

# Quarterly Update Report

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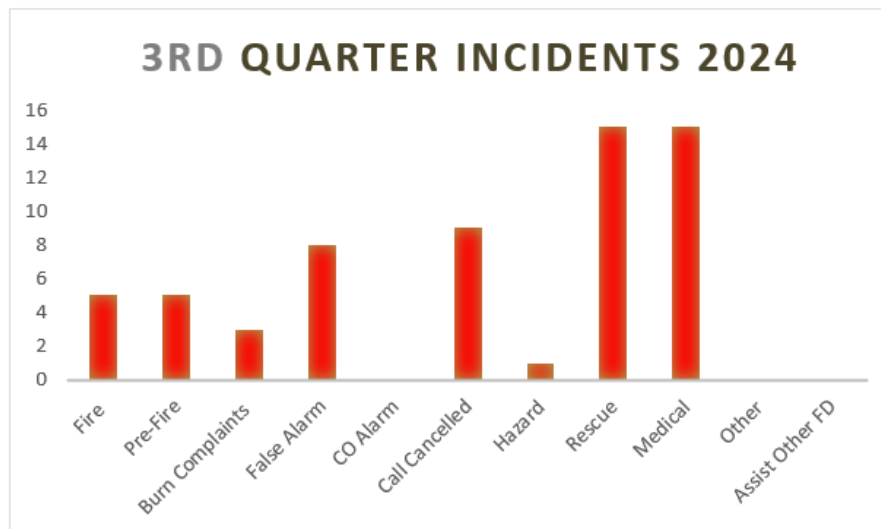
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## Fire Services:

### Incidents

Between July 1 and September 30, 2024, Kincardine Fire Emergency Services (KFES) responded to 61 incidents.

Total responses from Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2024, are 175, 10 more than for the same date in 2023.



### Public Education

- KFES provided safety messaging through various social media platforms community events.
- Saved by the Beep –Sept 28, 2024- Provincial campaign promoted and supported.
- Fire Prevention week messaging and promotions planned for week of October 6-12<sup>th</sup> – this year’s theme is “Smoke Alarms: make them work for you”
- 6 Public Education events were attended in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

## Fire Prevention

- Fire Prevention Officer and the Fire Chief completed 12 fire safety inspections this quarter.

## Projects

- **Radio Repeater upgrade:** Responses to issued RFQ have been received and KFES is now in the process of evaluation. Expect to have the project awarded by end of October 2024.
- **Breathing Air Compressor and Fill Station:** Responses to issued RFP have been received and the evaluation of the proposals is in process, expect to award in October 2024.
- **Rescue Truck 11-6 – Tiverton Station:** The work on remounting the box to the new chassis is nearly completed. It is expected that the vehicle can be picked up mid-October and placed into service by the end of October 2024
- **Washroom upgrades Station 12 (Kincardine):** Work continues on this project, KFES has met with the architects to determine the layout and requirements. This capital project will be carried forward into 2025. If additional funds are required in order to complete the project, this will be identified in the 2025 capital budget.

## Training

- Twenty-one training sessions were conducted in Q3. Twenty-seven subjects were covered for a total of 868 staff hours.
- Members attended outside training and certification courses such as Fire Instructor I and Auto X Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness, Operations, & Technician.

## **Emergency Management:**

### Notable Events

- Structure fire (Laundromat) / Mass Gathering (Scottish festival)  
On July 6, an early morning structure fire of a laundromat caused the delay of opening the festival grounds for the safety of the public. An evacuation of the area was completed until the situation was under control. Public works and the Spills Action Centre were engaged, OPP, KFES, HKFS, and Saugeen Shores Fire were also engaged for the fire. The ECG was engaged for communications and direction for additional resources. No environmental impact. Residents displaced were able to return home in the afternoon as well as the Scottish festival open to the public.
- Remnants of Hurricane Beryl (Briefed by ECCC) for the potential of heavy rainfall. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority raised their alert status to 'water safety/flood outlook' based on outside areas receiving copious amounts of rainfall. No major impact on this area
- Seven Special Weather Statements and Warnings were shared with the public as well as the Senior Leadership Team to be aware of and prepared for a potential situation.

## Public Education

- Emergency Management continues to provide safety messaging through various social media platforms including preparedness advice, prevention tips, and warnings issued by government sources.
- Marine Heritage Day – Water Safety and General Emergency Management information
  - August 25/2024
- Light Keepers Senior Program – Emergency Management vs Emergency Services – Being Prepared
  - September 19/2024
- Seniors' Forum – Being Prepared and Risk Management – proper sources for information
  - October 1/2024

## Community Engagement

- Red Cross reservists located within Municipality of Kincardine – A collaborative effort between the County, Red Cross, and lower tier municipalities has Emergency Management contacting local groups that typically are helping the community to join Red Cross as local reservists. The Kincardine Lions Club and Kincardine Rotary Club have been engaged and show great interest. Program to be a pilot project in Kincardine and Bruce County to eventually to a national program to ensure rural areas have immediate embedded support if needed.
- 9/11 Memorial Stair climb – first responders remember the terrorist attacks of 9/11 by attempting to walk the equivalent of steps of the World Trade Centre's that many first responders walked while talking to each other and the public about being prepared going forward not only for emergencies but with your mental health as well.
- 50 km stroller walk challenge – Canadian Cancer Society Research

## Projects

- Water Quality – Beaches
  - Working with Grey Bruce Public Health to have signage and process for posting water quality issues at our main beaches where sampling occurs.
- Exercises
  - ECRC (Eastern Canada Response Corporation) – Lake Huron Spill
    - June 26/2024 (Goderich)
  - Reception and Evacuation Centre (Monitoring and Decontamination)
    - July 11/2024 (Kincardine)
  - EWC (Emergency Worker Centre)
    - September 12/2024 (Saugeen Shores)

- Contaminated Casualty
    - September 26/2024 (South Grey Bruce Health Centre)
  - Training
    - Radiation Basics Awareness Training (Bruce Power)
      - September 4/2024 (Kincardine)
    - Reception and Evacuation Centre training in development
      - 2025.
    - Emergency Information Officer training for our Primary Emergency Information Officer and Alternate Emergency Information
      - September 25th to 26th
    - KI (Potassium Iodide) Pill campaign – A collaborative effort with Bruce Power will have a campaign in late 2024 focused on the return of expiring KI Pills and the distribution of new KI Pills. This campaign will also focus on signing people up for Kincardine Alert (RAVE), as well as ensuring residents that require Alert FM devices have them and are in good working order.
    - Bruce Power / Kincardine Emergency Management testing
      - Alert FM and Kincardine Alert (RAVE) testing – July 17<sup>th</sup>
      - Siren testing – July 18<sup>th</sup>
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