



**REPORT TO:** Finance & Administration Committee  
**FROM:** Ron Doherty, Fire Chief  
**DATE:** March 11, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009 Report

## **The Blue Mountains Fire Department**

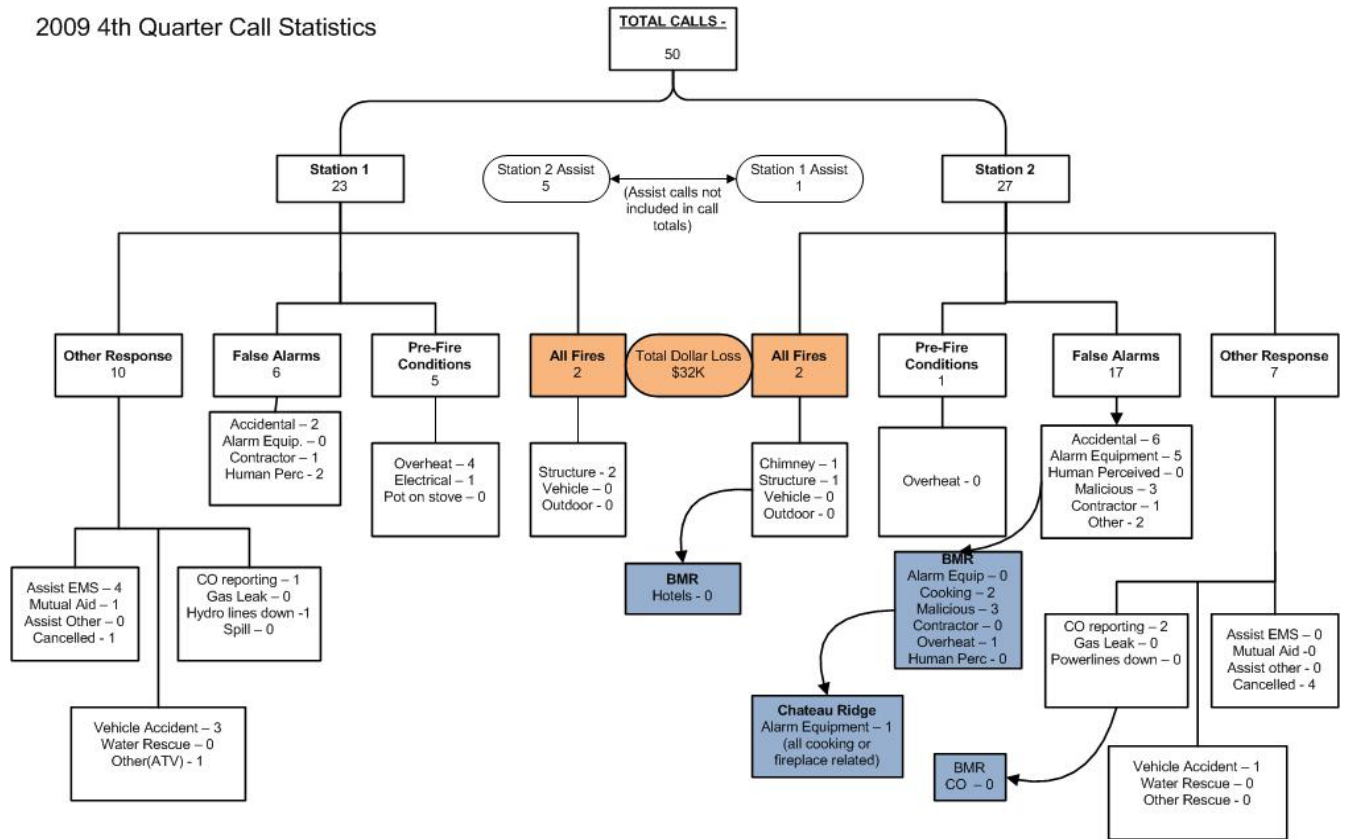
### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009 Report**

This quarterly report is to provide information with regards to the operation and status of The Blue Mountains Fire Department for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (October – December)

#### **Highlights of 4th Quarter:**

- The department responded to 4 working fires, 23 false alarms, 6 pre-fire conditions and 17 other responses.
- EMS – Chief Doherty is working with Mike Muir from Grey County EMS to ensure ambulance services within The Blue Mountains are moving forward in a positive manner as it relates to their base location on fire department property. Mike Muir, Gary Shaw, Paul Graham, Ron Doherty and Bryan Pearce were in attendance at the first meeting held on October 6, 2009. Grey County through Mike Muir will put a formal request to Ron Doherty and Paul Graham outlining the county's prospective on the EMS Base in the Craigleith area for Council's consideration.
- Fire Department Open House on October 3 went very well with 300 people in attendance. Firefighter Achievement Certificates and Firefighter Certificates were presented to qualifying firefighters who had completed the components required by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

2009 4th Quarter Call Statistics



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Fire Prevention**

Months **October – December**

Year **2009**

**Inspections**

Request	8
Institutional	2
Commercial	9
Industrial	20
Assembly	52
Residential	17
Tents	0
Display Fireworks	4
Public Amusement Area Fireworks	0
Outdoor Public Amusement Area Approved	4
Electrical Orders Issued	1

**Fire & Life Safety Education**

<b>Focus Group</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b># of persons</b>
General Public	Open House	100
Bus Patroller	Responsibilities, f/x training	35
Riverwalk Resident	Fire safety plan training	30
Georgian Peaks Employees	f/x training	50
Mountain Springs Employees	Fire safety plan training	30

**Distribution of Information**

<b>Quantity this Quarter</b>	<b>Quantity Year to Date</b>
1990	6566

**Public Service Announcements**

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Radio</b>
12	50

**Target Group Support**

<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Service</b>
Commercial Building Owners	Fire alarm by-law notice

## Fire Safety Plans

Plans Under Review	Buildings Inspected	Plans Approved
1	5	5

## Preplans

Plans Developed	Sites Inspected	Plans Presented to Dept.
3	3	1

## Smoke Alarm Program

Dwellings Inspected	Deficiencies Identified
66	25

## Fire Code Enforcement

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

## Fire Investigations

Property Type	\$ Loss	Possible Cause
Residential	50,000	Suspicious
Residential	5,000	Design deficiency
Residential	20,000	Improper disposal-combustibles
Residential	2,000	Improper wiring

## Non- Emergency Responses

CO Alarm	Smoke Alarm	Other
3		1

## False Alarm By-law Letters Issued

R1	R2	R3	C1	C2	C3
5			7		

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Training**

**2009 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER**

**HALL # 1**

<b>Below 50% Attendance</b>	<b>3 Firefighters</b>
<b>50% - 75%</b>	<b>8 Firefighters</b>
<b>76% - 100%</b>	<b>10 Firefighters</b>

**2009 RESPONSE CALLS – 4th QUARTER**

**HALL # 1**

<b>Below 50% Attendance</b>	<b>10 Firefighters</b>
<b>50% - 75%</b>	<b>7 Firefighters</b>
<b>76% - 100%</b>	<b>4 Firefighter</b>

**2009 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 4th QUARTER**

**HALL # 2**

<b>Below 50% Attendance</b>	<b>0 Firefighters</b>
<b>50% - 75%</b>	<b>3 Firefighters</b>
<b>76% - 100%</b>	<b>16 Firefighters</b>

**2009 RESPONSE CALLS – 4th QUARTER**

**HALL # 2**

<b>Below 50% Attendance</b>	<b>5 Firefighters</b>
<b>50% - 75%</b>	<b>9 Firefighters</b>
<b>76% - 100%</b>	<b>9 Firefighters</b>

**TRAINING**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**October – December**

**TRAINING STATS 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – 2009 (In House)**

October 2009		November 2009		December 2009	
Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2
106 Hours	122 Hours	152 Hours	172 Hours	90 Hours	102 Hours

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

TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
Ladders / Ropes	68
Preplan Review	78
Scenario (Riverwalk)	48 (Stn 1 only)
Scenario (MVC)	32 (Stn 2 only)
Confined Space	64
Mapping Run Routes (Simplicity)	70
Natural Gas Safety Presentation	68
Incident Command	66
Association Meeting	74
SCBA / Hydrant / Scenario	28 (Stn 1 only)
Truck Checks /SCBA	172

**Ontario Fire College Courses – October 2009**

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Course	Number of Days
1	CO 506 Incident Command	5
1	Ag. Rescue	2
1	Challenge Component B Module Exam	1

**Ontario Fire College Courses – November 2009**

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Courses	Number of Days
1	Public Information	1

## Ontario Fire College Courses – December 2009

\*\*\*Blue Mountains Fire Department was unsuccessful in registering for courses at OFC for the month of December.

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Courses	Number of Days
0		0

\*\*\**Note: Number of Days = Course Length*

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Mechanical**

Months – October - December

Year - 2009

**Apparatus Repair Costs**

<b>Unit #</b>	<b>Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>Unexpected Repair</b>	<b>Cost</b>
191		Yes	365
191	Yes		775
192	Yes		610
192		Yes	680
172	Yes		1200
172		Yes	290
501		Yes	4870
502		Yes	285
503	Yes		200
503		Yes	650
504	Yes		240
504		Yes	120
271	Yes		530

**Equipment Repair Costs**

<b>Unit #</b>	<b>Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>Unexpected Repair</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Small Engines</b>	yes		1200
<b>SCBA</b>			
<b>Gas Meters</b>			
<b>Communications</b>			
<b>Hydraulics</b>			
<b>Ground Ladders</b>			
<b>Air Fill Station</b>			
<b>Bunker Gear</b>			
<b>Tools/Chemicals</b>			

Specifications for a new pump/rescue were prepared for a tender which was advertised in December 2009.

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

<b>FIREFIGHTER'S NAME</b>	<b>NUMBER OF YEARS</b>
A. J. Lake	25
Steve Staveley	20
Tom Watts	18
Mike Keaveney	18
Bryan Lowe	18
Randy Osborne	13
Shawn Postma	7
Shawn Everitt	5
Chris Cole	5
Scott Marritt	3
Andrew Morris	3
Luke Sauder	3
Devon McDonald	3
Leah Hewgill	3
Timo Hotari	Probationary
Chris Lowe	Probationary
Michael Hutten	Probationary
Chris Allen	Probationary
Joseph Scott	Probationary
Jim Walton	Probationary
David Dick	Probationary

**December 2009**

**Summary:**

25 Years – 1  
 20 Years – 1  
 18 Years – 3  
 13 Years – 1  
 7 Years – 1  
 5 Years – 2  
 3 Year - 5  
 Probationary – 7

**December 2008**

**Summary:**

24 Years - 1  
 19 Years - 1  
 17 Years - 2  
 13 Years - 1  
 6 Years - 1  
 4 Years - 2  
 2 Years - 5  
 Probationary - 0

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

<b>FIREFIGHTER'S NAME</b>	<b>NUMBER OF YEARS</b>
Rob Keith	21
Steve Conn	19
Wayne Marritt	18
Al Sawatzky	9
Scott Wright	9
Bruce Fraser	7
Tyler Spies	7
Mike Keeling	7
Elijah McCaffrey	5
Derek McKenzie	3
Sean McKenzie	2
Colin Macready	2
Marijan Lucic	2
Darren Johnston	2
Mike Scott	2
Meghan Loney	2
Cody Zanardo	2
Ian Doherty	Probationary
Michelle Lakoseljac	Probationary

**December 2009 Summary:**

21 Years – 1  
 19 Years – 1  
 18 Years – 1  
 9 Years – 2  
 7 Years – 3  
 5 Years – 1  
 3 Years – 1  
 2 Years – 7  
 Probationary – 2

**December 2008 Summary:**

20 Years – 1  
 18 Years – 1  
 17 Years – 1  
 8 Years – 2  
 6 Years – 3  
 4 Years – 1  
 2 Years – 1  
 1 Years – 7  
 Probationary – 0

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Staff Meetings are held bimonthly to discuss ongoing items within the department and determine ways of dealing with issues. The meetings allow for the flow of information to each division of the fire department from Senior Management and Council.

### **Fire Master Plan**

The Fire Master Plan has been adopted by Council. The CAO and the Fire Department are working together on creating the new job descriptions for the Fire Prevention Inspector/Suppression and Training Officer/Suppression, Chief Fire Prevention Officer and District Chief Station 1. Once these job descriptions are created an internal posting for the positions will be put forward.

### **Deputy Fire Chief**

The CAO and the Fire Department are moving forward on replacing the Deputy Fire Chief position. An internal posting has taken place with no successful applicants. Therefore advertising has been placed in newspapers, Ontario Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire College. The closing date for the position was October 16 after which the interview process was conducted. There were no successful applicants on the first advertising campaign in 2009 and a second advertising campaign is planned for early 2010.

### **Simplified Risk Assessment**

The Fire Prevention Officer has completed the department's latest "Simplified Risk Assessment", which is an analysis of the municipality's fire prevention programs and activities necessary to manage the community's fire risk. (This document has been put on hold) as we are awaiting the population figures. Once these are available the document can be forwarded to Council.

### **Computer Software**

The department is researching computer software specific to the fire department. We are looking into costing and efficiency issues which will make the running of the department much more effective. In discussion with Treasury and Paul Graham it was felt feasible to transfer some of the unused wages of the Deputy Chief for 2009 to go towards the purchase of this new software in early 2010. This was approved by Council in the 2010 Budget process.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

#### **October - December 2009**

October -November 2009	Prepare information for EMO Annual Statement of Completion
November 10, 2009	Meeting with Ontario Power Generation – review dam plan
November 18, 2009	Emergency Preparedness Presentation to Girl Guides.
November 25, 2009	Meeting John Maddox (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing) Tornado Committee Chair
December 10, 2009	Annual Emergency Management Program Statement of Completion
December 16, 2009	Tornado Presentation for Meaford Emergency Management Community Control Group.
December 18, 2009	Security Steering Committee Meeting at Blue Mountain Resorts (Emergency Management table top in the planning stages)