

Monthly Report

Fire Department

June-2019

RESPONSES (MAY)

Town of Amherst – 16 events

- 2 Open burning
- 4 Monitored alarm
- 3 Compliant – Check air quality
- 1 Compliant – Smell of smoke
- 4 Motor vehicle accident
- 1 Wildland fire / Open land
- 1 Flue fire

Contract area (District 2) – 9 events

- 1 Smoke alarm activation
- 3 Motor vehicle accident
- 1 Hazardous materials response
- 3 Wildland fire / Open land
- 1 Electrical fire

FIRE INSPECTION / PREVENTION

6 complete fire inspections were completed during this period. We have also been very busy with fire safety reviews for upcoming events in the community.

The Amherst Fire Department, in partnership with Community Safety Net and local businesses, is once again planning a family resource guide to educate grade four students in relation to fire safety. The department is finding that this initiative provides young people in our service area with effective tools for preventing and reacting to fires. It also offers parents practical ideas on keeping their home fire safe.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thursday Night Training - The department focused its training on wildland operations, search and rescue training, ladder operations, self contained breathing apparatus, and a hazardous materials exercise.

Recruit Fire Fighter Training - Our recruit firefighters have completed their sixth month of the basic fire fighter training program. The next phase of their program will focus on wildland fires, pre incident planning and vehicle rescue and extrication

Exercise Nexus Vitalis - On May 17th, Chief Jones attended Exercise Nexus Vitalis in Dieppe, NB. Nexus Vitalis is a series of discussion-based exercises across Canada that focus on the integration of Critical Infrastructure (CI) stakeholders in event responses. This exercise focused on the loss of critical infrastructures after a storm, as they related to a major supply chain disruption, power outages and a telecommunication outage (No landline or cellular service, internet and etc.) with a restoration period of 7–14 days. This exercise was coordinated between the provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, in collaboration with Public Safety Canada and provided a great opportunity to network with other provincial and national partners, ask questions, and most importantly consider how organizations could prepare for this type of event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Police Week: - The department took part in the police week display on May 14th at the Amherst Centre Mall. This event provided an opportunity to provide tours of our rescue unit and a fire apparatus.

Annual Ladder Sit: - The Amherst Fire Department and the Amherst Fire Fighters Association held the 19th annual John Michels Sr. Ladder sit from June 13th–15th. This year, firefighter Eric Graham had the opportunity to spend a total of 50 hours, regardless of the elements, a top the ladder. This marks the 25th year for the annual ladder sit.