

Date: October 18, 2016
To: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Robert Grossman, Fire Chief
Subject: 2016 Third Quarter Fire Report

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a summary and an overview of the activities of the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department for the third quarter of 2016.

BACKGROUND

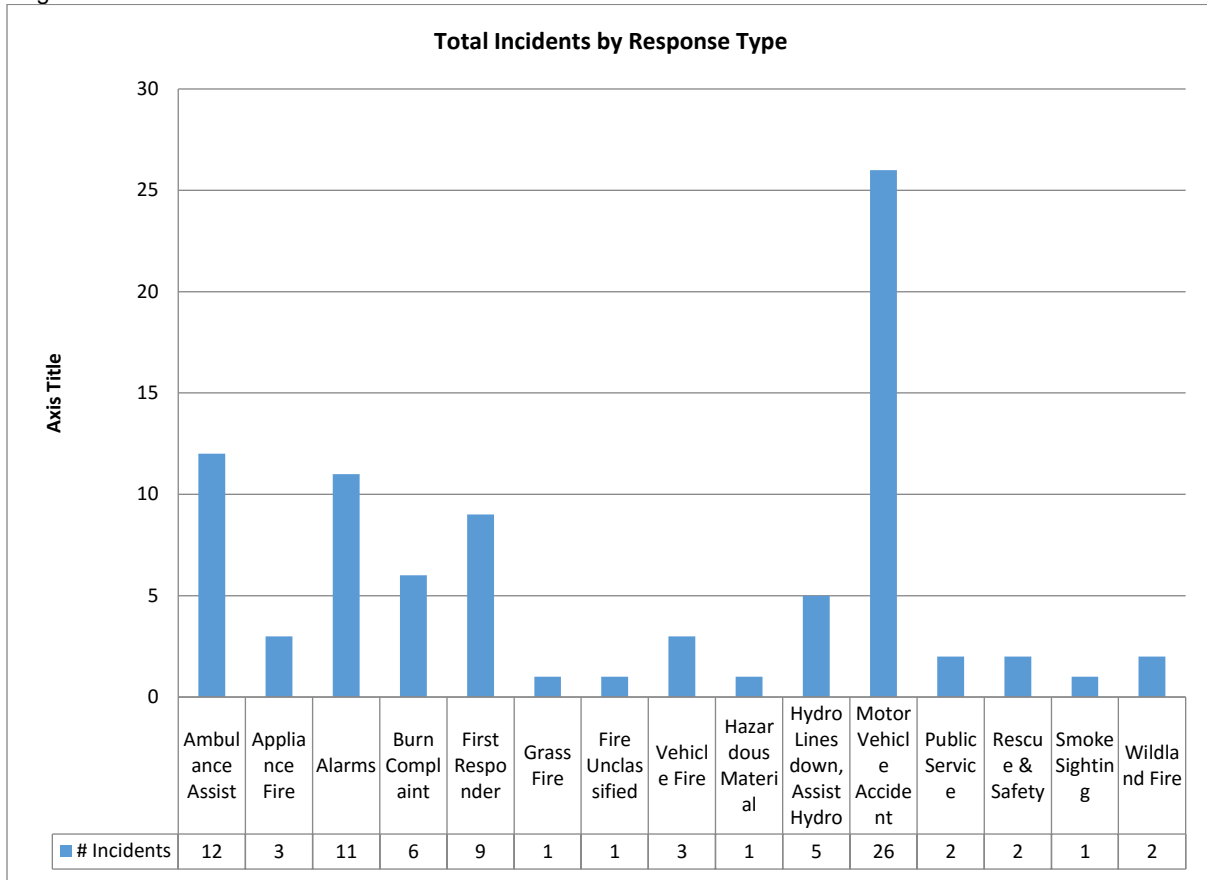
The Village of Pemberton Fire Rescue is a volunteer department that provides service to the residents of the Village of Pemberton as per Fire Establishment Bylaw No. 807, 2016. In addition, the existing Fire Service Agreement with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) establishes that fire protection services are provided to the Pemberton Fringe (SLRD Bylaw No. 10, 1969), Pemberton Meadows (SLRD Bylaw No.1082, 2008), and Pemberton Heights (SLRD Bylaw No. 1083, 2008) as defined within the Agreement.

The Fire Department also provides Road Rescue Service, which involves responding to motor vehicle accidents which can involve extricating patients from the vehicle as well as assisting patients to the Ambulance, as required

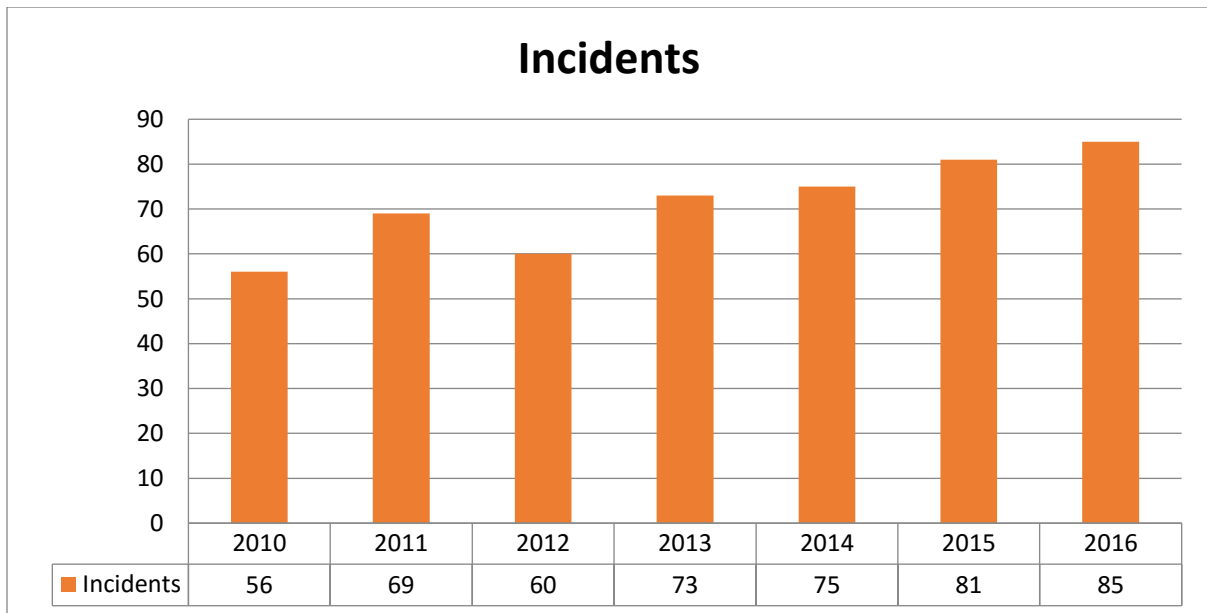
At least twice a year the Fire Department provides an update on the activities of the Department throughout the year.

DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

Pemberton Fire Rescue had an active quarter with a total of 85 incidents for the third quarter bringing the total incidents to 198 for the first three quarters. The chart below shows the type of responses that were attended to during the last quarter.



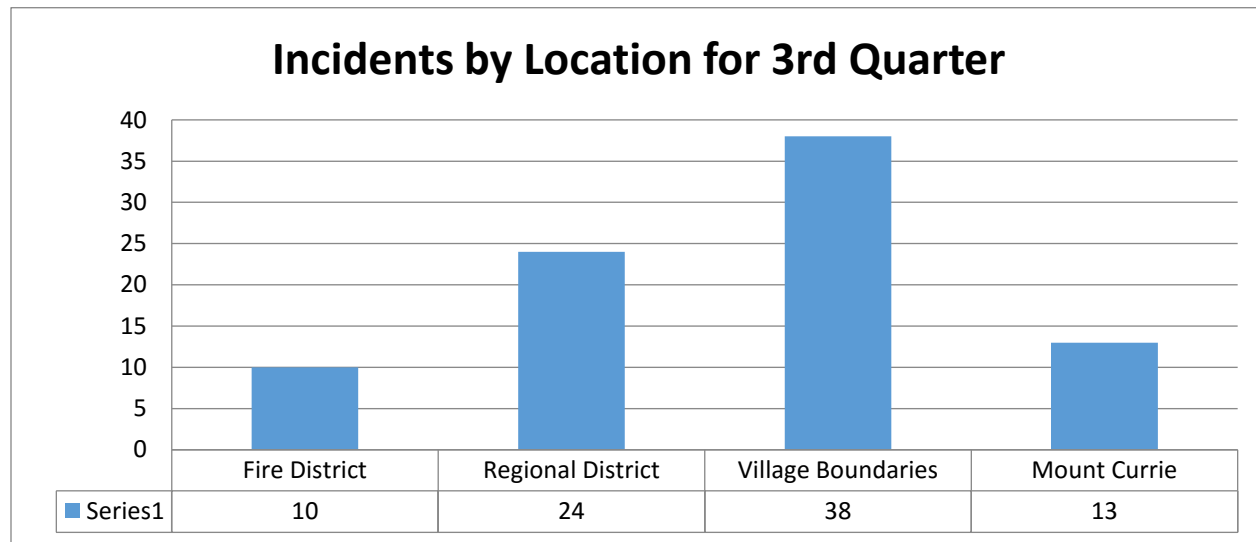
From the chart below there has been a steady increase in the third quarter incidents over the last six (6) years.



The breakdown of the incident reports are categorized into the following areas: Village of Pemberton Boundaries, Mount Currie, Regional District and Fire District.

To clarify the Incidents by location from the chart below:

All incidents that occurred in the Regional District were outside the boundaries of the Fire District, the Village of Pemberton, and Mount Currie. The Regional District calls would include incidents North of Mount Currie, North of the Heights Fire Protection Area and south of the Village of Pemberton Boundaries.



Community Events Involvement:

In the third quarter, Pemberton Fire Rescue provided public service assistance and actively participated in four public events that included: Canada Day Parade, Farmer’s Market, Ironman, as well as helping out with the Pemberton Music Festival.

Tourism in the Sea to Sky Corridor has increased significantly over the past several years and along with more special events being held not only within the Village of Pemberton but the surrounding area. The Fire Department has noted that this increase in activity includes activities that have an element of risk. Although there has not been an impact on first responder availability to the community the Fire Department continues to monitor and adjust operations as required. Through the Special Event and Parks and Public Spaces Permitting process the Pemberton Fire Rescue stays abreast of upcoming events in the area, to ensure that our members and resources are in place so that the impact on first response capacity is not jeopardized.

Recruitment and Training:

In the third quarter Pemberton Fire Rescue issued a call for Volunteers with an aim to recruit more members. Currently 8 members have applied. Interviews are currently underway which includes physical fitness testing. It is anticipated that recruitment will be completed in October with new Members starting in November.

Regular weekly fire training sessions continue to be well attended with more involvement from all Fire Fighters.

The Department is meeting the Office of the Fire Commissionaires playbook training requirements and in the third quarter twelve members completed the National Fire Protection Association 1001 level II firefighter training.

Fire Department Equipment

The Pemberton Fire Rescue Truck committee recently went to Winnipeg to review and sign off on the new Triple Combination Pumper Truck. Delivery of the Truck is expected for later this month.

An equipment review is being conducted in order to establish what equipment will need to be updated and to develop an equipment replacement program.

Fire Prevention

The Pemberton Fire Rescue conducted five (5) inspections in the third quarter, as well as a three (3) statutory declaration inspections regarding suites in homes for the purposes of utility billing. Pemberton Fire Rescue also conducted fire extinguisher training to help members of the community in using a fire extinguisher.

New Fire Establishment Bylaw

A review of Fire Establishment Bylaw No. 68, 1969 and its amendments was identified as a work plan priority for 2016 as a result of changes to the *Local Government Act* as well as in anticipation of the new *Fire Safety Act*. As a result a new Fire Establishment Bylaw was prepared that addressed the following:

- Establishes a clear definition of the services provided by the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department,
- Establishes a clear definition of the areas these services are provided to
- Better defines the role of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Officers and Fire Fighters,
- Defines the role of the Fire Chief and CAO in Fire Department decisions,
- Establishes regulations for fire fighters and members of the public at an incident.

The new Fire Establishment Bylaw No. 808, 2016 was presented to Council for first three readings in July and adopted at the September 13th Regular Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications elements requirements.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING

The preparation of quarterly reports is done in-house and is a component of the yearly work plan for the Department.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL

There are no interdepartmental impacts or approvals required.

IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

The activities of Pemberton Fire Rescue, such as increased fire prevention awareness activities, recruiting additional personnel and acquiring fire rescue equipment, improve upon the current level of service to the Village and those areas within the Fire Service District.

Discussions regarding the Fire Service Agreement between the Village and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District are underway with an aim to complete the negotiations for the renewal of the Fire Service Agreement to Area C by the end of 2016.

As well, staff have been in discussion with Lil'wat Nation respecting a Fire Service Agreement and these negotiations will be included on the 2017 work plan.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

This report is being provided for information and there are no alternative options for consideration.

POTENTIAL GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

The services of the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department and Fire Prevention are in keeping with the Village's *commitment to delivering municipal services at the highest possible level within the scope of our resources.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report be received for information.

Submitted by:	Robert Grossman, Fire Chief, Pemberton Fire Rescue
CAO Approval by:	Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer