

## Milton Fire-Rescue 2014 Annual Report

In 2014, Milton Fire-Rescue's call volume remained consistent with the previous year. The department responded to 715 incidents, 434 were medical related and 281 were fire related. The following is a breakdown of those responses:

<b>Fire &amp; EMS Incident Description</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Building fire	27
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	7
Incinerator overload or malfunction, fire confined	1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	4
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	2
Passenger vehicle fire	7
Water vehicle fire	1
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	2
Forest, woods or wildland fire	6
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
Special outside fire, other	1
Rescue, EMS incident, other	11
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	345
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	27
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	37
Search for person on land	1
Rescue or EMS standby	7
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	5
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	6
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	4
Carbon monoxide incident	6
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	4
Overheated motor	1
Power line down	15
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2
Accident, potential accident	1
Attempted burning, illegal action	1
Service Call	9
Ring or jewelry removal	1
Water problem	1
Smoke or odor removal	3
Animal rescue	2
Public service assistance	12
Assist police or other governmental agency	8

<b>Fire &amp; EMS Incident Description (con't)</b>	<b># Incidents</b>
Public service	3
Unauthorized burning	10
Cover assignment, standby, move up	15
Good intent call, other	17
Dispatched & cancelled en route	53
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5
Authorized controlled burning	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	6
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	3
False alarm or false call, other	4
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	3
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4
CO detector activation due to malfunction	2
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Carbon monoxide detector activation- no CO	3
Flood assessment	1
Lightning strike- no fire	1
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>715</b>

<b>EMS Incident Details</b>	
Paramedic Intercepts	163
<b>Transports By Hospital</b>	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	233
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	17
Huggins Hospital	5
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	5
Goodall Hospital	9
<b>Ambulance Staffing</b>	
Calls with One Medical Responder Available	7
Calls with no Medical Responders Available	3
Mutual Aid Ambulance Required	12

\*mutual aid ambulance required due to multiple incidents or multiple patients 8 times

The average response time for the department is 10.52 minutes. The response time is recorded as the time the department is toned or requested until the time they arrive at your door step. A quicker response time is recorded during the day and it is increased during the evening when the firefighters and EMTs are coming from home. When considering this response time, keep in mind the vast size of our town and the travel times to certain parts of the community. Of the 715 incidents the department responded to in 2014, 128 of them were overlapping or simultaneously

occurring. Milton Fire-Rescue continues to have a reputation of being hard working and dependable and for this reason the department responded to aid surrounding communities 121 times in 2014.

In 2014, there was an immense improvement in our ambulance response coverage. This was the first full year with the station being staffed 12 hours per day with two firefighter/EMTs. In addition to staffing the station, we began scheduling medical personnel to be on call overnight as opposed to the previous voluntary sign up. With the combination of the extended day shifts and the scheduled night shifts our ambulance coverage was at its strongest level in several years. I appreciate the dedication and willingness of our EMS personnel to continue serving the town's emergency medical needs.

On Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, residents will have another opportunity to vote on whether the Town of Milton should build a new fire-rescue facility. This year the vote will be to raise funds to finalize the design in an effort to have the project bid prior to the 2016 Town Meeting. In 2014, the town extended our contracts with the design firms for the purpose of retaining the firms and making changes to the design without incurring additional costs to the town. The design change consists of a reduction in square footage from 12,000 square feet to 9,000 square feet, as well as a more simplistic footprint and rooflines. The reduction comes from a consolidation of space, making parts of the station dual purpose, eliminating extra storage, and reducing the area around the vehicles. The revised design consists of all the same components as the previous plan just on a slightly reduced scale. It is my hope that the town can get behind our new two part approach and move this much needed project forward. The town only has three years left to construct a new station on the property that has been graciously donated by the family of long time Fire Chief, Herbert Downs.

As always I would like to thank the men and women that make up Milton Fire-Rescue for their continuous hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

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