

# **Corporation of the Township of Brock**

# Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: Fire Department Responses-2024-Q1

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Report No: 2024-PS-003

### 1.0 Issue / Origin

The Fire Chief is responsible for preparing and presenting quarterly and annual reports of all fire department responses to Council.

## 2.0 Background

As per the Ontario regulations, fire department are required to report all fire department responses to the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) for statistical record keeping. The OFM's reporting system breaks down the responses into several categories, dependent on type of response incident tended to by the fire department.

## 3.0 Analysis

#### **Definitions:**

**Code 1-3 Property fires/explosions:** fires related to structures, vehicles, brush/grass, combustion explosions.

Code 11-13 Overpressure rupture/explosion (no fire): steam boilers, hot water, gas pipe rupture, bomb, or dynamite.

Code 21-29 Pre-fire conditions/no fire: overheated mechanical devices, engines, brakes, pot on the stove, lightning, toaster, fireworks.

**Code 31-39 False fire calls:** alarm activations caused by malfunction, accidental, malicious, prank, human perceived emergency.

Code 37-39 CO false calls: perceived CO emergency, equipment malfunction.

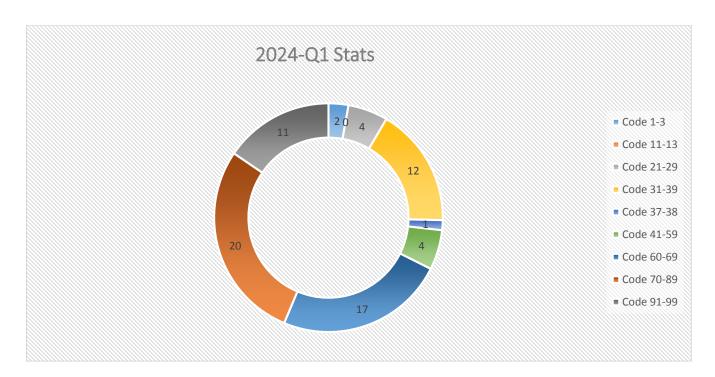
**Code 41 -59 Public hazard**: Gas leak, chemical spill, power lines down, CO incident with CO present.

**Code 60-69 Rescue**: Vehicle extrication, building collapse, water rescue, ice rescue, motor vehicle collision/accident, industrial accident, elevator mishap, trench/confined space/high-low angle rescue.

Code 70-89 Medical resuscitator call: all various types of medical emergencies.

**Code 91-99 Other response**: Assisting police/other agencies, other public services or incidents that do not match other type codes.

| OFM Code | Incident Type                                    | Q1 2023 | Q1 2024 |
|----------|--|---------|---------|
| 1 – 3    | Property fires/explosions                        | 4       | 2       |
| 11 – 13  | Overpressure<br>rupture/explosions<br>(no fires) | 0       | 0       |
| 21 – 29  | Pre-fire conditions<br>(no fires)                | 7       | 4       |
| 31 – 39  | False fire calls                                 | 11      | 12      |
| 37 – 38  | C0 False calls                                   | 1       | 1       |
| 41 – 59  | Public hazards                                   | 7       | 4       |
| 60 – 69  | Rescue   | 16      | 17      |
| 70 – 89  | Medical/resuscitator<br>Call                     | 22      | 20      |
| 91 - 99  | Other responses                                  | 13      | 11      |
| Total    |  | 81      | 71      |



### 4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

Fire Department Establishing Regulating Bylaw

# 5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

None

# 6.0 Asset Management

None

## 7.0 Climate Change Impacts

None

### 8.0 Communications

The statistical information shall be available on Township social media for public viewing.

#### 9.0 Conclusion

Statistical information for Q1 2024 indicates the fire department response percentage is broken down as per the following:

- Medical/Resuscitator Call 28%
- Rescues 24%

- False Fire Calls 17%
- Other responses 15%
- Public Hazards 6%
- Pre-fire Conditions (no fire) 6%
- Property Fires/Explosions 3%
- C0 False Calls 1%
- Overpressure Fire/Explosions 0%

## 10.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report-2024-PS-003 "Fire Department Responses-2024-Q1" be received for information.