

Report to Municipal Services Committee
Meeting Date: May 27, 2024
Report Title: Emergency & Protective Services
Update

Department: **Emergency & Protective Services**
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RECOMMENDATION:

Be it resolved that the Municipal Services Committee (MSC) recommends to Council that the Emergency & Protective Services monthly update provided on May 27, 2024, covering the period of April 1 – April 30, 2024, be approved, as presented in MSC Report FIRE-2024-07

Administration

- Deputy Chief Peters started on May 6th (see Training report)
- Clay Blanchard has left the position of Fire Admin as he has accepted a position as a Police Officer in Smiths Falls. We would like to wish him all the best on his new adventure. Sarah Hobbs has been hired to replace Clay. She will start May 27, 2024.
- Unit 71 is planned to be returned to service late this week or early next week.
- Unit 73 is on schedule as per the repair facility.
- Inspections have been completed on the area Chip trucks.
- DC Peters and Fire Chief have completed a few inspections and have a school visit planned for early June.
- The DC and Fire Chief attended the Westport tower site with the county maintenance contractor. There were some concerns noted with the paging system which have now been repaired. There are some other repairs and updates to be done on this tower.

Training & Professional Development

- DC Peters has completed an assessment of the department's current certification level. Approximately 60% of our current staff compliment meets the NFPA Standard of certification for a firefighter.
- Establishing a training committee this month to work towards developing training that will meet the standards and have our staff tested and certified to standard by the 2026 deadline.
- DC attended a Search and Rescue (SAR) training scenario conducted by Stn. 2 which was well coordinated by the station officer and the firefighters to gain

essential knowledge and practice. In progress of textbook inventory for the department to assess satisfactory material for staff training.

Operations – Calls for Emergency Service – April 2024

14 calls for assistance were received during this reporting period within the Rideau Lakes response area including the Village of Westport.

****Call summary attached**

- 5 Medical Calls
- 1 Public Hazard – Power Line
- 1 Public Assistance
- 4 Remote Alarms
- 2 Fire: Grass/Brush
- 1 Burn Complaint

- Station 1 – 3
- Station 2 – 2
- Station 3 – 1
- Station 4 – 6
- Mutual Aid (South Frontenac) – 1
- Smiths Falls Coverage Area – 1

Attachments:

April 2024 Dispatch Report

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May 22, 2024

Gene Richardson
Fire Chief

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Shellee Fournier
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