

# Monthly Report

## Fire Department

### November 2018

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#### Responses (October)

##### Town of Amherst – 12 events

- 1 Smoke alarm activations
- 1 Smell of smoke / Air quality check
- 4 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Flu fire
- 1 Sprinkler head failure
- 2 Motor vehicle accidents
- 1 Human error
- 1 Oil burner malfunction

##### Contract area (District 2) – 4 events

- 2 Monitored alarm activations
- 1 Human error
- 1 Air quality check

Fire Inspections – 9 fire inspections were completed during this period.

#### Professional Development

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> instructors from the Nova Scotia Fire Fighters School provided a structured live fire training refresher to the members of the fire department. The focus of this training was to review the fundamentals of proper use of personal protective equipment, self contained breathing apparatus, fire suppression attack methods/techniques and entry techniques. In addition, this training focused on search and rescue, ventilation, forcible entry, emergency egress, firefighter down situations, ladder deployment & usage, above, below, and same grade fire attacks. As part of this training, fire fighters were presented with low visibility conditions in a simulated hazardous atmosphere with zero visibility & elevated temperatures.

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Chief Jones and fire fighter Bob Sperry attended a level two fire inspector training session at Fox harbour. This session focused on fire alarm system testing, inspection, verification and commissioning.

#### Memorial Service

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the fire department held its annual memorial service. This is an opportunity to pause and remember those we have lost with the utmost of gratitude and respect.

#### Fire Department Banquet

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the fire department held its annual banquet. This is an opportunity to look back on the past year and acknowledge the years of service and efforts that the members of the Amherst Fire Department put forth. The highlight of this year's banquet was the celebration of the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amherst Fire Department and to Celebrate our History and Embrace the Future.

#### Personnel

Four new recruits have joined the Amherst Fire Department as volunteer firefighters (Jennifer Troop, Don Downey, Nicholas Kinnear and Noah MacDonald). Over the coming weeks these individuals will start their basic firefighting training with the department.