

TOWNSHIP OF ASPHODEL-NORWOOD

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 14, 2017

From: Darryl Payne Fire Chief / CEMC

Re: Asphodel Norwood Fire & Rescue Annual Report for the year of 2016

Recommendation

“**THAT** the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood receives this report for information only.”

Background and Comments

The following information is provided from fire department quarterly from the Office or the Ontario Fire Marshall after a review of information supplied by Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue. The Chart is the sum total of all 4 quarters for the year 2016.

Summary of Incidents for 2016

FIRES	
Fire	4
Fire – with no loss outdoors	20
Open air Burning/unauthorized controlled burning (no uncontrolled fire)	9
OTHER PRE FIRE CONDITIONS NO FIRE	
Other Cooking/toasting/smoke/.steam (no fire)	2
Other Pre fire Conditions (no Fire)	2
FALSE ALARM CALLS	
Alarm System Equipment Malfunction	14
Alarm System Equipment Accidental Activation	3
Human Perceived Emergency	10
Human – Accidental (alarm accidentally activated by person)	1
CO false alarm – perceived emergency (no CO present)	3
Other false Fire Call	0
PUBLIC HAZARDS	
Gas Leak – Natural Gas	1
Gas Leak - Propane	0
Spill – Gasoline or fuel	0
Power Lines Down, Arching	2
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS	

CO incident, CO present	0
RESCUE	
Vehicle Extrication	2
Vehicle Collision	21
Water Rescue	2
MEDICAL RESUSCITATOR CALLS	
Oxygen Administered	?
Asphyxia, Respiratory Condition	19
Seizure	5
Chest Pains or suspected heart attack	37
Medical Aid not required on arrival	1
Vital Signs absent, DOA	4
Accident or illness related- cuts, fractures, person fainted, etc.	14
Other Medical/Resuscitator Call	35
Medical/ resuscitator call false alarm	0
Alcohol or Drug Related	3
Burns	1
CPR Administered	1
Electrical Shock	1
Traumatic Shock	1
OTHER RESPONSES	
Assisting other Fire Departments (Automatic Aid)	32
Assisting other Fire Departments (Mutual Aid)	3
Assistance to Other Agencies	1
Other Public Service	5
Call cancelled on route	16
Incident not found	0
Other Response	1
Assistance to Police	3
Assisting other Fire Departments (other)	1

Total 281

Incident Comparison with Previous Years

Year	Call Volume
2013	194
2014	224
2015	216
2016	281

Asphodel Norwood Fire & Rescue 2016 Incident Breakdown

Incident	Station 1	Station 2	Special Response Unit (Sru)	Auto Aid Otonabee South Monaghan Station 2	Auto Aid Douro Dummer Station 1	Auto Aid Trent Hills Supplied By Asphodel Norwood	Auto Aid Asphodel Norwood Supplied By Trent Hills
Medical Assists	93	28		06	13	07	06
Automatic Alarms	19						
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	09		02			03
Burning complaints	16	01					
Grass Fires	06	02		01			02
Public Assistance	06					01	
Structure Fires	05			02	01	02	
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	04	01					
Lift Assists	03						
Vehicle Fires	03			01			
Smoke Alarms	02						
Brush Fires	02	01					
Post Fire Overhaul	02						
Kitchen Fires	02				01		
False Alarms	02						
Natural Gas Line Rupture	01						
Water Rescue	01		01				01
Electrical Fire	01	01					
Agricultural Fire	01						
Elevator Rescue	01						
Hydro Pole Fire					01		
Chimney Fire				02			
Search & Rescue			05				
Ice Rescue			01				

Incident	Station 1	Station 2	Special Response Unit (Sru)	Auto Aid Otonabee South Monaghan Station 2	Auto Aid Douro Dummer Station 1	Auto Aid Trent Hills Supplied By Asphodel Norwood	Auto Aid Asphodel Norwood Supplied By Trent Hills
TOTAL	191	43	07	14	16	10	12

Training Summary for 2016

The following table indicates completed Training provided by Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue for the personnel:

Month	Date	Topic
January	06	Station Maintenance and Association Meeting
	13	Officers Meeting
	20	Hypothermia and First Aid
	27	Station Maintenance
February	03	Communications
	17	SCBA Training
	24	Station Maintenance
March	02	Driver Training
	16	Medical Training
	23	Station Maintenance (Health and Safety)
April	06	Live Fire Training EOETA
	20	Auto Extrication Stabilization (cancelled large grass Fire)
	27	Station Maintenance (Association Meeting)
May	04	Auto Extrication and Stabilization
	18	Portable Pumps and Dry Hydrants
	25	Station Maintenance (Officers Meeting)
June	01	Station 1 Hose Testing
	15	Station 2 Hose Testing
	22	Station Maintenance (Health and Safety)
	29	Hose Testing
July	01	Fire Prevention and Fire Works
	06	Medical Training
	20	Station Maintenance (Officers Meeting)
August	03	Tanker Shuttle
	17	Fire Extinguishers
	24	Station Maintenance (Health and Safety)
September	03	Pumper Operations
	21	Auto Extrication
	28	Station Maintenance (Officers)
October	03	Fire Prevention (Schools)
	05	Norwood Fair Preparation

	08-10	Norwood Fair/ Pancake Breakfast
	19	Pumper Operations (Officers)
	26	Station Maintenance
	31	Halloween/ Fire Prevention
November	02	Pre-Plans
	16	Santa Claus Parade Preparation
	23	Santa Claus Parade
	26	Station Maintenance
December	07	Electrical Safety
	21	Association Year End (Health and Safety)

Fire Inspections performed by Department

- 21 different properties received Fire inspections from Asphodel Norwood Fire & Rescue in 2016
- The majority of the properties had multiple visits by Asphodel Norwood Personnel to help mitigate property owners with compliance with the Fire Code
- 5 Properties had never had a previous Fire Inspection and the Compliance process was mitigated with direct suggestions and input from the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department is cognizant with financial restrictions with cost of Fire Code Compliance issues and pursues a process where significant progress is made toward or a promise of significant progress in a mutual agreed time frame is negotiated with the Property Owner and The Municipality for Fire Code Compliance
 - This process has a successful compliance rate with little or no negative feedback from property owners
- There are multiple properties in the Township where compliance issues are being addressed by the Municipality and the property owners in the above mentioned process and many should meet total compliance in the near future
- the Department will expand inspections in 2017 to make properties in the Township compliant with the Fire Code

Fire Prevention Activities

- Asphodel Norwood Fire And Rescue has an established process of being proactive with promoting Fire Prevention by participating in many Township of Asphodel Norwood Special Events and Activities
 - Family Day at Norwood Legion provided fire prevention handouts and materials and in 2017 will have Sparky the Fire Dog
 - Celebrate Asphodel Norwood at the Community Centre The Fire Department had an information booth with Fire Department equipment and fire safety materials, Sparky the Fire Dog, a Free Draw for a Large Sparky Stuffed Animal and Pump 1 on Site for residents inspection

- Canada Day: the fire Department provided another information booth, free Fire safety materials and handouts, a free draw for an ABC Fire Extinguisher and CO2 Extinguisher, and inspection of Fire Fighting Equipment. The Tanker Pull was not performed because of extreme weather but the weather cleared for a fireworks display enjoyed by many Township Residents
- Norwood Fair: the Fire Department provided Scene Safety by having apparatus and personnel on site to mitigate possible emergency situations. The New Fire Booth and the New Fire Association Flag clearly marks the area where first Aid can be obtained or lost children can identify a safe area to be reunited with their parents.
- Halloween: Both Stations presented treats to Children participating in the event (supplied by the Asphodel Norwood Firefighters Association). Station 1 provided a Fire Prevention Table with Free Fire related promotional handouts and free inspection of Township Apparatus which many families enthusiastically participated. Station 2 performed a roving Vehicle through Asphodel Heights and Westwood while handing out the treats and ensuring Safety for all participating Township families
- Santa Claus Parade the Fire Department ensured Safety for the participants in the parade and Township residents by providing blocker vehicles at Key intersections and personnel manning high risk areas. The fire department provided manpower for repairing damaged lights at the Christmas tree, and firing off the Fire Works. The Firefighters Association donated generously with a cash donation to the Legion
- Fire Prevention Week the First week of October identified a significant increase of young students at both Elementary Schools in the Township. The Township provides a fire safety package to every student from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 in both schools. The increase of students though a strain on projected budget shows positive increase of school populations in the near future with in the Township
- Station 1 provides the opportunity for students from Norwood Public, Norwood High, and St. Paul's Elementary and the Hucklebug Day Care to participate in Station tours. The Tours consist of a tour of the Station 1, inspection of Fire Apparatus and the equipment stored on each. A photo opportunity is widely used by participants and we usually have a teacher and students try on some Bunker Gear to the delight of the students. All mentioned schools have made the tours in the past and have already contacted interest for 2017
- Libraries in Norwood and Westwood were visited by the Fire Department in 2016
 - Fire prevention and home safety were discussed with participants, usually an in depth question and answer session is performed and an inspection of the apparatus taken that day to the respective Library
 - Sparky the fire Dog has accompanied fire department in the Past and will do so in the future

Identified Highlights of 2016

1. Training and participating in numerous vehicle fires with Johnny Harris and his crew during the First Standing production at the EOETA and the Town Hall presentation by the CBC
2. Project Assist donation from the OFMEM and Enbridge Gas of \$5000.00 to enhance the training capabilities and reference materials for the department
3. Extremely dry summer having necessity of implementing Burn Ban in the Township and almost total compliance with the residents of the Township of Asphodel Norwood
4. Crowley Barn Fire (one of the largest structures in the Township) and the community support provided by the residents towards the Crowley's and the Fire department with donations of food, Refreshments and moral support showing a positive sense of community spirit and dedication
5. Canada Day had extremely bad weather but still had amazing turn out by inhabitants of the township also showing a positive community spirit
6. Santa Claus parade and Tree Lightening having total community support with increased participation, larger board of directors and increased residents watching the parade
7. Record number of incident calls at 281 incidents placing stress on budget, personnel and resources but handled efficiently and successfully by the department and the Township
8. Multiple fire department personnel receiving the Badge of Merit for outstanding dedication with at least 20 years of service shows Pride in the Township of Asphodel Norwood.
9. Substantial Increase of Students in Norwood Public School and St Paul's Elementary School shows a positive trend of increased enrollment for High School.
10. Providing emergency services for Municipality of Trent Hills when the Town of Hastings was severed in 2 because of construction of the swing bridge last year. Interdepartmental cooperation provided a seamless working environment to ensure safety for the residents of Hastings residents North of the Bridge
11. The Municipality of Asphodel Norwood participation in the Co Op Program with Norwood High School. The Student working with the Fire Department has been exceptional and his participation has enhanced the Township (i.e. Re-Painting of the Hydrants located in the Township of Asphodel Norwood)
12. With interdepartmental cooperation with Fire, Public Works, Water and Waste Water and Municipal Office). the situation of the Hydrant Identification has been rectified with the installation of the new coloured reflector markers on the hydrants have been installed, There has been multiple positive comments on the markers and general inquiries of what the colour of the rings indicate

Conclusions

- The number of incidents in 2016 (281) provided an unexpected strain on budget but has been addressed for the year 2017. The rationale for the unexpected increase can be attributed to increased population, increased travel through the township of motor vehicles, an aging population within the Township, and greater expectations of residents within the Township
- The increased amount of Fire Prevention materials has been another strain on budget and is addressed for 2017. The increased budget is money well invested because education is the cornerstone to prevent future emergency situations. This investment by the Township will ensure public awareness of safety concerns in the future by instruction with the young students maturing into informed adults.
- The department performed all duties required in 2016 and will continue to do so in 2017. The department continually performs Risk Assessment on Township incidents, addresses budgetary concerns, Council direction, and Administration guidance which create a viable, proficient service for the Township of Asphodel Norwood and its Residents
- Low water advisory issued by Township of Asphodel Norwood, and the extremely dry summer of 2016 has stressed installation of additional dry hydrants. After risk assessment by department optimum locations are Boat launch on Old Orchard Road and the 6th line South at Dream land Trailer Park. Both provide deep drafting water source, adequate turn around areas for apparatus, and a good location adjacent to high population areas in the Township. The budget of 2017 will address installation
- If available additional Student students from the Co Op program will be welcomed by the Municipality's Fire Department and will provide guidance and instruction that benefit both the Student and the Township of Asphodel Norwood
- The Fire department is well equipped and trained to serve the Residents of the Township of Asphodel Norwood for 2017 and will provide all services required by council, firefighters, administration and the Residents