

This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request

STAFF REPORT:



REPORT TO: Committee of the Whole
MEETING DATE: November 13, 2013
REPORT NO.: FD.13.3
SUBJECT: The Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report July – September 2013
PREPARED BY: Loriena Forsythe

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FD.13.3, “The Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report July – September, 2013” for information purposes.

B. Background

The Blue Mountains Fire Department prepares Quarterly Reports as previously requested and in a format approved by Council

These Quarterly Reports reflect the actions and activities of the Fire Department in that quarter.

This Report addresses The Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report July – September 2013.

Fire Department staff recommend Council receive The Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report July – September 2013 for information purposes only.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

Town’s Strategic Plan Goal No. 6 “Providing a strong, well managed municipal government”.

D. Environmental Impacts

Training and emergency response will generate some greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle operation.

E. Financial Impact

Addressed in annual Department Budgets.

F. In Consultation With

Blue Mountains Fire Department Staff.

G. Attached

1. The Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report July – September 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

A. J. Lake per Ron Doherty, Director of (Fire Department)

For more information, please contact:

Name

Email Address

Business Telephone with Extension



2013 3rd Quarter Report

The Vision of The Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department is:

To provide the citizens of The Blue Mountains with pro-active, effective and efficient delivery of fire, rescue, public education and fire prevention services; through a unified forward thinking organization with good morale and with the highest standards of personnel safety, fairness and professionalism.





REPORT TO: Finance & Administration Committee
FROM: AJ Lake, Deputy Fire Chief
DATE: November 13, 2013
SUBJECT: 2013 3rd Quarter Report

The Blue Mountains Fire Department

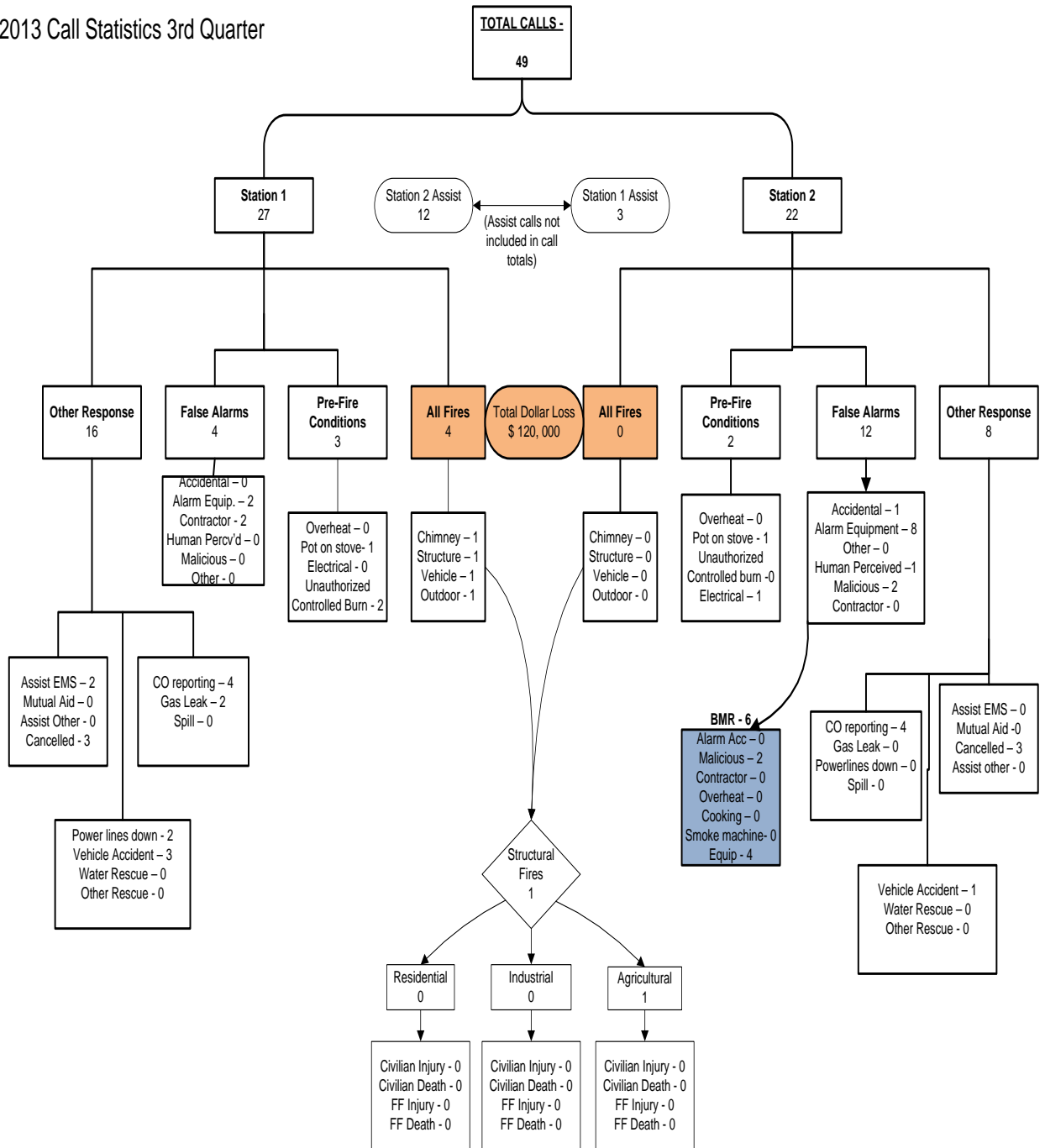
3rd Quarter Report July – September 2013

This quarterly report provides information with regards to the operation and status of The Blue Mountains Fire Department in the third quarter.

Highlights of 3rd Quarter:

- The department responded to a total of 49 incidents including 1 agricultural building fire, 16 false alarms, and 24 other responses including vehicle accidents and assisting other agencies.
- A 2002 utility vehicle was replaced in July with a 2013 Dodge Ram.

2013 Call Statistics 3rd Quarter



**YEARS OF SERVICE – HALL #1
Volunteer Firefighters**

Summary:

30 Years – 1
27 Years – 1
25 Years –1
23 Years – 3
10 Years –1
8 Years –2
7 Years –2
6 Years –1
4 Years –6
3 Years –1
1 Probationary – 2
Recruits - 3

Total # of Firefighters – 24

**YEARS OF SERVICE – HALL #2
Volunteer Firefighters**

Summary:

24 Years –1
14 Years –1
12 Years –2
7 Years –3
6 Years –3
4 Years –1
1 Probationary –3
Recruits –5

Total # of Firefighters - 19

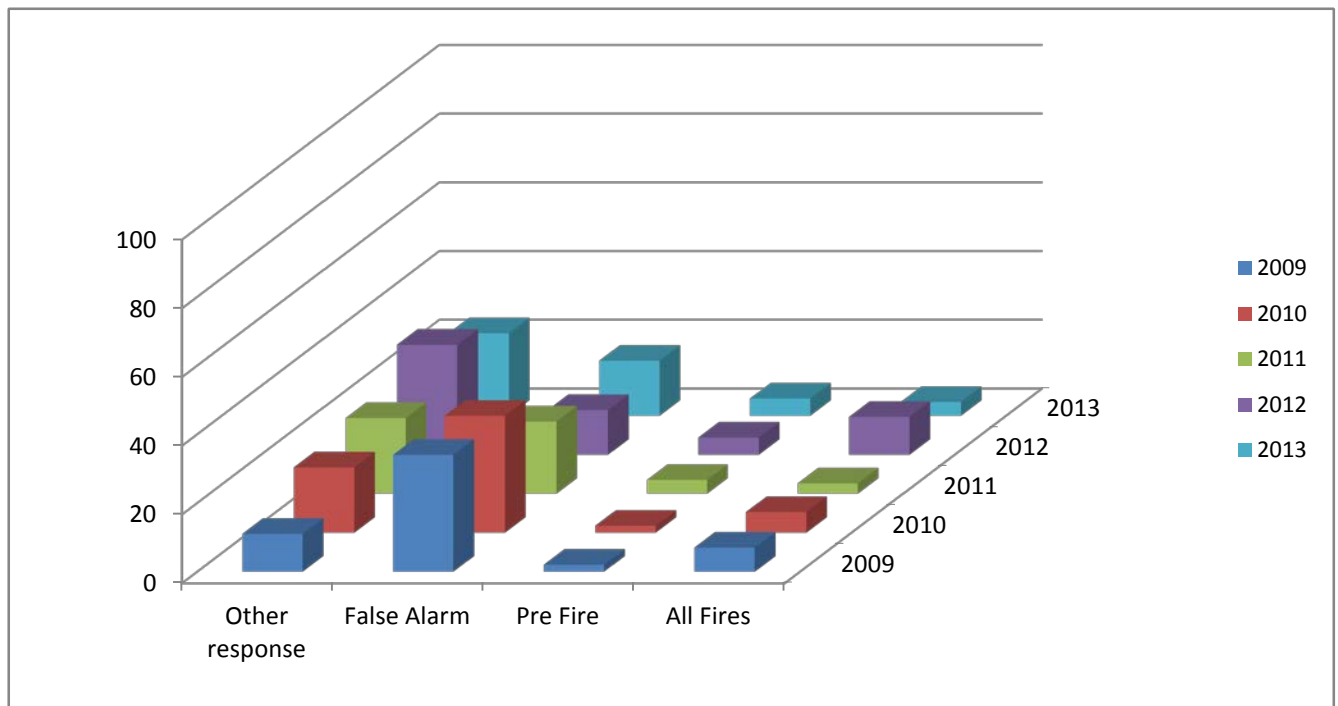
Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Dept.

Response Type Comparison Chart

3rd Quarter

2013

The following chart demonstrates response type, as a percentage of the overall responses during the same time periods



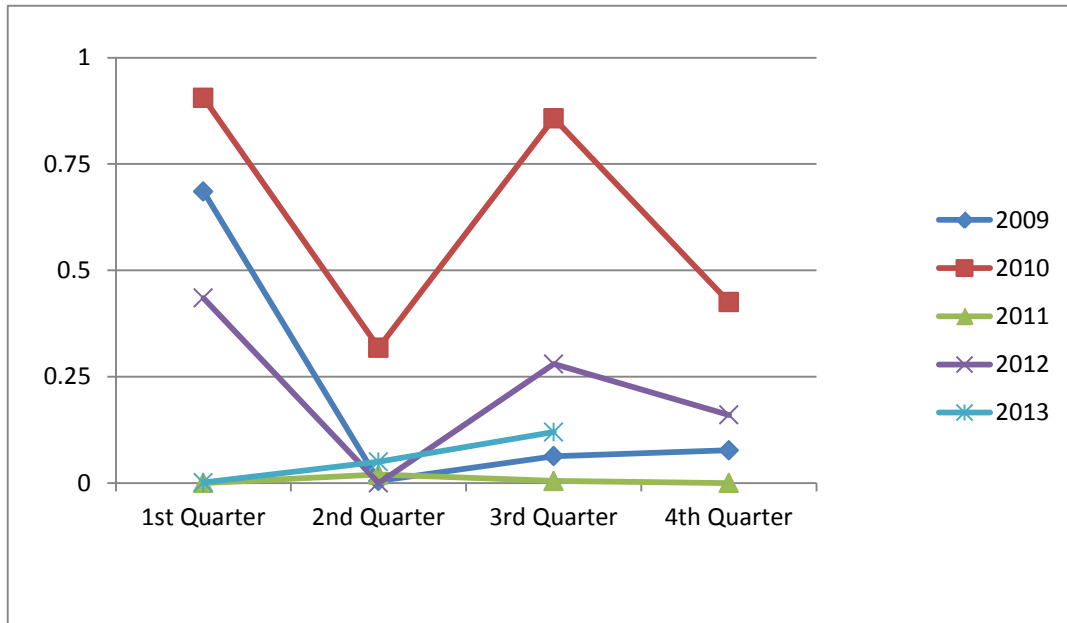
Response types remained consistent with the previous 3rd quarters

Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department

3rd Quarter Dollar Loss Comparison Chart

2009 - 2013

The following chart demonstrates quarterly dollar loss comparisons in million dollars.



1st Quarter – a fire on a deck caused by careless disposal of ashes resulted in \$1,000 damage.

2nd Quarter – an industrial fire resulted in approximately \$50,000 damage.

3rd Quarter – an agricultural fire destroyed an implement shed valued at approximately \$120,000

4th Quarter

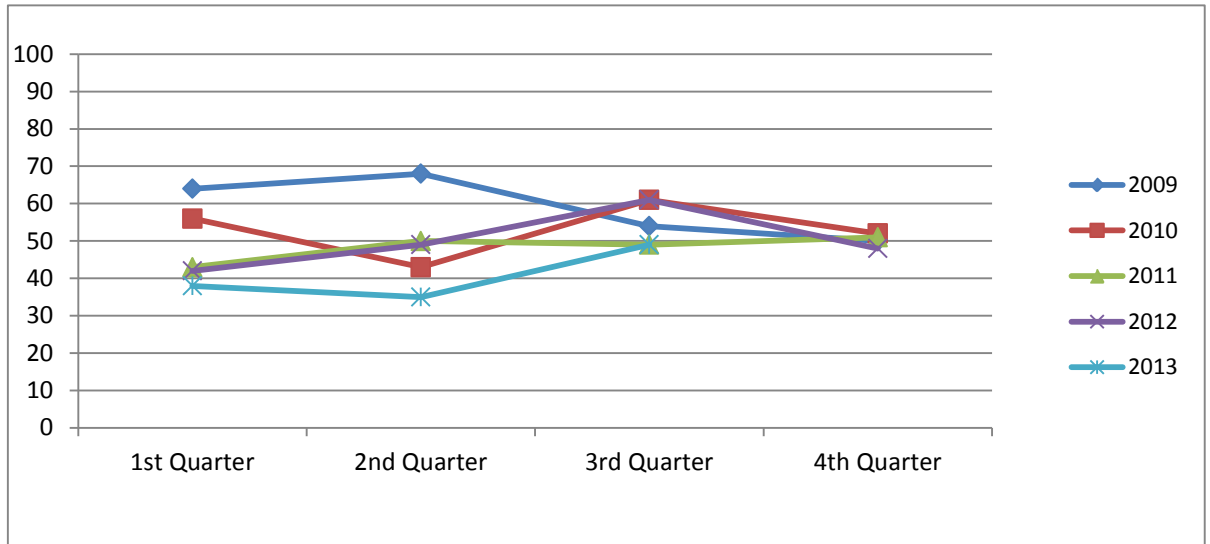
Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department

Response Volume Comparison Chart

3rd Quarter

2013

The following chart demonstrates total quarterly responses.



1st Quarter – fire department responses continue to decrease

2nd Quarter - fire department responses continue to decrease

3rd Quarter – fire department responses remain consistent with previous 3rd quarters

4th Quarter

**Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department
Apparatus Response Times
July – September 2013**

It is expected that the average response time for a fully staffed apparatus to leave the fire station is six minutes. A four minute drive time from the station averages at approximately 3.75 kilometres. Ten (10) minutes shall be used as a baseline to monitor average apparatus and personnel response times.

The following statistics indicate apparatus and personnel on scene within 10 minutes from the time of first page out.

The number of responses is based on responses to overheats, structure and outdoor fires, and alarms. This number does not include responses to ambulance assists, motor vehicle accidents.

	Station 1	Station 2	Average
# of responses	20	18	
Pump on Scene (%)	12 of 20 (60%)	7 of 18 (39%)	50%
10 personnel (%)	7 of 20 (35%)	0 of 18 (0%)	18%

Station 1 Responses

7 of the 20 responses were to areas 3.75 kilometres or more than a four minute drive time from station 1.

Station 2 Responses

4 of the 18 responses were to areas 3.75 kilometres or more than a four minute drive time from station 2.

Corrected Response Times within 3.75 Kilometres of the Station

	Station #1	Station #2	Average
# of Responses	13	14	
Pump on Scene	11 of 13 (85%)	7 of 14 (50%)	68%
10 personnel (%)	7 of 13 (54%)	0 of 8 (0%)	27%

- ❖ *Station #1 is paged out to assist Station #2 at all responses to Condo Corps and commercial properties adjacent to and including the Village at Blue. Station 1 has an approximate 16 – 18 minute response time to these areas. The average response by station 1 personnel to station 2 assists is thirteen (13).*
- ❖ *Reported structure fires continue to be automatic 2 station responses in both the station 1 & 2 areas.*

Town of the Blue Mountains Fire Department

3rd Quarter

2013

False Alarm By-law Letters Issued in accordance with 2009-72 Schedule D.7

R1	R2	R3	R4	C1	C2	C3	C4+
4	0	0	0	3	2	4	0

**Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department
3rd Quarterly Report
Fire Prevention**

Months July - September

Year 2013

Inspections

Request	0
Complaint	0
Institutional	0
Re - Inspections	76
Commercial	50
Commercial Residential	5
Industrial	0
Assembly	15
Residential	53
Tents	17
Display Fireworks	4
Public Amusement Area Fireworks	0
Outdoor Public Amusement Area Approved	5
Electrical Orders Issued	0
Bunk house Inspections	1
Total Inspections	226

Fire & Life Safety Education

Focus Group	Topic	# of persons
Total		

(SDR – stop drop and roll, s/a – smoke alarms)

Fire Safety Plans

Plans Under Review	Buildings Inspected As Part of Review	Approval Pending	Plans Approved	Plans Rejected
3	2	1	2	1

Smoke Alarm Program

Dwellings Inspected	Deficiencies Identified
53	63 – ORDER # 2013-09-10-2-101 Issued

Fire Code Enforcement

Smoke alarm tickets issued – Part 1	Smoke alarm Infractions Issued – Part 3	Part 3 – Fire Code Violations Registered	Results

Inspection Orders

Bunkhouse	2
Condominium Corporations	1
Boarding Rooming Lodging	0
Commercial	50
Industrial	0
Assembly	15
Residential	53 GSCC # 31 2013-09-10-2-101
Total	121

Prevention Highlights

- Annual inspections completed by Keeling with Johnston shadowing.
- Smoke Alarm program to continue in 3rd quarter – Condos Smoke alarm program ongoing with emphasis on condo corps replacing smokes as part of common element.
- Withdrew 1 Order and Reissued in 4th Quarter with an amendment.

TRAINING

*3rd Quarter Report
July – September 2013*

TRAINING STATS 3rd QUARTER – 2013 (In House)

July 2013		August 2013		September 2013	
Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2
Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours
150	126	163	122	169	120
				Total Hours:	850 hrs

In House training takes place every Monday night throughout the year.

General Level Firefighter Training

TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
Truck / SCBA / PPE (Monthly)	136
Rope Rescue Training Program (Anchors & Hardware)	106
Rope Rescue Training Program (Suspension Trauma)	82
Aerial operations	120
Union Gas Guest Speaker (Firefighter Response Safety)	88
Confined Space	78
Vehicle Extrication	98
Pumper Operations	70
Scenarios	72
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS	850 Hours

Recruit Operations Level Fire Ground Training

TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
Hydrants/Ladders/ Fire Suppression Techniques	126 hrs
Portable Pumps/ Master Streams/ Tanker Ops	88 hrs
Utility Vehicle Driver Training	50 hrs
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS	264 Hours

Ontario Fire College Courses – July - September 2013

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Course	Number of Days
1	Firefighter MOD A&B	7
1	Company Officer Final Exam	3
1	Fire Prevention Officers Seminar	5
1	Training Officers Seminar	5
Total Days at the Ontario Fire College		20

Training Continued...

Annual firefighter component certification, to ensure firefighter compliance.

The Implementation of a new High Angle Rope Rescue Training Program, to maintain NFPA Compliance requirements for new equipment.

Recruit fire ground operational training and performance testing weekly through the 3rd quarter.

Emergency Management Quarterly Report

3rd Quarter 2013

- Review Annex (I) - Critical Infrastructure; make corrections or additions.
- Attended Ontario Fire College Course for training on Solar and photovoltaic awareness training.
- Reviews of Response Plan Annex(s) J-K-L-M-N make corrections or changes.
- Attended Beaver Valley Fall Fair and set up information table with Emergency Management Booklets. Also had skill testing questions for a draw prize.
- Attended “Green Construction for the Fire Service” presentation at Rama Community Centre, with Deputy Chief Lake.
- Annual service work completed on Generac Standby Generator.