

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter – July, August, September 2024

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q3/2024 Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Report be received for information.

Department Overview and Statistics:

Fire Prevention

Fire prevention has experienced an increase in smoke alarm checks, after the distribution of the Pelham 72hour be prepared brochure. In three months, fire prevention has performed 18 smoke alarm checks within Town.

The summer has been wetter than normal, which resulted in a lower number of grass fires, the department did not issue any burn bans this season.

Fire prevention continues to provide Town employees with masks, wipes, and hand sanitizers when requested.

With Fire prevention week in October, please make sure to check your smoke and CO alarms in your home, if you or anyone you know has any questions or concerns please contact the fire department.

Fire prevention and training welcomed Councillor Wayne Olson with an afternoon of education for a special needs group.

Training

Pelham fire department held its annual Junior Firefighter Camp again this year with 13 campers. The campers learned a variety of skills used by firefighters ranging from search and rescue, flowing water using handlines, a visit from NRP K9 unit and EMS.

The training department conducted a First Aid course for the NRP Youth in Policing group.

On-boarding of Pelham Firefighters into the new OFM Learning and Certification portal began.

Attended GRTC for a demonstration on new drone and robotic technology for the Fire Services.

In-house NFPA 1041 fire services Instructor level 1 course has started, this is one of the provincial mandatory courses for department officers.

By-law

The bylaw department received 79 complaints in the 3rd quarter of 2024.

Bylaw received a total 11 Cannabis Odour complaints for the 3rd quarter of 2024 all of which were repeat complaints from residents who had previously filed complaints in the past.

A total of 30 parking infractions were issued for July, August, and September 2024.

Bylaw completed 48 Random Cannabis Odour tests with no violations recorded.

Emergency Management

Nothing to report.

Suppression

Incident responses were at normal levels, two structural fire responses, one in an abandoned house and the second a single-family home. Both buildings were a total loss. No injuries or deaths to report.

Projects:

New pumper/tanker 3 was delivered last week of September. Training on the new pumper will take place over the next month before the apparatus goes into service.

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

Nothing to report.

Employee Updates:

In quarter 3, Pelham fire department celebrated two (2) anniversaries.

- 30 years, firefighter Terry Beckett, from Pelham station 3

- 10 years, firefighter Craig Genesse, from Pelham station 1

Crossing guards completed their annual training, welcoming 3 new guards to the team.

New co-op student from EL Crossley started in September to start his introduction to the fire service.

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

A Safe Community Project Assist grant was awarded to Pelham fire department. This Enbridge Gas campaign provides selected fire departments to receive a \$5,000.00 credit to Fire Marshals Safety Councils to purchase firefighting and carbon monoxide training materials.

Pelham fire department has purchased the following learning materials through Fire Marshals Safety Council amounting \$5,000.00.

- IFSTA Hazardous Materials for First Responders 6th Edition - 15 books (\$121.12 each)
- IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 8th Edition FF I&II bundle - 15 of each book (\$151.62 each bundle)
- IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 8th Edition FF I&II eBook - 2 eBooks (\$132.90 each)
- IFSTA Fire Investigator 3rd Edition - 1 book (\$108.69 each)
- IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement 9th Edition - 1 book (\$95.10 each)
- IFSTA Chief Officer 4th Edition - 2 books (\$107.44 each)
- Plans Examiner for Fire and Emergency Services 2nd Edition - 1 book (\$93.80 each)
- Exam Prep Hazardous Materials for First Responders 6th Edition - 1 book (\$40.37 each)
- Exam Prep Fire Service Instructor 9th Edition - 1 book (\$40.37 each)
- Exam Prep Chief Officer 4th Edition - 1 book (\$38.76 each)