



THE BLUE MOUNTAINS FIRE DEPARTMENT
2010 1ST 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: Ron Doherty, Fire Chief
DATE:
SUBJECT: 1st Quarter Report – 2010

The Blue Mountains Fire Department

Quarterly Report – January – March 2010

This quarterly report is to provide information with regards to the operation and status of The Blue Mountains Fire Department for the first quarter (January – March 2010)

Highlights of 1st Quarter:

- The department responded to 5 working fires, 34 false alarms, 4 pre-fire conditions and 12 other responses.
- Advertising second round for a Deputy Fire Chief has taken place with a candidate being chosen but then turning down the position.
- There have been no recruit programs in 2009 to date since the resignation of Deputy Chief Collins.
- EMS – Chief Doherty is continuing to work 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.

CHALLENGES FOR 2010

- The vacant Deputy Chief position in 2009-2010 placed a strain on overall operations and Fire Prevention. Having all positions filled by September 2010 including three new staff members hired as a result of the approved Fire Master Plan will enhance the Fire Services delivery plus public education and prevention programs.
- New and revised National and Provincial Regulations and Standards, relevant to equipment maintenance, continue to be a challenge to the Fire Department's operating and capital budgets. Most recently NFPA recommends the replacement of all structural firefighting ensembles having manufacture dates exceeding 10 years. This includes bunker gear, helmets, gloves, boots and flash hoods. TBMFD will be affected by this requirement in 2013 when 30 sets of gear reach their life expectancy. The cost of this replacement will be in excess of \$42,000.
- The Fire Department has recently purchased a Records Management Software Program which will be put into place in late 2010 or early 2011. The system will provide the department a more efficient record keeping system, allowing for improved information tracing for Personnel, Training, Maintenance of Equipment and Apparatus, Incident Reporting, Duty Roster, Mapping and Consumable Supplies. This will enhance the department's ability to track information, as well as allow for statistical data to be compiled with greater ease.
- A new pumper/rescue apparatus approved for 2010 is under construction and expected to be delivered in November 2010.
- The land use agreement between Grey County Emergency Medical Service and The Blue Mountains, as it relates to the new EMS Station in Craighleith, will be completed shortly and they are also proceeding with their site plan approvals.
- Four new volunteer firefighters at each station will be hired and trained in 2011 to increase our volunteer compliment to 24 at each station. This is following the recommendation of the 2009 Fire Master Plan.
- Three (3) new fulltime staff dedicated to training, fire prevention/public education and suppression will begin September 2010. Two (2) of the staff will perform routine fire inspections which will permit the Chief Fire Prevention Officer more time to focus on public education and prevention programs. The additional field staff will ensure consistent and timely, routine, request and complaint inspections, with an enhanced focus on the smoke alarm program. There is no consideration for the hiring of additional fulltime staff in 2011.

2010 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 1ST QUARTER

HALL # 1 – Jan – March

Below 50% Attendance	2 Firefighters
50% - 75%	9 Firefighters
76% - 100%	10 Firefighters

2010 RESPONSE CALLS – 1ST QUARTER

HALL # 1 – Jan – March

Below 50% Attendance	10 Firefighters
50% - 75%	8 Firefighters
76% - 100%	3 Firefighters

2010 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 1ST QUARTER

HALL # 2 – Jan – March

Below 50% Attendance	0 Firefighters
50% - 75%	7 Firefighters
76% - 100%	12 Firefighters

2010 RESPONSE CALLS – 1ST QUARTER

HALL # 2 – Jan – March

Below 50% Attendance	9 Firefighters
50% - 75%	9 Firefighters
76% - 100%	1 Firefighters

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

FIREFIGHTER'S NAME	NUMBER OF YEARS
A. J. Lake	26
Steve Staveley	21
Tom Watts	19
Mike Keaveney	19
Bryan Lowe	19
Randy Osborne	14
Shawn Postma	9
Shawn Everitt	6
Chris Cole	6
Scott Marritt	4
Andrew Morris	4
Luke Sauder	4
Devon McDonald	4
Leah Hewgill	4
Timo Hotari	1
Chris Lowe	1
Michael Hutten	1
Chris Allen	1
Joseph Scott	1
Jim Walton	1
David Dick	1

Summary:

26 Years - 1
 21 Years - 1
 19 Years - 3
 14 Years - 1
 8 Years - 1
 6 Years - 2
 4 Year - 5
 1 Year - 7

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

FIREFIGHTER'S NAME	NUMBER OF YEARS
Rob Keith	22
Steve Conn	20
Wayne Marritt	19
Al Sawatzky	10
Scott Wright	10
Bruce Fraser	8
Tyler Spies	8
Mike Keeling	8
Elijah McCaffrey	6
Derek McKenzie	4
Sean McKenzie	3
Colin Macready	3
Marijan Lucic	3
Darren Johnston	3
Mike Scott	3
Meghan Loney	3
Cody Zanardo	3
Ian Doherty	1
Michelle Lakoseljac	1

Summary:

22 Years - 1
20 Years - 1
19 Years - 1
10 Years - 2
8 Years - 3
6 Years - 1
4 Years - 1
3 Years - 7
1 Year - 2

**Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department
1st Quarterly Report
Fire Prevention**

Months January – March

Year 2010

Inspections

Request	4
Institutional	1
Commercial	31
Industrial	4
Assembly	25
Residential	28
Tents	0
Display Fireworks	4
Public Amusement Area Fireworks	0
Outdoor Public Amusement Area Approved	4
Electrical Orders Issued	2

Fire & Life Safety Education

Focus Group	Topic	# of persons
TBM Staff	Fuel Dispensing, f/x training	11
Grade 1	911, s/a, escape, s-d-r	39
Kindergarten	911, s/a, escape, role of FD	40

(s/a – smoke alarm s-d-r – stop-drop-roll)

Distribution of Information

Quantity this Quarter	Quantity Year to Date
970	

Public Service Announcements

Newspaper	Radio
6	36

Target Group Support

Target Group	Service
Thornbury BIA	(1) OPAA packages delivered
Fall Fair Committee	(1) OPAA packages delivered
Canada Day Committee	(3) OPAA packages delivered
Canada Day Parade Committee	(1) OPAA packages delivered
BMR	(4) OPAA packages delivered
Clerks Office	(4) OPAA packages delivered

Fire Safety Plans

Plans Under Review	Buildings Inspected	Plans Approved
1	3	3

Preplans

Plans Developed	Sites Inspected	Plans Presented to Dept.
	1	1

Smoke Alarm Program

Dwellings Inspected	Deficiencies Identified
26	8

Fire Code Enforcement

Smoke alarm tickets issued – Part 1	Smoke alarm infractions Issued – Part 3	Part 3 – Fire Code Violations Registered	Results
	11		1 guilty - \$635
			10–before the courts

Fire Investigations

Property Type	\$ Loss	Possible Cause
Residential Rental	247,500.00	Improper disposal
Vehicle – not reported – advised by insurance investigator	300,000.00	Mechanical
Residential Rental	308,000.00	Improper Clearance
Residential Rental	100.00	Improper maintenance
Residential	70,000.00	Improper disposal
Residential	280,000.00	Electrical appliance malfun
Residential Commercial	50.00	Electrical

A concern was identified by the FPO in a memo to David Finbow, and copied to Council, in regard to Short Term Accommodations. The memo recommended additional considerations be made in the STA by-law, to ensure the safety of visitors and seasonal workers residing in these dwelling units. This concern was triggered by 4 structure fires occurring in rental accommodations, resulting in \$560,000.00 of loss, within a 3 month period.

Non- Emergency Responses

CO Alarm	Smoke Alarm	Other
		1

False Alarm By-law Letters Issued

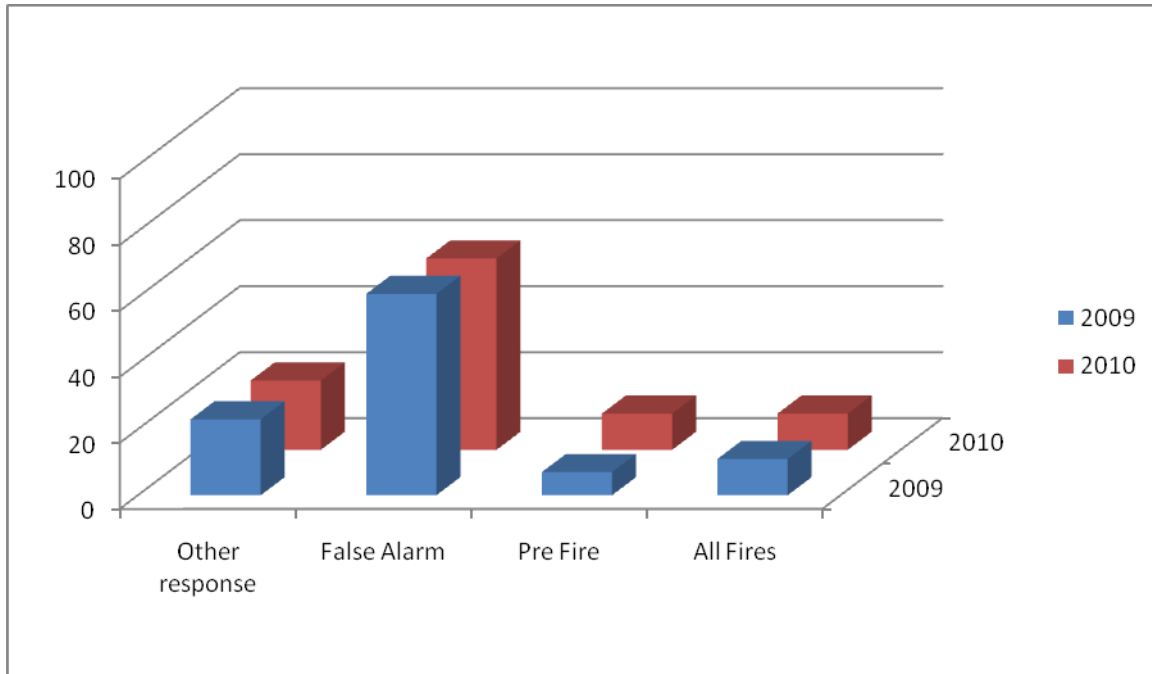
R1	R2	R3	C1	C2	C3	C4
10	0	0	21	5	1	1

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Response Type Comparison Chart

1st Quarter

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

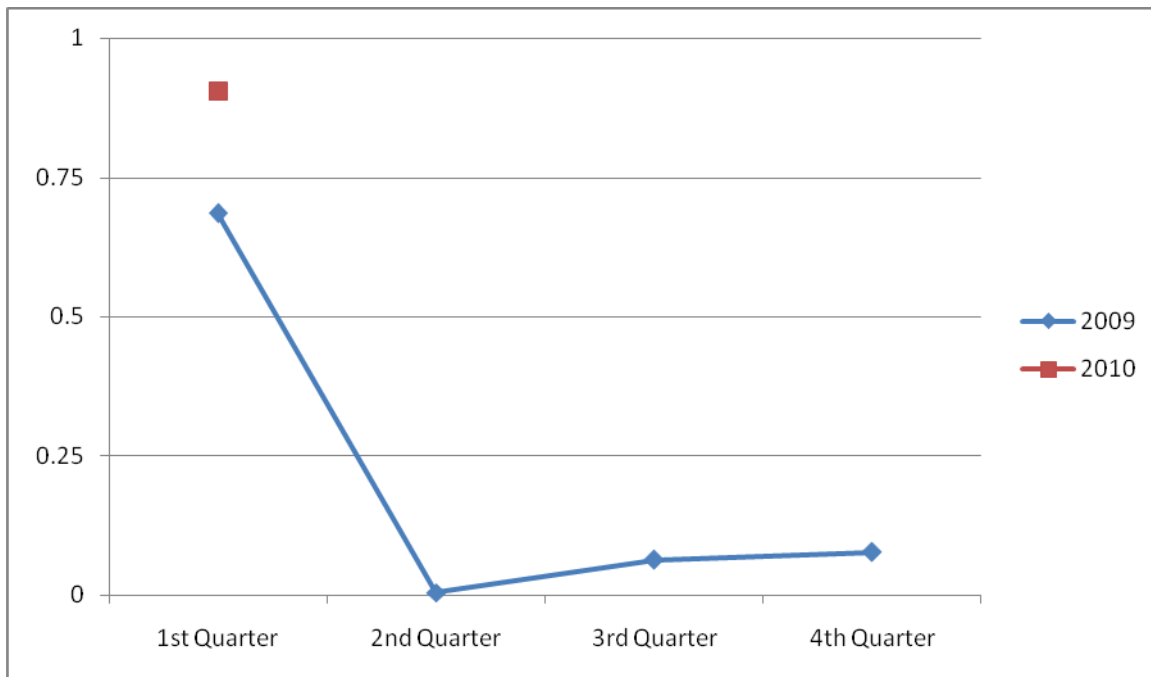


Blue Mountains Fire & Rescue responded to similar response types during the 1st quarters of 2009 & 2010.

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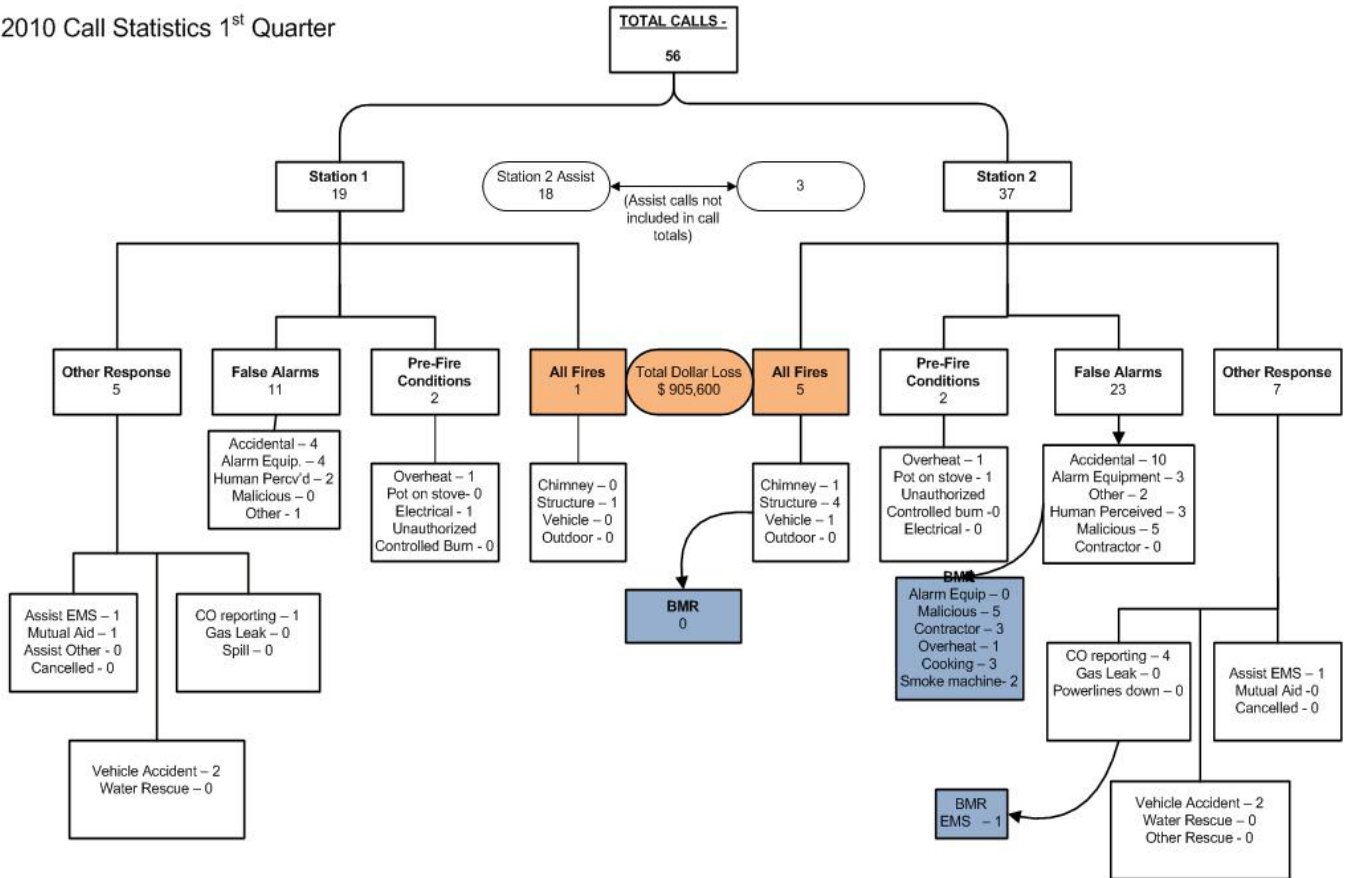
Dollar Loss Comparison Chart

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



In 2010, the Blue Mountains Fire & Rescue responded to 6 fires resulting in \$905,600 in dollar loss compared to 7 fires resulting in \$685,500 over the same period in 2009.

2010 Call Statistics 1st Quarter



TRAINING
1st Quarter Report
January – March 2010

TRAINING STATS 1ST QUARTER – 2010 (In House)

January 2010		February 2010		March 2010	
Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2
124 Hours	118 Hours	98 Hours	98 Hours	154 Hours	176 Hours

NOTE: Feb. 6 & 7 total 357 hours – Emergency Patient Care/First Aid course two full day weekend course

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

TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
Portable Pumps / Hoses & Appliances	66
Truck / SCBA Maintenance Checks	242
Rural Water Supply / Pump Relay	126
Emergency Patient Care / First Aid	489
Ice Water Rescue Theor / written test	58
Ice Water Rescue (In Water Training)	88
Fire Attack & Ropes / Knots (Station # 1)	26
Firefighter Survival Practical Exercise (Station # 2)	30

Ontario Fire College Courses

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Course	Number of Days
0		
0		

Other Outside Training Courses

Firefighters	Outside Training Courses / Location	Number of Days
1	OH&S Certified Worker Pt 2 – Dundalk	1

****The above OH&S course was provided by the Municipal Health & Safety Association.**

TRAINING – WEEKLY SCHEDULE JANUARY – MARCH 2010

STATION # 1 **January 2010**

January 4	Portable Pumps Hoses & Appliances SCBA (Learner Guides) Review Operation of Ladder 261 and S.O.G.'s
January 11	Equipment Maintenance / Clean up from January 10, 2010 structure fire
January 18	Rural Water Supply / pump relay Orientation and training on new CO/multi-gas detector
January 25	Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks.

February 2010

February 1	Emergency Patient Care
February 6	Emergency Patient Care (Saturday 7 hours)
February 7	Emergency Patient Care (Sunday 7 hours)
February 8	Emergency Patient Care
February 22	Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks

March 2010

March 1	Land Based Water / Ice Rescue Theory Orientation of Superduxx (no water entry)
March 8	Hydrant operations / pumper relay
March 15	Fire attack & Ropes & Knots
March 22	Ice Water Rescue (In Water) Captains Meeting At Station # 1
March 29	Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks

STATION # 2
January 2010

January 4 Firefighter Survival Practical Exercise
Annual Personal Protective Equipment Inspection & Sign-off's

January 11 Truck / Equipment maintenance and clean-up after January 10,
2010 structure fire

January 19 Rural Water Supply / Pumper Relay
Review orientation of new CO detector

January 25 Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks

February 2010

February 1 Emergency Patient Care

February 6 Emergency Patient Care (Saturday 7 hours)

February 7 Emergency Patient Care (Sunday 7 hours)

February 8 Emergency Patient Care

February 22 Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks
Review new S.O.G.'s

March 2010

March 1 Hoses and Appliances

March 8 Rural Water Supply / Pumper Relay Scenario

March 15 Land Based Water / Ice Rescue Theory
Orientation of Superduxx (no water entry)

March 22 Monthly Truck / SCBA and Equipment Maintenance Checks
Captains Meeting at Station # 1

March 29 Ice Water Rescue (In Water)

**Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department
Quarterly Report
Mechanical**

Months - January - March

Year - 2010

Apparatus Repair Costs

Unit #	Routine Maintenance	Unexpected Repair	Cost
181		Yes	240
181		Yes	2035
261		Yes	980
ATV		Yes	

Equipment Repair Costs

Unit	Routine Maintenance	Unexpected Repair	Cost
Small Engines		Yes	190
SCBA			
Gas Meters	720	500	1220
Communications		96	96
Recharges/Refills			1700
Hydraulics			
Ground Ladders			
Air Fill Station		104	104
Bunker Gear	652		652
Tools/Chemicals	200	380	580

ADMINISTRATION

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

Deputy Fire Chief

The CAO and the Fire Department are moving forward on replacing the Deputy Fire Chief position. There have been two advertisements in October 2009 and February 2010 with offers to candidates both times, but both offers were refused by the candidate. The fact that we have been unable to secure a Deputy is putting an immense strain on the timely flow of information internally as well as externally to other departments and/or agencies. The hope is that this situation will be resolved sooner rather than later to maintain the past efficiency of the department in all divisions.

Fire Master Plan

Discussion to be held with the C.A.O. The Fire Master Plan has been approved by Council, but not yet implemented. CAO feels that we need to wait until we have a Deputy before we can implement the other three full time positions as stated in the Fire Master Plan.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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January 2010	Review Hydro One Electricity System Restoration and Safety Information for CEMC's.
March 11, 2010	Confirmation received from Ministry of Community Safety and Correction Services that the Town of The Blue Mountains has fulfilled the requirements for the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2009.
Pending	Awaiting to hear from Blue Mountain Resorts Staff with regards to assisting them with setting up a table top scenario.
Other	Updating – creating Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines which include (Working Alone Policy, Visitor Responsibilities "Draft", Early Safe Return to Work "Draft", MACO SCBA Compression Operation, Asbestos Awareness "Draft"

