

## Milton Fire-Rescue 2013 Annual Report

In 2013, Milton Fire-Rescue's call volume remained consistent with its previous year. The department responded to 732 incidents at an average of two calls per day. The following is a breakdown of those responses:

<b>Fire &amp; EMS Incident Description</b>	<b># INCIDENTS</b>
Building Fire	25
Cooking Fire - confined to container	2
Chimney or Flue Fire - confined to chimney or flue	5
Vehicle Fire	4
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire	14
Outside Rubbish, Trash or Waste Fire	3
Outside Equipment Fire	1
Excessive Heat/Scorch Burns - with no ignition	1
EMS Call - excluding vehicle accident with injury	380
Motor Vehicle Accident - with injuries	28
Motor Vehicle Accident - with no injuries.	33
Search for Person on Land	3
Extrication, Rescue, Other	1
Watercraft Rescue	2
Rescue or EMS Standby	3
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	4
Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	2
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	2
Carbon Monoxide Incident	4
Power Line Down	15
Arcing - shorted electrical equipment	3
Attempted: burning, illegal action, other	8
Service Call	11
Lock-out	3
Water Problem - other	3
Smoke or Odor Removal	2
Animal Rescue	1
Assist Police or Other Governmental Agency	3
Police Matter	5
Public Service	1
Assist Invalid	2
Unauthorized Burning	11
Cover Assignment, Standby or Move up	29
Good Intent Call	21
Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	36
Wrong Location	2
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch Address	5
Authorized Controlled Burning	8

<b>Fire &amp; EMS Incident Description (con't)</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Smoke Scare - odor of smoke	6
Steam, Vapor, Fog or Dust thought to be Smoke	1
False Alarm or False Call - other	7
Sprinkler Activation - due to malfunction	4
Smoke Detector Activation - due to malfunction	3
Heat Detector Activation - due to malfunction	1
Alarm System Sounded - due to malfunction	1
CO Detector Activation - due to malfunction	4
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm - other	2
Sprinkler Activation, no fire - unintentional	1
Alarm System Activation, no fire - unintentional	13
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation - no CO	1
Lightning Strike - no fire	1
Special Type of Incident - other	1
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>732</b>

<b>EMS Incident Details</b>	
Paramedic Intercepts	152
<b>Transports By Hospital</b>	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	236
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	23
Huggins Hospital	5
Goodall Hospital	4
<b>Ambulance Staffing</b>	
Calls with One Medical Responder Available	29
Calls with no Medical Responders Available	48
Patients Transported by Mutual Aid Ambulance	31

In March 2013, the majority of Milton voters supported the construction of a new fire station. Unfortunately, the warrant article only received 57% of the required 60% needed to pass. The vote reassured the department of the resident's support of the much needed facility. Over the course of the summer, the proposed fire station went through a few very minor revisions and the cost estimate was recalculated. The fire station will be placed on the March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 ballot for the fifth time in eight years. The revised cost of the proposed fire station is now \$2,864,000, up slightly from 2013. Although the cost seems high, there are mandates that must be followed in a structure of this type. We must follow building codes, fire codes and industry standards. All of these compliance mandates are designed to protect the facility and the firefighters that are protecting the residents of this town.

The current fire station is plagued with concerns and constraints. The building has been the home of Milton Fire Department since the early 1950's, a time when the department responded to 21 calls of which 11 were for fires at the town's dump. The department's equipment has grown both in quantity and dimension, the demands of the department has grown, our call volume has increased 3,400%, all while the fire station has remained the same. Let us come together as a community and build for our future. Let us put the past behind us and create a fire station all town residents can be proud of. For more information on the proposed Fire and EMS facility please visit [www.miltonfirestation.com](http://www.miltonfirestation.com)

July of 2013 brought with it a new work schedule at the fire station. The fire station is now staffed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM seven days per week 365 days per year with two firefighter/EMTs. The hours are covered using a combination of the two full time firefighter/EMTs and several part time firefighter/EMTs. The primary purpose of this increased coverage is to ensure the ambulance is staffed during our peak call volume. Secondly, the on duty crew will respond to fire related emergencies, conduct training drills, perform inspections, and maintain the fire station and our equipment.

Over the course of this past year the following promotions occurred; Jeff Roub and Jarrod Wheeler were promoted from Lieutenant to Captain. Josh Biron and Justin Bellen were promoted from firefighter to Lieutenant. The newly promoted officers bring with them a great deal of experience not only from Milton but other fire, EMS and public safety agencies. I would like to wish them the best in their new positions.

As 2013 drew to a close the following Milton firefighters completed their EMS training and passed both the EMS practical as well as their written exams; Captain Jeff Roub, Lieutenant Josh Biron, Firefighter Nick Balch and Firefighter Matt Walsh. It is our hope the addition of these new medical responders will help fill the gaps we experience during the overnight emergencies. I would like to thank them for understanding the departments need and taking the time from their busy schedules to complete the required training.

As always I would like to thank the men and women that make up Milton Fire-Rescue. These men and women have pride, spirit and want nothing more than to be able to provide the residents as well as the visitors of this town with the best possible service.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Marique

Fire Chief