

Monthly Report

Fire Department

October 2018

Responses (September)

Town of Amherst – 17 events

- 4 Smoke alarm activations
- 2 Smell of smoke / Air quality check
- 5 Monitored alarm activations
- 2 Rescue Height / Elevator
- 1 Flu fire
- 1 Sprinkler head failure
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 1 Dumpster fire

Contract area (District 2) – 10 events

- 5 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Motor vehicle accidents
- 1 Structure fire
- 3 Open burn / Wildland fire / Mulch

Fire inspections - 7 fire inspections were completed during this period.

Community involvement

During the month of September, members of the fire department took part in the Nova Scotia RCMP Move over law photo shoot at the Amherst centre mall. Members of the department took part in the Maritime Fire Fighters Association golf tournament in Truro.

Vehicle replacement

During the month of September, the new Fire chief's vehicle was received. Over the next few weeks the vehicle decals will be applied to this vehicle.

Professional development

During the month of September, the department had conducted pumper familiarization training and Search and rescue training, where members had to complete an obstacle course, while wearing full breathing apparatus. Also, the members attended an accident reconstruction training session which was presented by the Cumberland RCMP.

Chief Jones attended the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs conference in Ottawa. This conference provided an opportunity to network with others in the Canadian fire service; and provided fire service leadership education at a high level. This conference featured information sessions with representatives from various federal government departments and agencies; and keynote speakers who engaged the conference goers on various subjects.

The following indicate some of the topics that were covered:

Leadership and human resources

Mental health

Recruitment and retention

Equipment purchasing

Cannabis legislation

2020 National Fire Code plan

Responding to an ammonia release

Restrictions on rail tank cars

Review of research on firefighter health

Occupant safety and survivability

Review of fire service standards & training

NFPA standard for active shooter situations

NFID (National Fire Information Database)

Tour of the CANUTEC operations centre

Tour of the National research council – Fire research facility

In addition, this conference provided an opportunity to meet with product designers and manufacturers of from across North America; who presented their products and provided information on current research and development projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fire Fighter's Memorial

Is scheduled for October 21st. This is an important time to recognize all emergency first responders, both past and present for their dedicated service.

Fire Department Open House – Fire prevention

On October 25, 2018, starting at 6:30 PM the fire department will be having an open house, to promote fire safety, highlight the equipment we use and to promote recruitment.

Annual Fire Fighter's Banquet

This year, it will take place on Saturday, November 3rd. This banquet will mark the 135th Anniversary for the department.