



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title: Fire and Emergency Services October Report 2025**

**Date: Oct. 29, 2025**

**Report Number: FIR-2025-22**

**Department: Fire and Emergency Services**

**File Number: C11**

**Prepared By: Fire Chief, Jeff Bradley**

**Attachments: None**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-22 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**

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fire - Structure	0
Fire – Mutual Aid	0
Fire – Outdoor - Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collision	2
Industrial/ Agricultural Incident	0
Medical Assist	3
General Fire Alarm	0
Public Hazard - Wires	1
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	1
Open Air Burning Complaint	0
Water Rescue	0
Total Responses:	7

## **Lucknow & District Station # 16-0**

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Fire - Structure	0
Fire – Mutual Aid	1
Fire – Outdoor- Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collisions	5
Medical Assist	5
Public Hazard - Wires	1
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
General Fire Alarm	0
Open Air Burning Complaint	0
Total Responses:	12

## **2.Fire Department Training/Meeting Sessions:**

### **Ripley-Huron Station # 15-0**

<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Totals</b>
General/Officer/JHSC Meetings	1
Fire Practice	2
Additional Training	1
Recruit Firefighter Training	2
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	1

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## **3.Fire Department Non-Emergency Activities:**

### **Ripley-Huron and Lucknow Stations Combined**

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Fire Inspections (Incl. Follow Ups)	4
Fire Investigations	0
Open Air Burn By-law Investigation	1
Fire Permits Issued	3
Fire Prevention Activity/Plan Review	2

Pre-Incident Planning Activity	1
Public Education: In person/social media	11
Smoke/CO Program Activity	2
Community Event Participation	3

**Additional activity:**

**Fire Prevention Week Recap**

This year’s Fire Prevention Week was a great success! We hosted three open houses across our communities in Lucknow, Ripley, and at the Point Clark Lighthouse and were thrilled to see such a strong turnout from the public. In fire protection and prevention, the “Three Lines of Defence” Public Education Prevention, Fire Safety Standards Enforcement and Emergency Response is the last line of defence. When all else fails, firefighters respond to control and extinguish fires, perform rescues, and protect lives and property.

Our focus this year was on public education and fire safety awareness, including:

- Lithium battery safety proper use, charging, and storage.
- The importance of working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in every home.

We continue to stress that working smoke alarms save lives. Canada-wide statistics (2015–2023) highlight the importance:

- Only **37%** of residential fires had a working smoke alarm.
- 12% had alarms that didn’t activate.
- 13% had no smoke alarm at all.
- In 38% of cases, the status of the alarm was unknown.

Tragically, about 3 out of 4 fire-related deaths occurred in homes without a working smoke alarm.

A huge thank-you to everyone who attended, asked questions, and took home valuable fire safety information. Together, we can make our communities safer one working alarm at a time!

**Recruit Firefighter Training Update**

We’re proud to share that 10 new recruits attended the Brockton Regional Training Facility over the past four weekends to complete the Firefighter Level 1 (NFPA 1001)

course. This represents a significant commitment of time and effort, and we commend them for their dedication.

This course is the first of four required to achieve full firefighter certification. It provides essential skills and knowledge to safely perform basic fireground operations and support activities at emergency scenes.

Fire Chief was one of the instructors during this training, offering valuable experience and mentorship. It was an excellent opportunity to strengthen teamwork, build relationships, and continue developing a strong, skilled department.

We're proud of our recruits for taking this important step in their fire service journey!

**Financial Impacts:**

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

**Performance Measurement:**

Metrics included in the body of the report.

**Strategic Area:**

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- Prepare for Inclusive Growth
- Ensure Financial Stability

**Strategic Goal:** Choose an item.

**Respectfully Submitted By:** Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief

**Report Approved By:** Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer