AND VARIANCE ANALYSIS**

None at this time.

**REVIEWED BY**

**Recommended by the Department**

Richard Anderson  
Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief

**Recommended by the CAO**

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