

The members of the Oxford Fire Department want to acknowledge that it has been 22 years since the horrific events of Sept. 11/01 and the lives that were lost as well as those that have been effected by this.

Members responded to 96 emergency calls between Jan 1st to the end of August:

- June - 11 calls
- July - 19 calls
- August - 10 calls

12 medical related calls

6 Motor Vehicle Collisions

4 Fire Alarms

2 Woods Fires

4 Vehicle Fires

9 Mutual Aid Calls assisting our neighbouring departments

2 Public Assistance calls

1 Illegal burn/fire

Not included in these numbers are the 8 calls that we have responded to this month already.

I am pleased to report that we have two new members join our ranks since our last report to council.

Unfortunately, Donald Patterson has moved away from the area and has left the department. We thank him for his service during his time with this department and wish him all the best.

We have three members attending Level I fire fighter training that has just started and will continue throughout the next several months. This is taking place within Cumberland County. This is a serious commitment for these members.

Kyle and I attended the Maritime Fire Chiefs convention which was held in Halifax. There were some great speakers including the Toronto Fire Chief. There was also lots of equipment to look over.

I attended an online discussion/presentation with EMO NS regarding the Public Alerting System. More discussions to come.

We are currently working on updating our SOP's...Standard Operating Procedures.

I am pleased to advise you that our Generator has arrived and we are in the process of having a concrete pad poured and then having the gas and power feed connections completed in the next few weeks.

We currently have Truck 5 out for repairs which turned out to be a bigger issue than originally thought. The wheel hubs were very difficult to locate and we actually could NOT find any. We had to change the size of the hub and the parts should be here in the next couple of days.

Kyle and I have been working and researching a good quality used fire truck that will meet our immediate and future needs and stay within the estimated budget. I want to thank the Mayor, council and staff for recognizing and acknowledging that the fire department has 2 trucks that will need to be replaced over the next short few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce & Kyle