



THE BLUE MOUNTAINS FIRE DEPARTMENT
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: May 19, 2009
SUBJECT: 1st Quarter Report – 2009

The Blue Mountains Fire Department

Quarterly Report – January – March 2009

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 2009)

Highlights of 1st Quarter:

- The department responded to 4 working fires, 37 false alarms, 4 pre-fire conditions and 15 other responses.
- Deputy Chief Rob Collins resigned to take a new position as Chief of Port Hope Fire Department.
- The latest recruit program has been completed. Station #1 now has 7 new probationary firefighters and Station #2 has 2 new probationary firefighters. This brings the complement to 21 firefighters at Station #1 and 20 firefighters at Station #2. However, it must be kept in mind that these probationary firefighters are not fully trained, so we are still experiencing problems with having enough trained firefighters to reach our requirements.
- A request for quotation (RFQ) is being prepared by Steve Conn (in the absence of a Deputy Chief) for a Self Contained Breathing Air Compressor which is used for filling the air bottles at both stations.
- A request for quotation (RFQ) for the new furnace at Station 2 is also being prepared by Steve Conn, (again in the absence of a Deputy Chief). The furnace must be replaced before or by Fall of 2009. The new furnace will be larger to accommodate the future expansion for this station.

- **OFM Reporting (Fire Reports to the Ontario Fire Marshal)**

Incident Reports for all fire calls have to be submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal. Each fire call is coded with information about the call and submitted to the OFM via an internet program. Loriena Forsythe has picked up this duty in the absence of a Deputy Chief. This information is collected by the OFM in order for them to have statistics on different types of calls, times etc.

- Telecorder has been installed with the radio system. It allows the department to keep a recording of times of calls, truck arrival on scene, etc.
- Server has also been installed at Station 1. This will allow the computers at hall one to work more efficiently without having to go through microwave links to the town server at the municipal office. We will be able to keep backups of our saved documents and programs. The next phase is the fire department software to replace the Cityview, that does not support a fire module, which would allow for run routes, training, prevention, etc. The benefits of having a fire program are tremendous. First and foremost, it will allow us to obtain stats in an efficient and timely manner. It will save on the paper work that is being done now, as everything will be done on the computer. Fire Prevention will benefit from this system, allowing more efficient tracking of properties inspected, deficiencies etc. Training will also benefit allowing the tracking of training of all firefighters, when re-certifications need to be done for individuals and so on. We will also be able to keep an accurate record of equipment and equipment checks, re-certification of some equipment and testing of others. We will even be able to keep easier track of firefighters hours and wages. Reports will be able to be formatted from the information put into the system, allowing for more effective use of fire data. This overall will make the entire administrative division of the department run more efficiently.
- Collingwood Fire Agreement – Discussions have taken place on an Automatic Aid Agreement but have been put on the back burner, however, we will be continuing with our signed Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Grey Highlands and Meaford Agreements – the agreements with both Grey Highlands and Meaford terminated on April 30, 2009. Verbal and written confirmation has been made with the Chiefs ensuring them that we are available to assist their departments at any time during this transition. The 911 track lines were converted in mid April so they are receiving their own calls at this time.
- 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 locations on fire department properties.

**2009 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 1ST QUARTER
HALL # 1**

Below 50% Attendance	3 Firefighters
50% - 75%	3 Firefighters
76% - 100%	15 Firefighters

**2009 RESPONSE CALLS – 1ST QUARTER
HALL # 1**

Below 50% Attendance	13 Firefighters
50% - 75%	5 Firefighters
76% - 100%	3 Firefighters

**2009 TRAINING PERCENTAGES – 1ST QUARTER
HALL # 2**

Below 50% Attendance	1 Firefighters
50% - 75%	4 Firefighters
76% - 100%	15 Firefighters

**2009 RESPONSE CALLS – 1ST QUARTER
HALL # 2**

Below 50% Attendance	11 Firefighters
50% - 75%	6 Firefighters
76% - 100%	3 Firefighters

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

FIREFIGHTER'S NAME	NUMBER OF YEARS
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

Summary:

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

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

FIREFIGHTER'S NAME	NUMBER OF YEARS
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 Cascone	2
Mike Scott	2
Meghan Loney	2
Cody Zanardo	2
Ian Doherty	Probationary
Michelle Lakoseljac	Probationary

Summary:

21 Years - 1
 19 Years - 1
 18 Years - 1
 9 Years - 2
 7 Years - 3
 5 Years - 1
 3 Years - 1
 2 Years - 8
 Probationary - 2

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

Months January – March

Year 2009

Inspections

Request	10
Institutional	1
Commercial	5
Industrial	1
Assembly	3
Residential	2
Tents	
Display Fireworks	
Public Amusement Area Fireworks	
Total	22

Fire & Life Safety Education

Focus Group	Topic	# of persons
Landmark Design	Fire extinguisher training	30

Distribution of Information

Quantity this Quarter	Quantity Year to Date
100	

Public Service Announcements

Newspaper	Radio
4	

Target Group Support

Target Group	Service
Municipal Office Employees	Preparation of fire safety plan
Commercial properties	Design of a guideline for the use of consumer fireworks until a by-law can be put in place
Management	Design of statistical information tracking
Management	Preparation of Simplified Risk Assessment

Fire Safety Plans

Plans Under Review	Buildings Inspected	Plans Approved
1	3	3

Preplans

Plans Developed	Sites Inspected	Plans Presented to Dept.
2	2	2

Smoke Alarm Program

Dwellings Inspected	Deficiencies Identified
11	4

Fire Code Enforcement

Smoke alarm tickets issued – Part 1	Smoke alarm Infractions Issued – Part 3	Part 3 – Fire Code Violations Registered	Results
2			n/a

Fire Investigations

Property Type	\$ Loss	Possible Cause
Industrial	500	Intentional
Residential	15000	Intentional
Residential	435000	Vehicle electrical
Storage building	50000	Vehicle electrical
Residential	180,000	Careless use

Non- Emergency Responses

CO Alarm	Smoke Alarm	Other
2	1	3

TRAINING
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January – March 2009

TRAINING STATS 1ST QUARTER – 2009 (In House)

January 2009		February 2009		March 2009	
Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2	Station # 1	Station # 2
82 Hours	124 Hours	68 Hours	109 Hours	64 Hours	70 Hours

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

TOPIC	NUMBER OF HOURS
First Aid Scenarios	34
Confined space training / scenario	50
Pumper Operations	48
Firefighters Association Meeting with CAO	58
Interior search & rescue training 18 th SDR	110
Land based water rescue training - harbour	128
Ground Ladders – roof ventilation	30
Monthly truck/equipment/SCBA maintenance checks	170
Component 1 & 2 Testing	36
Portable Pumps	28
Search & Rescue	16
Boards & Keds	18

Ontario Fire College Courses

Firefighters	Ontario Fire College Course	Number of Days
1	CO/101 – Legislation	1
1	CO/601-602 Specialized Rescue	5

Other Outside Training Courses

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

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

****The above mask fit training will allow these firefighters to make sure that all the rest of the complement will be fit tested later this year.**

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Mechanical**

Months - January - March

Year - 2009

Repair Costs

Unit #	Routine Maintenance	Unexpected Repair	Cost
171		Regeneration	100
501	Yes		
501		Brakes/Battery	500
502		Siren, emerg lights	n/a
261		Alternator	3500
503		Siren	n/a
502	Yes		
502		Brakes	250

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

We are still awaiting approval from the CAO regarding the hiring of a new Deputy Fire Chief. This is causing a great deal of stress to all full time staff. Staff are having to carry out their regular duties, as well as the deputy chief's duties. This situation is causing 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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January 29, 2009	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 2008.
February 11, 2009	Received Correspondence from the EMO Sector Officer advising that he will be leaving EMO to pursue a position with the Canadian Military on a full time basis. His interim replacement will be Jason Redlarski until the EMO can fill the position permanently
January – March 2009	Updating Contact Lists – working on updating the contact lists in the annexes with any new changes as well as the Annex “D” resource list. Revised copies will be distributed when all changes have been completed.
March 19, 2009	Attended Grey County CEMC meeting in Owen Sound with regards to Emergency Lodging Survey which was done earlier to help Social Services with Emergency Planning/Lodging.

2009 Call Statistics 1st Quarter

