



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Fire & Rescue Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Doug Pitre, Director Fire Services & Fire Chief, C.E.M.C.

Date to Council: April 23, 2019

Report Number: FIRE-2019-02

Subject: Tecumseh Fire Services - Q1 2019 Update

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That the Tecumseh Fire Services Q1 2019 update presented in the Fire & Rescue Services Department Report FIRE-2019-02 **be received**.

Background

The purpose of this Fire Services Report is to provide Council with an overview of the Tecumseh Fire Rescue Services (TFRS) for the first quarter of 2019.

TFRS provides firefighting protection for the lives and property of citizens of the Town of Tecumseh. Personnel respond to all calls for service, providing firefighting, rescue, emergency medical intervention (including defibrillation), vehicle extrication, shore-based water rescue, and confined space entry rescue.

The Fire Department is a composite fire service operating out of two stations, each with a complement of 20 volunteer firefighters. Station 1 is located at 985 Lesperance, while Station 2 is located at 5520 Walker Road. The department services a population of approximately 24,000, providing fire and emergency medical coverage to a 95 square kilometre area, and responds to approximately 400 calls per year.

Comments

Calls for Service – Volume

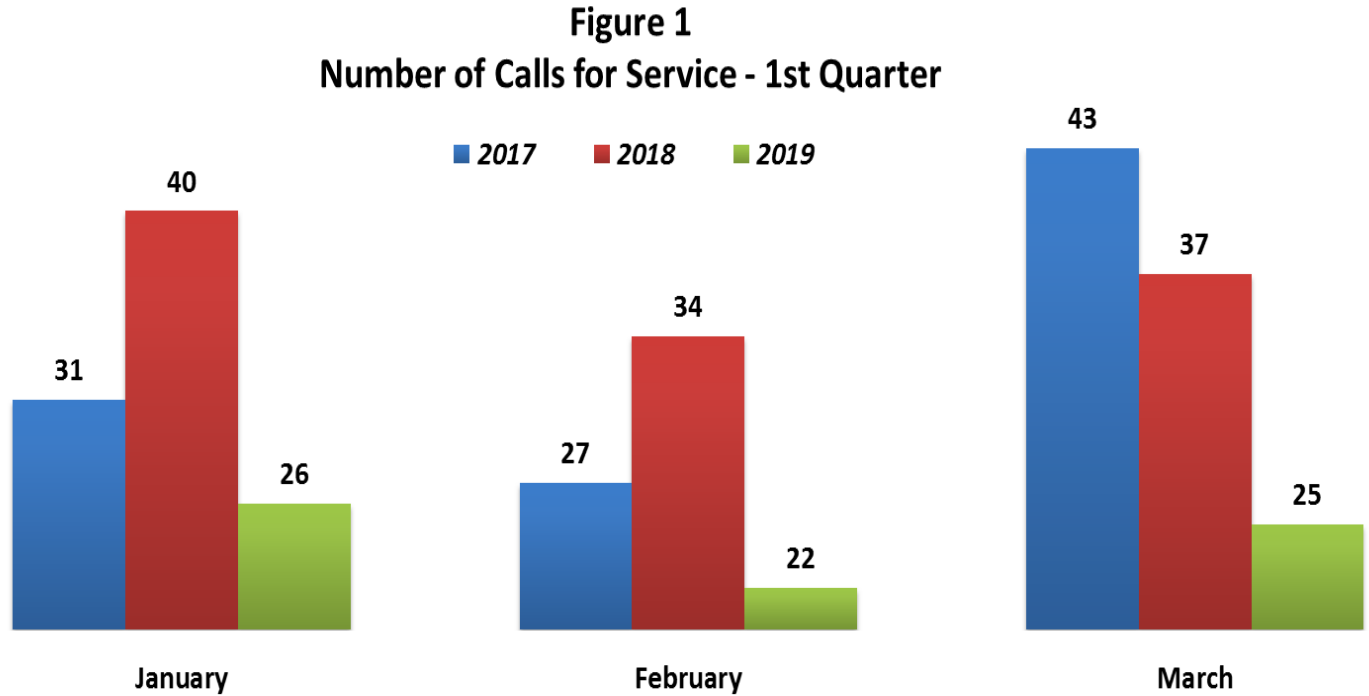


Figure 1 illustrates call volumes for the 1st Quarter over a three-year period 2017 through 2019 on a monthly basis. Calls for service in the 1st Quarter of 2019 included five fires, two vehicle and two garage fires and one no loss outdoor fire. Four incidents involving other pre-fire conditions (no fire) resulted from two overheated mechanical devices and two other pre-fire conditions. In addition, three incidents resulted from open air burning or unauthorized controlled burning.

Public Education and Inspection

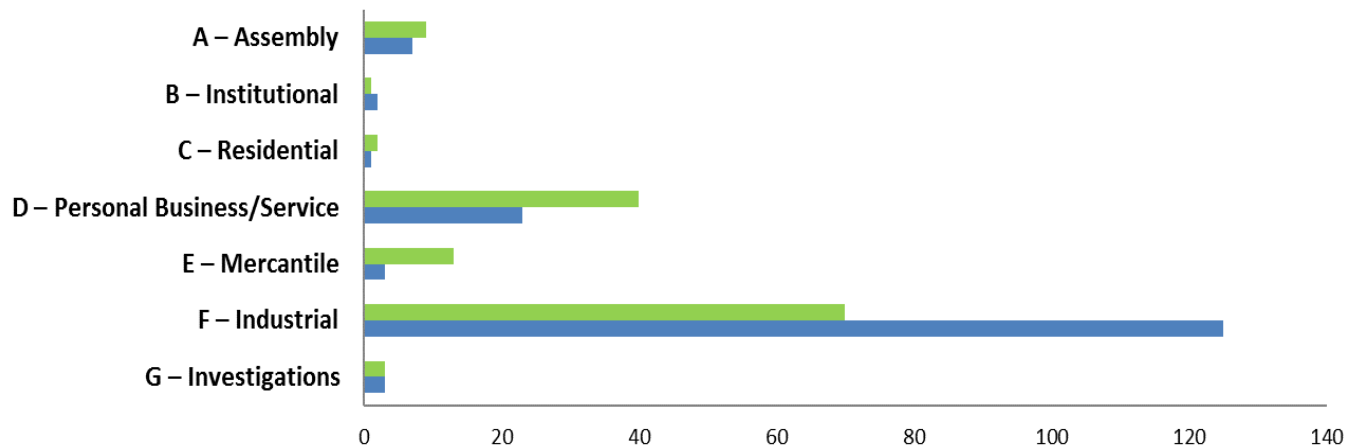
i) Public Education

Fire Station Tours – Public Education/Information tours conducted during the 1st Quarter of 2019 for the following groups:

- Windsor 107th Beaver Scout Group
- Royal Canadian Legion Cadets

ii) Inspection

Figure 2
Inspection by Property Type - 1st Quarter



	A – Assembly	B – Institutional	C – Residential	D – Personal Business/Service	E – Mercantile	F – Industrial	G – Investigations
2019	9	1	2	40	13	70	3
2018	7	2	1	23	3	125	3

Figure 2 illustrates Inspection by Property Type for the 1st Quarter for the years 2018 and 2019.

Two **fire investigations** took place during the 1st Quarter of 2019 regarding garage fires. A fire that began in an attached garage resulted in one person hospitalized for minor smoke inhalation and an estimated \$200,000 in property damage. The cause was determined to be accidental and the fire began in a vehicle in the attached garage.



Q1 – 2019 Highlights

○ Ice Rescue Instructor Training Course

LaSalle Fire arranged with Southwest Fire Academy to provide an Ice Rescue Instructor training course in LaSalle during February. Several Tecumseh Firefighters attended the training that included shore-based as well as “go” rescues. After successful completion of this course, attendees are certified to teach the Southwest Fire Academy course on their behalf within their respective departments.



○ The Road to Mental Readiness (R2MR) Training

Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coordinators provided in-house R2MR training for members of TFRS. The R2MR program exists to build awareness of mental illness and operational stress injuries through education, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to increase understanding and support for these conditions. The goal of R2MR is to improve short-term performance and long term mental health outcomes. R2MR trained members will be able to recognize situations where they, or their peers, require intervention and/or assistance.



o **Tecumseh Firefighters recruited to Windsor Fire (WFD)**

Tecumseh Fire Rescue Service is proud to congratulate four of our firefighters on their successful recruitment to Windsor Fire. They begin their training with WFD April 1st. We look forward to the return of three to volunteer firefighter positions within Tecumseh Fire once they have completed their recruit training and are placed in full time positions with WFD. Tecumseh Fire management acknowledges the exceptional level of training provided by their Captains that enables these firefighters to compete successfully for these positions.



o **Presentation to Networking for Municipal Event Planners Group (NMEP)**

The Fire Chief/C.E.M.C. and Administrative Assistant were invited to a meeting of the Municipal Event Planners Group to present the mock emergency scenario used in the Emergency Exercise in November 2018. The tabletop scenario involved a vehicle used by an individual to cause death, injury and property damage during a large well attended public event. Discussion followed the presentation including the need to review event emergency plans, setup and emergency preparation.



- **Incident Management System (200)**

The Deputy Chief has successfully completed IMS 200, and is continuing leadership courses.

- **High School Cooperative Education Student**

Tecumseh Fire is hosting a high school cooperative education student from a local area high school, Logan Levasseur from Tecumseh Vista. This is a valuable opportunity for this student to experience up close the roles of various fire department personnel, including responsibilities, functions, and administrative duties.



Consultations

None

Financial Implications

None

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of Tecumseh’s current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of the Town of Tecumseh’s plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town’s “continuous improvement” approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town’s leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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