

Staff Report

Report Title: Fire and Emergency Services April 2024Date: May. 5, 2025Report Number: FIR-2025-08Department: Fire and Emergency ServicesFile Number: C11 FIR 25Prepared By: Jeff Bradley Fire ChiefAttachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-07 prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief.

Background:

During the month, the following Fire and Emergency Services administrative tasks have been initiated, are on-going and/or have been completed.

1. All general administrative tasks with the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department for the months have been completed.

2. The monthly activities for the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow & District Fire Stations are detailed below in the discussion section.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

1. Fire Department Emergency Responses:

Ripley-Huron Station # 15-0

Incident Type:	December Totals:
Fire - Structure	2
Fire – Mutual Aid	0
Fire – Outdoor - Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collision	0
Industrial/ Agricultural Incident	0
Medical Assist	7
General Fire Alarm	1
Public Hazard - Wires	0
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
Open Air Burning Complaint	0
Water Rescue	0
Total Responses:	10

Lucknow & District Station # 16-0

Incident Type:	December Totals:
Fire - Structure	2
Fire – Mutual Aid	0
Fire – Outdoor- Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collisions	1
Medical Assist	6
Public Hazard - Wires	1
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
General Fire Alarm	1
Open Air Burning Complaint	2
Total Responses:	13

2.Fire Department Training/Meeting Sessions:

Ripley-Huron Station # 15-0

Session Type:	December Totals:
General/Officer/JHSC Meetings	1
Fire Practice	2
Additional Training	2
Recruit Firefighter Training	0
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	2

Lucknow & District Station # 16-0

Session Type:	December
	Totals:
General/Officer/JHSC Meetings	1
Fire Practice	2
Additional Training	2
Recruit Firefighter Training	0
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	2

3.Fire Department Non-Emergency Activities:

Ripley-Huron and Lucknow Stations Combined

Activity Type:	December
	Totals:
Fire Inspections (Incl. Follow Ups)	2
Fire Investigations	2
Open Air Burn By-law Investigation	4
Fire Permits Issued	6
Fire Prevention Activity/Plan Review	0
Pre-Incident Planning Activity	1
Public Education: In person/social media	3
Smoke/CO Program Activity	2

	Community Event Participation	1
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Additional activity:

• Fire Safety Presentation for Bruce County Housing Residents

As part of ongoing community outreach and safety education efforts, staff delivered a Fire Safety presentation to seniors residing in Bruce County Housing. The session focused on several critical fire safety topics, including:

- Proper evacuation procedures during fire alarm activations
- The importance of keeping unit doors closed to prevent smoke spread
- The hazards associated with smoking within residential units
- Risks and fire safety concerns related to hoarding
- The presentation aimed to raise awareness and promote proactive safety practices among residents, enhancing overall preparedness and reducing fire-related risks.

• Firefighting Gear Dryers – Cancer Prevention Initiative

As part of our ongoing cancer prevention program, firefighting gear dryers have been purchased to improve the cleaning and maintenance process of protective equipment. These dryers will allow staff to dry gear more thoroughly and significantly reduce turnaround time, ensuring equipment is returned to service more quickly. The dryers are expected to be fully operational by the end of April.

Financial Impacts:

To comply with NFPA standards to keep workers safe, ongoing expense included in the operating budget.

Performance Measurement:

Metrics included within the body of the report.

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery

□ Prepare for Inclusive Growth

 \Box Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

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