

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2016 April 26

**FROM:** DAVE SAMSON  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

**PURPOSE:** To provide the committee with information regarding Fire Department service delivery and programs

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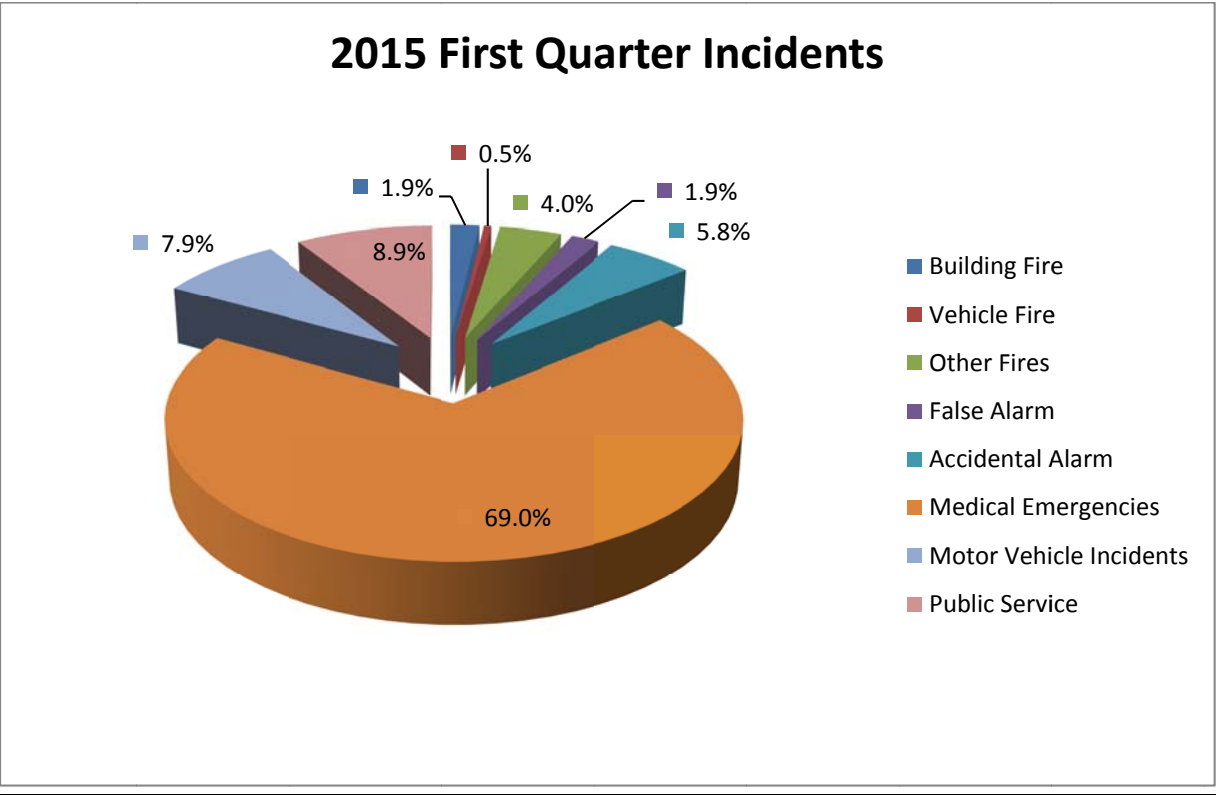
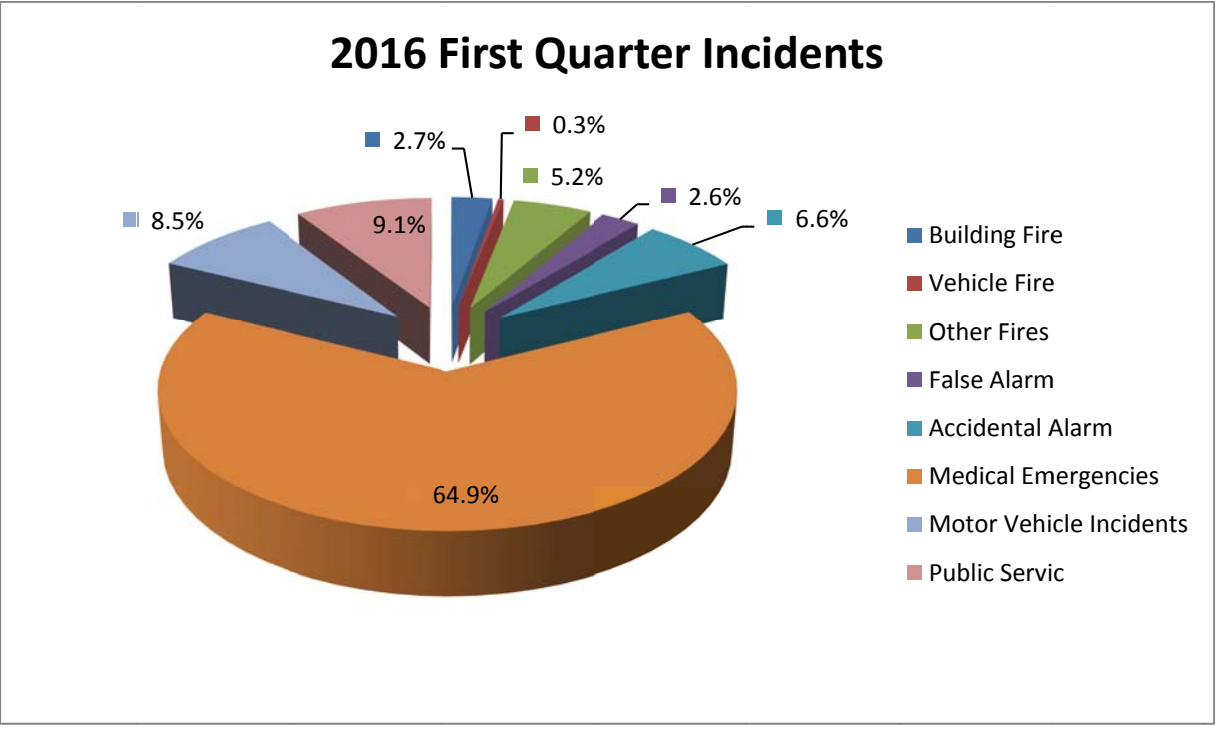
## REPORT

The Fire Department is now under the new leadership of Fire Chief Joe Robertson as of March 1. One of our long serving Deputies, Ron Barker, just recently retired on April 29, 2016. His knowledge and skill sets will be missed but we are excited about the newly formed team moving forward.

Here is an update to the committee of recent events related to the Fire Department:

### SUPPRESSION DIVISION

	FIRST QUARTER	
	2016	2015
<b>INCIDENTS</b>		
Building Fire	101	60
Vehicle Fire	13	15
Other Fires (Rubbish, Bush, etc.)	195	128
False Alarm	98	61
Accidental Alarm	248	183
Medical Emergencies	2,430	2,192
Motor Vehicle Incidents	318	252
Public Service	340	284
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,175</b>



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## **MAJOR INCIDENTS**

- 1) January 28, 2016 - 07:24 hours  
- Fully-involved fire in a complex building



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- 2) February 2, 2016 - 16:25 hours  
- Warehouse fire
- 3) March 19, 2016 - 16:52 hours  
- House fire
- 4) March 20, 2016 - 01:53 hours  
- Commercial vehicle fire
- 5) March 28, 2016 - 13:05 hours  
- Commercial building fire
- 6) March 18 & 19, 2016  
- Hazmat/Multi-agency incident



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## **TRAINING**

As the Fire Chief had previously mentioned in last month's report, the Training division is paramount to ensuring our members are trained to highest standards. This enables them to have the highest possible success rate when protecting our citizens, guests, property within the city and of course themselves as firefighters in potentially dangerous situations.

During our spring training block we achieved training 40 of our members in the topics of; Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 3, Hazmat Technicians, Driver Training Instructors as well as First Responder Instructors.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

Fire Prevention and enforcement is a legal responsibility for the City and the Fire Department, so the focus of this Division is to comply with our obligations under the Fire Code. Due to long term illnesses the Fire Prevention Office has been understaffed for some time, but we are addressing these issues which will assist with the workload and better serve the community. FPO personnel make every effort to conduct as many routine inspections as possible.

Members from this Division did attend the Community Safety Forum at The Ismaili Centre on April 30, 2016 to provide some public education on fire safety and fire extinguishers. They also attended safety fair at Bill Copeland Sports Centre on May 4 to provide public education.

### **FIRST QUARTER**

**2016      2015**

#### **FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

Accumulative Office & Site Visit Hrs.	926	872.5
Fire Investigations (Pending & Complete)	14	26
Inspections	640	842
Orders Issued	186	169
Plan Checking/Other	384	608

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Deputy Fire Chief

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