



Staff Report

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Report To: General Government Committee

Date of Meeting: June 21, 2021

Report Number: ESD-002-21

Submitted By: Gord Weir, Director of Emergency Services

Reviewed By: Andrew C. Allison, CAO

By-law Number:

File Number:

Resolution#:

Report Subject: Emergency and Fire Services 2020 Annual Report

Recommendation:

1. That Report ESD-002-21 be received for information.

Report Overview

The Emergency and Fire Services Department is responsible for delivering fire suppression and emergency response, fire prevention and public education programs in accordance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. Attachment 1 of this Report provides Council with an overview of the activities associated with the Department's Suppression and Fire Prevention Divisions for 2020.

1. Background

- 1.1 Staff have prepared the 2020 Annual Report (Attachment 1) and would like to highlight some key items for your information.
- 1.2 Fire Suppression staff responded to 2626 calls in 2020, a decrease of 38.47% over 2019.
- 1.3 Medical/Resuscitator calls saw the largest decrease over 2019 at 61.44% due to changes made to the Tiered Response Agreement with Durham Region EMS. Fire Chiefs throughout Durham Region reviewed their Durham Region Medical Tiered Response Agreements with Durham Region EMS to determine if the service level provided by Fire should be reduced in order to minimize the risk of firefighters contracting the COVID-19 virus. As a result, Clarington's Agreement was changed from Level "C" to Level "A".
- 1.4 Since the last quarterly report, a final review by the Office of the Fire Marshal confirmed that an adjustment was required for the following response types below. This adjustment has been reflected in the Annual Report.

Outdoor (No Loss Fires) – Actual Total 95

Quarter	Amount Adjusted
Q2	-1
Q4	-1

Property Fires / Explosions – Actual Total 102

Quarter	Amount Adjusted
Q3	-1
Q4	+1

The adjustment to Property Fires / Explosions included a reduction in the total estimated dollar loss by \$2,000.

Civilian and Firefighter Injuries

Q3	Amount Adjusted	Actual Total
Civilian Injuries	-1	1
Firefighter Injuries	+2	2

2. Concurrence

Not Applicable.

3. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that this Report be received for information.

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Attachment:

Attachment 1 – Emergency and Fire Services – 2020 Annual Report

Interested Parties:

There are no interested parties to be notified of Council's decision.