

**District of Barriere**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

<b>Date: December 6, 2021</b>	<b>File:</b>
<b>To: Council</b>	<b>From: Ashley Wohlgemuth, Fire Chief</b>
<b>Re: Fire Department Report – October and November 2021</b>	

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

**Discussion:**

There were **11 Fire Calls** in **October and November 2021**

**October**

7 – Vehicle Fire  
7 – Fire Alarm

**November**

24 – Vehicle Fire  
24 – Vehicle Fire  
28 – Structure Fire  
30 – Vehicle Fire

There were **5 Road Rescue Calls** from **October and November 2021**

**October**

0 Rural Rescue Calls

**November**

4 Rural Rescue  
1 Rescue in DOB Boundary

There were **13 Practice/Training** sessions **October and November 2021** covering the following topics

Endurance Training / Obstacle Course	PPE	Search & Rescue
Fire Extinguishers	Pump operations	Station Clean-up/Maintenance
Hydrants	Rescue	Truck Inspections
Ladders	Ropes/Knots	
Livestock Rescue	SCBA	

Over the past few years, the firefighters on the Barriere Fire Rescue crew have been devoting extra hours beyond just practice nights, studying and writing exams to complete their Firefighter 1 & Firefighter 2 1001 courses through the College of The Rockies. This has taken many extra study nights and the occasional weekends over the last 2 years writing the exams. Chief Wohlgemuth & Deputy Chief Ive are proud to say that the firefighters have now completed the final written exams portion of the 1001 certification, apart from a few re-takes that need to be done. In the new year the practical portion of the certifications will commence. Once completed our firefighters will then be certified Firefighters Level 1 & 2 which is the same accreditation needed to apply to fire departments across North America.

In January Chief Wohlgemuth will be taking the Introduction to Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) course through the Justice Institute of BC. The course will give the basic understanding of trauma and critical incident stress as well as the factors and vulnerabilities that may contribute to a heightened response before, during and after critical incidents. Deputy Chief Ive and Captain Hovenkamp are registered for the online Fire Instructor Level 1 course which will allow us to keep more of the fire department training in the Barriere Fire Department and not have to have as many outside trainers to keep our department up to standards. There will also be more officers in the new year partaking in Fire Instructor 1 course as it becomes available.

On Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Barriere Firefighters Association is going to be organizing the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Fadedear Park in conjunction with the Barriere Lions Club. The festivities will be starting at 2:30 pm and the tree lighting to take place once it is dark. This year we will also have volunteers from the NTFF&R Ambassadors and the Barriere Scouts Club. We would like to take this opportunity to invite staff and Council to this wonderful community event.

### **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	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	Tasks MVA	
												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	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	2	1	2	0
November	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	17	0	2	5
December	3		1		0			2		3		1	
Total	78	52	3	0	2	1	0	63	72	41	4	21	21