



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title: Fire and Emergency Services Report February 2026**

**Date: Mar. 2, 2026**

**Report Number: FIR-2026-04**

**Department: Fire and Emergency Services**

**File Number: C11 FIR26**

**Prepared By: Fire Chief, Bradley**

**Attachments: None**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2026-04 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	1
Fire – Mutual Aid	2
Fire – Outdoor - Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collision	1
Industrial/ Agricultural Incident	0
Medical Assist	5
General Fire Alarm	0
Public Hazard - Wires	0
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
Open Air Burning Complaint	0
Water Rescue	0
Total Responses:	9

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

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Fire - Structure	3
Fire – Mutual Aid	0
Fire – Outdoor- Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	1
Motor Vehicle Collisions	2
Medical Assist	6
Public Hazard - Wires	0
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	2
Recruit Firefighter Training	0
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	2

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

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

**3.Fire Department Non-Emergency Activities:****Ripley-Huron and Lucknow Stations Combined**

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Fire Inspections (Incl. Follow Ups)	1
Fire Investigations	5
Open Air Burn By-law Investigation	0
Fire Permits Issued	2
Fire Prevention Activity/Plan Review	1

Pre-Incident Planning Activity	2
Public Education: In person/social media	16
Smoke/CO Program Activity	1
Community Event Participation	0

**Additional activity:**

- **Firesmart grant:** Huron-Kinloss was successful receiving a grant from Fire Smart program. The FireSmart Program is a Canadian wildfire prevention initiative that helps reduce the risk of wildland and interface fires impacting homes and communities. It focuses on public education, vegetation management, defensible space, and fire-resistant building practices.

For the fire service, FireSmart supports proactive risk reduction, improves firefighter safety, and helps limit property loss and emergency response demands in rural areas of the township.

- **NFPA Training:** Four staff members of the department are currently completing the NFPA Fire Instructor certification program to enhance and strengthen our internal training program at both stations. This certification supports the delivery of standardized, high-quality instruction and is also a requirement under the mandatory certification framework. Increasing our in-house instructional capacity ensures we remain compliant while improving operational readiness and consistency in training.

Additionally, one staff member has successfully completed the IMS 200 Emergency Management course. This training enhances our incident management capabilities by strengthening knowledge in command structure, coordination, and emergency response planning, supporting more effective operations at larger or more complex incidents.

- **Emergency Management Intern:** enrolled at Algonquin College has joined the Fire and Emergency Services Department for an 80 hour unpaid placement. Key tasks are developing a full calendar year of emergency preparedness content related to the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) in many formats, updating/developing the emergency management webpage and learning about the special events process.

**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:** Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer