

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: November 21, 2022	
To: Council	From: Ashley Wohlgemuth, Fire Chief
Re: Fire Department Update	

Background: This report contains a summary of the types of calls that have occurred during 2022, as well as other Fire Department related items for information.

For Information:

There have been **75 Fire Calls** to date this year including the following:

- 21 Rescue Calls
- 11 Possible Interface Fires
- 8 Structure fires
- 8 Medical/Lift Assists
- 2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- 2 Chimney Fire

There were **63 Practice/Training** sessions **to date** covering the following topics as well as others.

Accountability	Hydrants	Ropes/Knots
Auto extrication	Incident Command System	SCBA
Building Construction	Ladders	Station Clean-up/Maintenance
Chimney Fires	Livestock Rescue	Truck Inspections
Emergency Vehicle Operation	Operational Pre-Plans	Wildland
Drafting Water	Personal Protective Equipment	
Gas Monitors	Radio Communication	
Forestry Fire fighting	Rapid Intervention Teams	

This year some of the Department's main focuses have educating local business owners on the importance of fire safety plans and completing fire inspections. The Department has been engaging with the public at every opportunity to share FireSmart techniques and its benefits. FireSmart Education is going to be an ongoing project throughout the community, with plans for open houses and work bees in the spring around the community.

With the members of the Department having attended with multiple fatalities this year, mental health check-ins and debriefing have been a top priority. Chief Wohlgemuth has activated the Critical Incident Debriefing specialist and had her come to the department multiple times. We have been very fortunate to have this available to the members.

Submitted For Information

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Reviewed by: Bob Payette, CAO

	<u>Fires</u>		<u>False Alarms</u>		<u>Civilian Fatalities</u>		<u>Out of FPA</u>	<u>Practices/Community</u>		<u>Fire Insp.</u>		<u>Road Rescue</u>	
Month												Tasks MVA	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
January	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	8	0	4	3
February	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	3	0	5	1
March	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	1	0	1	1
April	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	1	0	0	0
May	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	3	0	1	0
June	5	7	0	0	4	0	0	6	9	2	2	3	4
July	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	2	0	1	4
August	11	3	0	0	3	0	0	4	5	8	0	2	2
September	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	2	1	0	1
October	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	1	1	3	0
November	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	2	0	1	5
December		4		0		0			3		0	4	4
Total	45	46	3	0	7	0	0	63	65	33	4	25	16