

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 18, 2021	File:
To: Council	From: Ashley Wohlgemuth, Fire Chief
Re: Fire Department Report – June to September 2021	

Background: This report contains a summary of the types of calls that have occurred for the months of June through September as well as other fire related items for information or that need to be addressed by Council.

Discussion:

There were **26 Fire Calls** in **June through September 2021**

June	July	August	September
5 – Vehicle Fire	7 – RCMP Assist	16 – Public Assist	1 - Complaint
8 – Grass Fire	12 – Dangerous Goods	20 – Structure Fire	2 – RCMP Assist
10 – Structure Fire	13 – Interface Fire	31 – Burn Complaint	3 to 14 – 6 Burn Complaints
18 – Interface Fire	19 – Wildland Fire		15 – BCAS Assist
23 – Medical Assist	22 – Interface Fire		17 – Vehicle Fire
23 – Smoke Seen			23 – Carbon Monoxide
30 – Propane Leak			

There were **11 Road Rescue Calls** from **June through September 2021**

June	July	August	September
4 Rural Rescue Calls	4 Rural Rescue Calls	1 Rural Rescue	1 Rural Rescue
		1 Rescue in DOB Boundary	

There were **29 Practice/Training** sessions **June through September 2021** covering the following topics

Auto extrication	Hydrants	SCBA
Building Construction	Incident Command System	Station Clean-up/Maintenance
Emergency Vehicle Operation	Ladders	Truck Inspections
Gas Monitors	PPE	Wildland
Forestry Fire fighting	Ropes/Knots	

The summer of 2021 was one of the worst fire seasons we have seen. Barriere Fire Rescue was able to send crews to 3 different wildfires to help other communities. The Department could not have done this without the help and support from our neighbouring departments – Chu Chua and McLure. Together we were able to build strong crews to fill RAT 1 and Engine 1 (Kamloops Fire). These crews worked long days over approximately 8 weeks throughout the summer attending the fires in Kamloops, Whitecroft and finally, White Rock Lake. When the Sparks Lake Fire grew closer, the decision was made to bring Barriere’s crew home to protect our own community. Once they returned and the Evacuation Alert was put in place for our community, our firefighters and their families stepped up to canvas the town in a quick and orderly fashion. Through the summer the fire department grew to a full complement putting our roster up to 22 members.

Some of these additions are new to the fire department and others are returning firefighters. Throughout the busy fire season our department kept in touch with Chu Chua Fire Department's, Chief Lampreau, to always ensure we had adequate coverage for both of our mutual aid areas.

These last 4 months Barriere Fire Rescue has also worked closely with Kamloops Fire Rescue on numerous road rescue calls as well as some with the Blackpool Rescue crew. These working relationships have proven to be very valuable. Chief Wohlgemuth and Deputy Chief Ive are working with these teams to coordinate mutual aid rescue training to help our teams work even better together at future calls. This will give each of us the opportunity to become familiar with the equipment we each have on all of our engines, so when working together everything becomes more streamlined.

Submitted For Information

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Reviewed by: Bob Payette, CAO

Month	<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>	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	Tasks MVA	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	2	3
February	4	6	0	0	2	0	0	6	7	0	0	2	1
March	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	0	5	1
April	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	1	0
May	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	0
June	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	2	2	2	4
July	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	5	0	2	4
August	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	11	0	0	2
September	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	1	1	1
October	5		0		0			6		2	1	2	
November	2		0		0			7		17		2	
December	3		1		0			2		3		1	
Total	78	46	3	0	2	0	0	63	65	41	4	21	16