

Monthly Departmental Report

Fire Department

April 2023

RESPONSES (March)

Town of Amherst – 29 events

- 3 Structure fire
- 1 Dumpster fire
- 11 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 1 Flooded basement
- 1 Motor vehicle accidents
- 6 Smell of smoke / Air quality check
- 2 Wildland fire / Open land
- 1 Oven / stove malfunction
- 1 Wood burning appliance
- 1 Rescue an animal

Contract area (District 2) – 7 events

- 1 Motor vehicle accidents
- 2 Smell of smoke / Air quality check
- 2 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Mutual aid
- 1 Hazardous materials response

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the month of March, the fire department focused its training on hazardous materials operations, **fire fighter endurance** and company operations. Also, eight firefighters attended a 4-day hazardous materials operations certification program at the fire school. Over the next few months, members of the fire department will be taking part in Level 1 fire fighter certification and Level 2 fire fighter certification at the fire school.

FIRE PREVENTION

As we get into the nicer weather, we are all reminded of the requirements of “The Fires and Burning of Materials By-law (C-7)” as it relates to Recreational outdoor burning appliances. This bylaw defines requirements to preventing the spread of fire to adjacent buildings and/or combustibles, the size and height of the pile of combustibles being burnt, establishes fire control measures that need to be in place, and requirements to have a person in charge of a fire at all times, until it is completely extinguished. A copy of the bylaw can be found on our website.

NEW FIRE APPARATUS – AERIAL PLATFORM

The new aerial platform will finish its demo tour in April and Chief Jones will complete the final production inspection at the plant in Columbus, Ohio early in May. Delivery of the new unit will take place in July, following its final demo event at the Atlantic Fire Leadership Conference in Halifax.

\$10,000 GRANT TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On March 16th, the Province of Nova Scotia announced that they are investing \$3.5 million to help volunteer fire departments, ground search and rescue organizations and First Nations fire departments recover from fundraising losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 340 organizations will each receive a one-time grant of \$10,000.

RECRUITMENT

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

TASK UPDATES

Task: No open tasks at this time
