

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 Mar 02

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

PURPOSE: To provide the committee with information regarding fire department service delivery and programs

REPORT

The fire department is currently in a stage of transition. The Fire Chief retired on February 29 and the Deputy Chief Operations intends to retire on April 29, but we have people in place that will ensure a seamless change and little disruption to departmental oversight.

I am pleased to provide the committee with an update on the following fire department divisions:

TRAINING

Training is the cornerstone of professionalism and competence at emergency incidents. Successful incident mitigation includes the safety of our members and the public, protection of property and care for the environment. The Department's reputation is all about our personnel being able to meet these expectations.

Recruit Class

Our 2016 recruit class finished their eight weeks of training and graduated on March 5. A ceremony for friends and family was held at the Station 1 training grounds and included a demonstration of the various skills the recruits have learned to date. These recruits will now be assigned to one of the four department "shifts" and be coached through further on-shift training by members who have volunteered for our mentorship program.

Mentorship Program

This program is unique to the Burnaby Fire Department and its' goal is simple; find the right mentor who can instill the right attitude, teach the right things, and prepare his/her probationary firefighter to do the job correctly. This benefits the probationary firefighter, the Fire Department and the public we serve.

This program began in 2012 and has been an overwhelming success. We currently have 47 mentors participating, 4 shift leads who assign the mentors to the probationers, a program coordinator and the coordinators' designate. The program has no cost and is fully supported by the department, the union and all personnel.

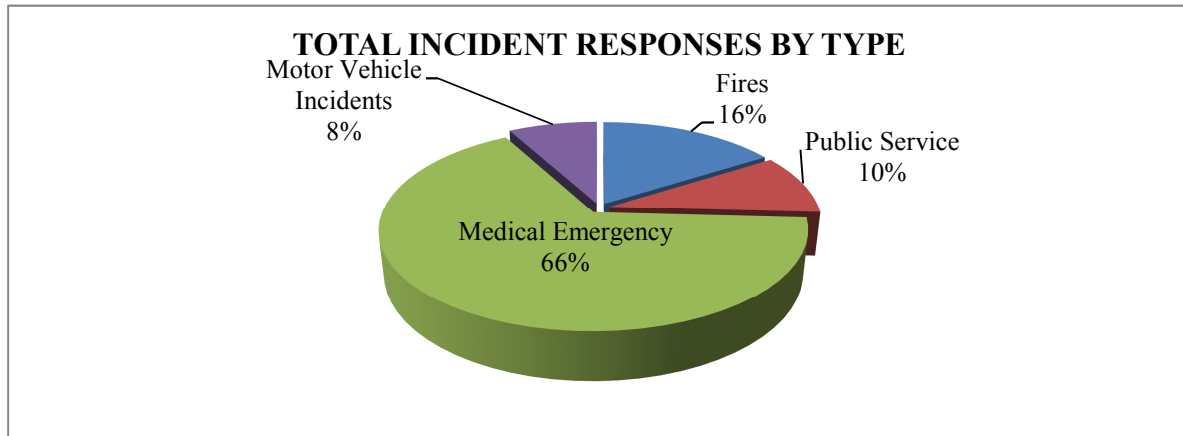
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FIRE OPERATIONS

The Fire Department responds to all types of emergency and other incidents. We are the agency that most people think of calling when they don't know who else to call. Incidents types include fires (commercial, high rise, low rise, single family residential, vehicle, wildland and any other type of fire), alarms ringing and false alarms, motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, marine emergencies, hazardous materials, technical and high angle rescue, as well as other emergencies and public service calls. Please see the 2015 statistics below.

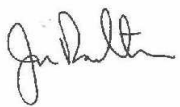
2015 TYPE OF INCIDENT RESPONSES

Building Fire	263
Vehicle Fire	61
Accidental Alarm	790
False Alarm	303
Other Fires (Rubbish, Bush, Grass, etc.)	840
Public Service	1,369
Motor Vehicle Incidents	1,130
Medical Emergencies	9,272
Total	14,028



ALARM RESPONSE COMPARISON 2013 – 2015

	2013	2014	2015
Fire	3,192	2,092	2,257
Public Service	1,027	1,133	1,369
Medical Emergency	8,296	8,368	9,272
Motor Vehicle Incidents	1,490	1,294	1,130
Total	14,005	12,887	14,028


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