

would be considered a good number, adding the group started at eleven but once the commitment is fully realized some candidates usually drop out. Ron further noted it is now being considered when the next recruit class will take place.

Joe then questioned how people become aware of the opportunity, Ron replying the Recruit information package is available on the website, it is advertised and also distributed at public events.

Joe then questioned if the recruits were mostly local, A.J. replying the five new recruits have all lived in Town for at least four years. Ron then noted there have been recruits who worked at larger Fire Departments who have joined The Blue Mountains Department and remained.

Joe then commended Fire Department Staff for their recruiting efforts.

Chair Ardiel then questioned if the three recruits at Station 2 lived in the Craighleith area, Ron replying yes.

Ron then reported on a recent review of Department Core Services and Staff were now determining Levels of Service and once finalized, the public should be made aware of the Core Services and accompanying Levels of Service they can expect.

Ron then reviewed annual call statistics, noting annual responses are decreasing, hopefully as a result of fire prevention efforts, with structural fire dollar loss at zero in 2011. Ron further noted false alarm responses are reducing and the False Alarm Policy appears to be working, the end result being money saved.

Ron then reviewed the Annual Prevention Report, noting there were 172 residential fire inspections in 2011. Joe then noted re-inspections have gone from 0 in 2009 to 110 in 2011, Ron noting re-inspections are follow-ups regarding areas of non-compliance from the initial inspection, A.J. noting re-inspections were occurring in the past as well but were not tracked following the initial inspection and now they are being tracked.

Ron then reviewed Fire and Life Safety Education, noting 1,591 person participated in 2011.

Ron then reviewed Fire Code Enforcement, noting fines during the period totalled \$21,375, Gail noting perhaps the Town should be publishing information regarding legislated requirements and the amount of fined collected, Ron replying the courts have become much more supportive of Fire Code legislation.

Ron then reviewed False Alarm letters issued, noting they were steadily decreasing.

Ron then reviewed Training Statistics, noting 38 firefighters attended courses at the Ontario Fire College in 2011.

Ron then reviewed Training and Response percentages for the year.

Steve then reviewed the 2011 Emergency Management Report, noting the Department was proud to have met the 15 elements for compliance with Emergency Management Ontario requirements.

Councillor Gamble then commended the Department for doing a tremendous job in their efforts in fire prevention for the whole community, adding it is important to emphasize prevention which also minimizes cost.

