

Monthly Departmental Report

Fire Department

March 2023

RESPONSES (February)

Town of Amherst – 11 events

- 1 Structure fire
- 1 Waste paper basket fire
- 6 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Trapped in elevator
- 1 Evacuation assistance
- 1 Motor vehicle accidents

Contract area (District 2) – 9 events

- 5 Motor vehicle accidents
- 1 Flue fire
- 1 Monitored alarm activations
- 2 Vehicle fire

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Weekly training – During the month of February the fire department focused on radio communications, Interior search and rescue techniques, fitness testing in full personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and a refresher on the automated external defibrillators.

In early March, the department had a fire fighter endurance session at the Amherst stadium. The fire fighter endurance session is used to simulate operational objectives that firefighters would face during an emergency response. This session saw firefighters complete up to 14 laps on the track, while completing various operational tasks that were coordinated though out the 14 laps. These tasks included stokes basket carries, push-ups, jumping jacks, hose carries, foam jug carries and battle hose exercises.

Nova Scotia fire school training – During the month of February nine firefighters attended hazardous materials awareness training at the fire school. Over the next few months, members of the fire department will be taking part in hazardous materials operations training, level 1 fire fighter certification and level 2 fire fighter certification at the fire school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

During the month of February, the department took part in the annual winter carnival photo at Spring Street Academy and a show and tell presentation at Cumberland North Academy. Members of the department also took part in the first annual Bob Hanley Memorial Burn Curling Fun-spiel.

RECRUITMENT

The fire department is always looks for new members to join our team. For more information on becoming a member of the Amherst fire department, please go to www.amherst.ca/volunteer-firefighter.

TASK UPDATES

Task: No open tasks at this time