

Quarterly Update Report

Title: Q1 Emergency Services Report

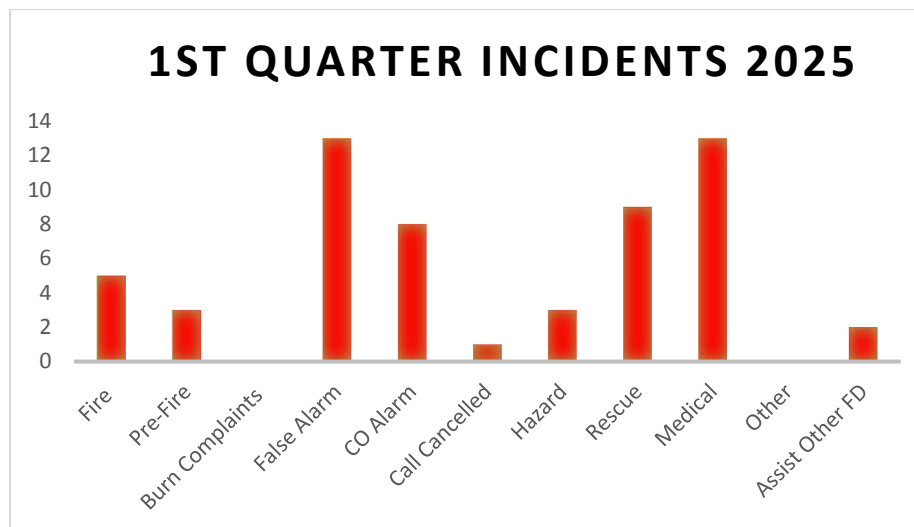
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Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Fire Services

Incidents

Between January 1 and March 31, 2025, KFES responded to 57 incidents, which is eight (8) less than 2024 for the same period.



Public Education

- KFES continues to provide safety messaging through various social media platforms and community events.
- Planned attendance at the Home & Garden Expo, April 26 & 27 at the Davidson Centre.
- Developing landlord education and enforcement campaign.
- Developing campaign on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms replacement date, as KFES has had a significant rise in false alarm calls due to expired and unmaintained devices.

Fire Prevention

- Prevention staff completed 10 fire safety inspections this quarter.
- Fire Chief has filed charges on a landlord for failing to maintain fire & life safety devices as well as maintenance records

Projects

- **Air Compressor:** has been partially installed with completion expected once the SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) has been purchased Q3 or Q4 – on budget
- **Radio Repeaters:** ordered, awaiting for installation. expected Q2 completion - on budget
- **Female Washroom Stn 12-** reviewing options for alternate designs for the project. Expect Q3 or 4 Completion
- **Ladder Truck Stn 12:** Advisory Truck Committee has been formed, suppliers being contacted – tender expected in late Q2
- **SCBA replacement:** Self Contained Breathing apparatus (SCBA) suppliers being contacted Advisory Committee with representatives from both stations being established. Expect product demos by end of Q2 and tenders in Q3
- **Mini pumper/Brush Truck Stn 11:** Advisory Truck committee has been formed, suppliers being contacted – plans to tender late Q2
- **Fire Training Ground:** Products being sourced and quotes sought, expect late Q2 procurement
- **Fire Master Plan:** this project is not yet started, looking to early Q3 for scope and procurement
- **Wildfire/Forestry equipment:** quotes and suppliers being worked on now, expect completing by end Q2

Training

- Fifteen training sessions were conducted in Q1. Eighteen subjects were covered for a total of 550.5 staff hours.
- Department training this year to date include:
 - Lesson Plans,
 - Safety Plans,
 - PPE Inspections
 - Size-Up
 - Ice Rescue / Hypothermia
 - Awareness Ice Rescue
 - Firefighter Health & Fitness
 - AED / CPR Requalification
 - Fire attack / Hose Advancement
 - Fit test/Decontamination review
 - Electrical Hazards, Shutoffs, EV Technology
- Members attended outside training and certification courses such as Pump Operations.

Emergency Management

Notable Events

- Several weather warnings/advisories were issued and reiterated through Emergency Management to notify and prepare the public including another 'multi day snow squall event' which was a historic weather event which impacted several areas of Ontario and Quebec and including:
 - power outages in many areas;
 - major highways being closed for long durations even after the event;
 - OPP responding to hundreds of motor vehicle collisions ranging from vehicles in ditches to fatalities;
 - various modes of transportation being cancelled or delayed; and
 - areas declaring a state of emergency;
- In Ontario, there continue to be current states of emergencies issued due to power outages and spring flooding due to freezing rain and significant precipitation.
- Compliance submitted for the Municipality of Kincardine Emergency Management program/activities to Emergency Management Ontario for 2024 and officially notified that the corporation has successfully satisfied all 13 elements of the *Emergency Management Civil Protection Act*.

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.
- Active Living +55 (Presentation) – being prepared – risk management – proper sources for information
- Campaign preparation for information on Being Prepared for 72 hours to combat the closed roads whether caused by snow removal or flooding
- Continue to promote education for the KI pill distribution program which is ongoing.
- Emergency management continues to help promote messaging for fire prevention and emergency management based on the capacity and availability of the current FPO
- Upcoming events: Home and Garden Show; Multicultural Festival; McHappy Day; Camp Day; Red Cross and businesses preparing for an emergency; Emergency preparedness week; etc.

Community Engagement

- Emergency Management Kincardine and Bruce Power have completed distribution of KI pills and information on everything nuclear emergency related from prevention through to recovery for pharmacies and residential properties 10km from Bruce Power (Pharmacies going out 50km). Next, Kincardine will work with businesses within 10km of Bruce Power to supply them with everything they need, as well as the Mennonite community and schools (Schools going out 50km).
- Coldest Night of The Year – Emergency Management, OPP, and EMS collected donations for United Way and completed the walk (Feb 22/2025)

- The Push-up challenge – Emergency Management completed a push-up challenge which helps raise funds for Grey – Bruce CMHA

Projects

- Special Events Application Criteria (2025)
 - Kincardine EM with the Special Events Planning Committee have initiated many new items in the application process to ensure special events, whether they are private or public have proper safety measures in place for various hazards/situations and continue to work with organizers to ensure their level of preparedness is adequate for their events.
- Water Quality/Safety
 - Acquired signage to be posted in the Spring of 2025 for any water quality issues that come from Public Health in testing areas of Kincardine
 - Emergency Management has also been tasked as project manager to implement a alerting light system at Station beach initially in partnership with agencies such as SwimSmart and the Smart Beach project
- Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
 - Approved and currently working through the process to acquire a drone which will have many capabilities for day-to-day business for all departments of the corporation of the municipality of Kincardine lessening safety concerns and heightening productivity
- Nuclear Emergency Management Program – TP Fund
 - Approved and currently working through acquiring items to enhance our centres and resources for emergency management
- Alert FM – Reboot
 - Since the reboot of the Alert FM system, Emergency Management continues to work with residents to troubleshoot any and all issues or questions they have on the Alert FM's
- New - Emergency Operation Centre Location
 - The primary EOC was relocated to a more suitable location. This move has been completed, and updates continue to occur at the centre based on the acquisition of the Nuclear Emergency Management Program funding

Exercises

- Transportation Emergency Response Plan – Drill (Radiological material)
 - May 7/2025 (Port Hope)
- Cobalt Magnet 2025 (Planning – International Nuclear Facility Emergency)
 - March 2025
- Huron Unity (Planning – Bruce Power Full Scale Drill)
 - November 2025
- Annual Exercise (County and lower tier partnership ex based on a modern-day hazard)

Training

- Radiation Basics Awareness Training (Bruce Power)
 - Spring 2025 (Kincardine)
 - Reception and Evacuation Centre training
 - June 10th and 11th 2025
 - Environmental Services – Training on integration of Emergency Management in water quality situations
 - Ongoing
 - KI (Potassium Iodide) Pill campaign – The KI pill plan is underway throughout 2025 with a collaboration between Bruce Power and Kincardine EM in this effort. This plan includes public education, information, and community engagement with all sectors of the community.
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