

# **Municipality of East Ferris**

## **Report to Council**

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Date: February 9, 2021

Originator: Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief/CEMC

Subject: 2020 Annual Fire Report

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2020 annual fire report for information purposes only.

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### **BACKGROUND**

This report provides information on the annual activities of the East Ferris Fire Department for 2020.

For Council's information, the Fire Department responded to 77 calls for service with a total of 63 Hours and 39 minutes in 2020.

The average response time from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, from the time a call is received and the first emergency apparatus responding, was 7 minutes with an on-route time of 7 minutes and 10 seconds for an average response time of 13 minutes and 55 seconds for the first apparatus to arrive on scene.

The average time spent for an incident was 51 minutes and 37 seconds. The clock stops once all apparatus and personnel are back in service.

The average number of personnel on scene was 4.86 with a total average of 6.92 responders. Not all members are required on scene and may be stood down.

The total staff hours in 2020 for emergency calls was 394 hours and 12 minutes with an average personnel hours per incident of 5 hours and 7 minutes.

In 2020, the Fire Department responded to 77 emergency calls with an estimated dollar loss of \$140,700.

The department had a total of **9 fire responses** of the 77 emergency calls:

- 6 calls were structure or vehicle fires; 3 structures, 1 shed and 2 vehicles for an estimated loss of \$140,700. The estimated potential value loss is \$16,549,100. The members saved an estimated \$16,408,400 in property value.
- 3 fire responses with no estimated dollar loss including chimney, grass and hydro pole fires.

The Department responded to **68 non-fire calls** that accounted for the majority of the responses in 2020. The number of responses and general breakdown are as follows:

- 4 Controlled burning complaints
- 4 Perceived emergencies
- 5 False carbon monoxide (CO) alarm malfunction
- 3 False fire calls or alarms reported by monitoring companies
- 35 Medical / resuscitator calls
- 5 Other responses, cancelled calls on route, perceived emergencies or incident not found
- 1 Pre-fire conditions with no fire including equipment over heating
- 4 Public hazard calls, gas leaks with CO present, downed hydro lines
- 6 Rescues including motor vehicle collisions, ice / water and off-road responses.

The Department responded to 1 Mutual Aid Assistance call in 2020 in Chisholm

The Department conducted 53 sessions which include training, equipment maintenance, meetings, and public events. The number of sessions does not include inspection of residential or commercial properties.

A 5-year comparison on the number of incidents by group type and total annual emergency calls from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 are included as appendices to this report for Council's information.

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## CONCLUSION

Covid-19 has reduced the number of medical assist calls and the provincial fire ban during 2020 reduced the average response from 160 calls down to 77 in 2020. The fire department members provide 394 hours and 12 minutes for emergency calls and 2,366.00

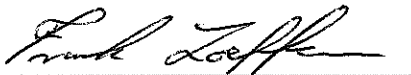
total staff hours for training and other non-emergency activities. A total of 2,760.12 staff hours were dedicated to protecting the community in 2020.

As the Fire Chief, I am proud of the members who have committed to their skills and knowledge training. Their dedication has been reflected in the protection and assistance to residents and visitors of our community. Their professional attitude and presentation towards public safety has been demonstrated in their efficiencies when responding to a call for help.

I thank Council for their ongoing support and for the modern equipment provided to our Department which has greatly assisted in the Department's operations and the safety of our members.

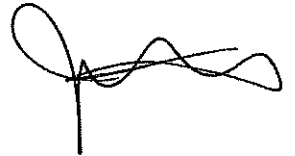
Respectfully Submitted,

I concur with this report  
and recommendation:



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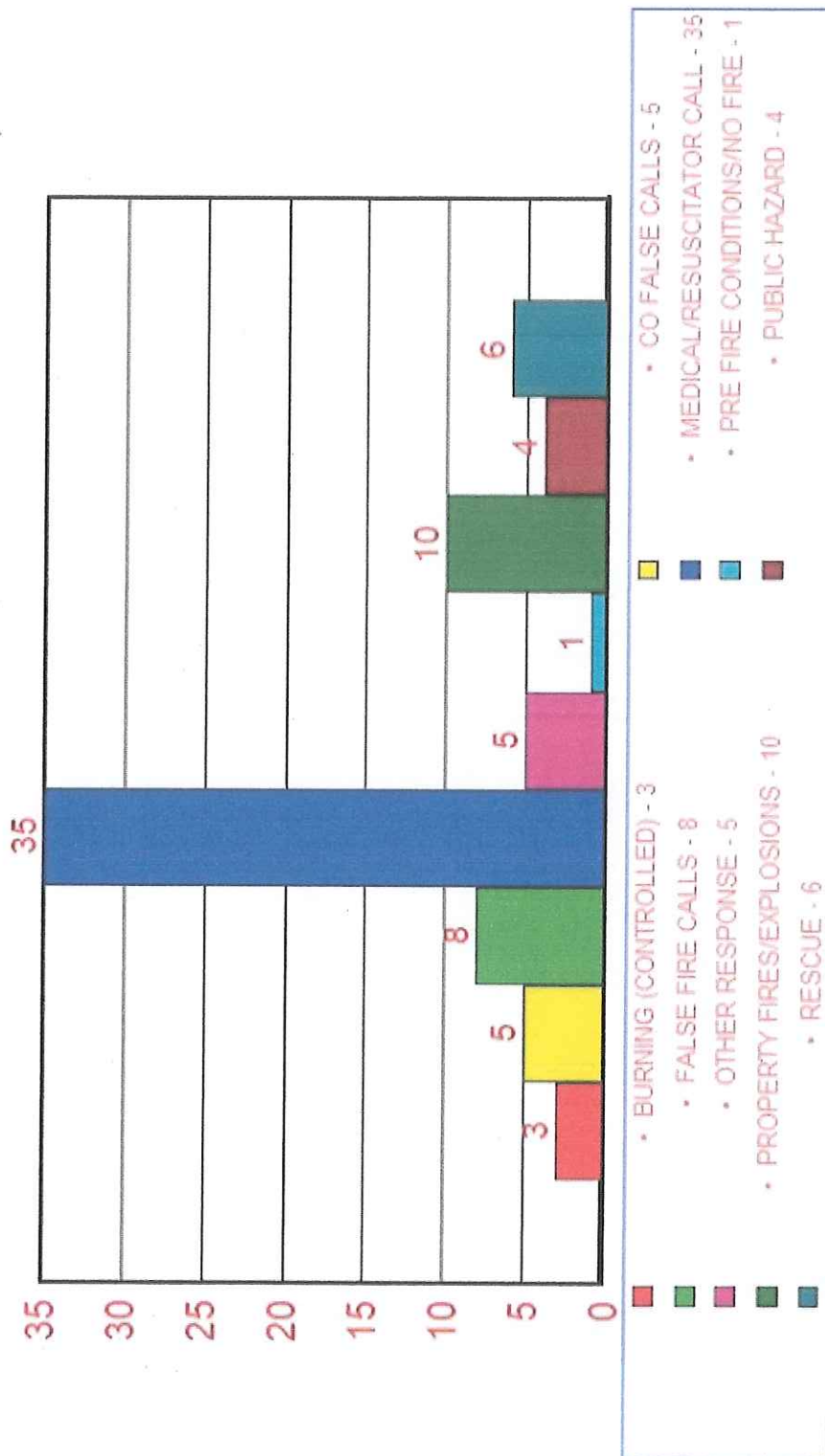
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# Totals by Type (grouped) From Jan 1 20 to Dec 31 20



# Totals by Year

From Jan 1 15 to Dec 31 20

