



FIRE RESCUE SERVICE

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MARCH 2020 REPORT FROM: TYLER MOFFITT – FIRE CHIEF/CEMC

Total Hours: Incidents; Training; Public Education; and Public Service	Training Sessions:	Public Ed & Prevention; Public Events; Public Service:	Fire Safety Standards Enforcement Inspections / Re-inspections for 2020:	Fire Drills	EMS Calls:	Fire Calls:	Fire Loss estimated values in Dollars:
15.17	1	0	43	0	7	2	0
Alarm Calls:	MVC Calls:	Water Related Rescue Calls:	(CO) Carbon Monoxide / Gas Leak Calls:	Hazmat Calls:	Mutual Aid Calls:	Other Calls:	Tickets Issued:
2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0

TEAM MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ONLY 15 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS DURING MARCH 2020.

Total Hours:

- **13.17 Hours** was spent on responding to emergency incidents.
- **2 Hours** was spent on training.

Time of Day:

During this month, **67%** of our calls for service occurred on the Day Shift between 07:00 & 19:00 and **33%** of our calls for service occurred during the Night Shift between 19:00 & 07:00.

Fire Prevention Inspections / Re-inspections:

18 inspections / re-inspections were completed in January. The re-inspections included multiple visits to specific locations. This brings the total to **43** inspections / re-inspections up to March 13, 2020; this is when fire prevention inspections were suspended as per the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fire Response Calls: 2 Fire Calls.

One fire call was a hydro pole fire.

Another significant fire involved an attached garage. Every full-time firefighter who was in town, two-fill-in relief part-time firefighters, the Fire Chief, and two pumper trucks responded to the scene.

Due to the limited response of part-time firefighters, the International Falls duty officer was contacted and was informed to be on stand-by.

As well, due to the quick response of our team members, the fire was quickly knocked down, and was contained to just the attached garage. Once again, history has shown the advantage of having a fulltime fire rescue service on duty 24/7. Thanks goes out to all team members who responded. Well done!



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Fire Alarms: 2 False Fire Alarm Calls.

(CO) Carbon Monoxide / Gas Leak Calls: 2 False CO Calls.

Other Calls: 1 call from EMS to access an apartment complex utilizing the fire rescue service lockbox key system.

MVC (Motor Vehicle Crashes): 1 call in the Town of Fort Frances.

EMS Calls: 7 calls.

Training:

One separate 2-hour training sessions was completed.

As well, the results of the Fire and Life Safety Educators course, which was held in Emo on January 24th to 26th have come back. Doug Wright, Gavin Payne, and I (Tyler Moffitt) officially obtained NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1 certification. I extend my congratulations to Doug and Gavin ... well done!

Public Fire Safety Education:

Weekly Fire & Life Safety Tips continue to be published in the Thursday edition of the Fort Frances Bulletin, as well as on our towns official Facebook Page.

Town of Fort Frances new Pumper Fire Truck:

Our community's new pumper fire truck became ready for delivery back in March. Eventually our new addition will be delivered sometime in the near future. Meanwhile, there is a bit of history, which was included on the town's new 2019 model Spartan Metro-Star Pumper Fire Truck. This truck was manufactured in Winnipeg at Fort Garry Fire Trucks.

The historic Q-Siren, which has been heard throughout the Town of Fort Frances since 1977 is mounted on top of the left bumper of our new pumper fire truck. This siren has previously sat on two other Fort Frances pumper fire trucks. It first arrived during the fall of 1977 and was installed on our town's former Pierreville – Thibault pumper fire truck (1975 Ford Chassis). In 2008, it was installed on our town's Spartan Furion pumper fire truck.



2019 Spartan Metro Star



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COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The following is a summary of the actions taken after the **World Health Organization** announced **COVID-19** as a pandemic.

March 11, 2020 (Day1)

World Health Organization declares COVID-19 as a pandemic.

March 12, 2020 (Day2)

Fort Frances Fire Rescue Service **WILL NOT** be responding to **ANY** positive hits, which are FREI positive or FREI positive plus travel history. **FREI = Febrile (Fever Respirator & Enteric (Related /Affecting Intestines) Illness.**

This new protocol is due in part of not having the required PPE, which the Paramedic Service has. We will respond to all other Tiered Response Calls as per the current agreement, which is in place with the Rainy River District Paramedic Services.

March 13, 2020 (Day 3)

The Fort Frances Fire Hall is Restricted Access.

As well, all fire safety inspections, public fire safety events (firehall tours etc.) and fire practices have been suspended; this is in the interest of physical distancing, as well as health and safety.

Currently, permitting local Fire Services to drop off air cylinders for re-filling. As well, permitting freight delivers. These items will sit untouched for 4-days. COVID-19 Protocols are in place and posted on the fire hall front door.

March 16, 2020 (Day 6)

MECG (Municipal Emergency Control Group) meeting in Civic Centre Committee Room at 8:30 AM. Decision made to close all town facilities and make accommodations for those that can work from home.

Fire Chief establishes an office at his residence. As well, only one fulltime firefighter permitted to be on shift at any given time.; the other one scheduled will be available to respond from their residence.

March 19, 2020 (Day 9)

Declaration of Emergency at 1404 pm (time) due to the Health Emergency (COVID-19). A Fax was sent to PEOC Duty Officer @ 416-314-0407.

March 30, 2020 (Day 20)

Advertised the annual notice regarding **Open-Air Burning** not permitted April 1 through October 31 in the Town of Fort Frances. I decided to prohibit the burning of all brush, wood piles, fields, leaves, and grass throughout the Town of Fort Frances. **Note:** Last year, there was an exception for the rural properties north of eight street and situated on McIrvine Road and Frog Creek Road. Meanwhile, exceptions for the start of the month of April was to allow a small confined fire used to cook food on a grill or a barbecue. A well, at the time ... a fire pit was permitted.