



# MONTHLY REPORT

**To:** Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council

**From:** Emergency Services / Fire Department

**Date of Meeting:** 22 May 2018

**Subject:** FD 05-2018 May Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT FD 05-2018 May Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

## DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of May (13 April – 11 May 2018) the Fire Department responded to 17 emergency responses most notably:

- Automatic Alarms: 2 - Both in St. Marys
- Open Air Fires: 2 – 1 (St. Marys) & 1 (Perth South)
- Fire: 4 – 1 House Fire (Perth South), 1 Industrial Fire (St. Marys) 1 Grass Fire (Perth South) & 1 Tractor Fire (Perth South)
- Pre-Fire Condition: 5 – Hydro Lines down 2 (St. Marys) & 3 (Perth South)
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm: 3 – All in St. Marys
- Medical Call: 1 – St. Marys

The St. Marys Firefighters have responded to 61 calls for service (01 Jan – 11 May 18) compared to 30 emergency responses last year (1 Jan – 11 May 17).

During the month of May (13 April – 11 May 2018) Brian Leverton (Fire Prevention Officer) has completed the following:

- Completed Part I & II Joint Health and Safety Courses
- 1 complaint
- 1 Follow up and ongoing
- 1 Safety Concern
- 1 Request
- 3 Routine
- 6 Closed

All inspections/orders with due date May 1st 2018 were completed and approved.

Fire Chief is organizing a St. Marys/Perth South Live exercise to be held on the 31st of May 2018. This Exercise has shifted its focus on setting up a Reception Centre at the Pyramid Recreation Centre. This will involve approximately 60 people including, but not limited to the St. Marys Fire, OPP, Paramedic Services, Red Cross, Victim Services, Social Services, Salvation Army, DCVI, staff from the Town of St. Marys and staff from Perth South.

3 Firefighters completed the NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor course on 14-15 April 2018.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 Firefighters hosted the annual Firefighters Breakfast at the St. Marys Fire Station. Over 1000 people attended the event. The firefighters wish to thank all of the local businesses and organizations that donated food, beverages and related items to help make the event a success. The turnout from the community was fantastic and the firefighters truly appreciate the tremendous support from residents and friends.

A 100 ft E-One Aerial ladder truck was brought to the St. Marys Fire Department on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May for demonstration purposes. The fire apparatus was supplied by 1200 degrees Darch Fire. The purpose was to demonstrate the vehicles capabilities to the firefighters. It also allowed the Mayor, Councillors, and CAO to come have a look at the vehicle and speak with John Darch so that he could provide them a better understanding of the type of apparatus we are looking for.

Fire Chief (through HR) has arranged to have a counselor come speak to the firefighters and their significant others about Vicarious Trauma on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Vicarious trauma is a term used to describe thoughts, feelings and behaviours that can result from repeated exposure to the trauma of others. Taking a proactive role is of the utmost importance by ensuring that the firefighters and their families are made aware of contributing factors, signs and symptoms of vicarious trauma. Switching our focus to the area of preventing vicarious trauma is on creating individual and workplace strategies, which are pre-trauma and ongoing. The emphasis is on constant care for self rather than reaction when things become overwhelming.

## **SPENDING AND VARIANCE ANALYSIS**

The Fire department was able to generate some revenue through the sale of Open Air Fire Permits – \$1,850.00

The Fire Department has purchased or contracted the following work:

2 Mustang Ice Commander dry suits – Cost \$ 2257.74 including tax

2 Personal Floatation Devices – Cost \$689 including tax

## **REVIEWED BY**

### **Recommended by the Department**



Richard Anderson  
Director of Emergency services/Fire Chief

### **Recommended by the CAO**



Brent Kittmer  
CAO / Clerk