



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Department report

To: Council
From: Bob Foster, Fire Chief
Subject: Fire Department activities
Date: May 28, 2012

Training

- DZ License Training continues - 3 trained and licensed to date.
- Fire Dept. has received Recognized Authority Status through the Ministry of Transportation (no cost involved). This will facilitate driver training as Vehicles will not have to leave the Municipality for Driver training and road testing. Mr. Allan Arcand will act as Signing Authority.
- First Aid recertification complete.
- Three of our firefighters have been trained as operators of the Draeger Live Fire Simulator at the Lyndhurst Training Centre. This will allow us to use our own instructors for live fire training. We will be partnering with North Grenville and each department will provide a vehicle and 4 students so that costs will be reduced. (\$200 facility rental for each department) Fewer firefighters and vehicles leaving the village will also reduce our risk of being caught shorthanded.
- Three new firefighters have been brought on and will receive their recruit training with recruits from North Grenville. The training will take place primarily at the North Grenville Fire Hall with specialized training taking place in Ottawa and Lyndhurst. This is an exciting step forward in cooperation between local Fire Departments which will benefit our firefighters and our communities.

Communications

- No movement on the Glentel Communications Strategy at the Fire Chief's level.

Vehicles

- Tanker 3 is back in commission. It currently acts as a Reserve Tanker for the FD and is useful to Public Works for watering roads. Replacement of Tanker 3 will have to be considered within the next year.
- I am recommending the decommissioning of Pump 3 (1978 International). It can no longer draft water and should be sent to the scrap yard. The elimination of Pump 3 will have little impact on our day to day responses. There have been changes to the Superior Tanker Shuttle requirements but we appear to have sufficient resources to maintain our certification as long as Tanker 3 remains operational. I will keep the CAO and council informed of any changes.

Building Maintenance

- Eaves trough installed at rear of fire hall over entrance.
- Roof repaired over fire hall classroom.
- Fire hall sustained water damage along with the rest of the municipal complex during the May 29th weather event.

Other Business: Project Assist.

The Fire Dept. is the winner of \$5000.00 worth of educational materials from the Ontario Fire Marshall in an Enbridge Gas sponsored program called Project Assist. Our Fire department was one of one hundred fire departments in the province that qualified, an application was submitted and we are one of 20 that were chosen in a random draw.

In return for the educational materials for our firefighters representatives of Enbridge and the Fire Marshalls Office would like a photo op with council sometime in July for a major media launch of this program.

Respectfully

Fire Chief Bob Foster