



## Mandate

**Keep our community and residents safe through the guidance of the three lines of defense.**

### **Education**

**Fire safety education to mitigate the fire & life hazards before they start.**

### **Inspection & Enforcement**

**If the public education program does not prove effective, then the next step is for the fire department to enforce fire safety requirements through inspections leading to possible charges under the Act.**

### **Emergency Response**

**if the first two lines of defence fail for whatever reason, the community, through its fire department, should be prepared to respond in an efficient & effective manner to put the fire out and/or mitigate the emergency itself.**



# **Fire Department**

## **Divisions: Roles & Responsibilities**

**The Fire Chief/CEMC is responsible for the operation of the fire department & the administration of the Township emergency plan.**

### **Administration Division**

- **Comprised of the Fire Chief & Deputy Fire Chief, responsible for the basic administrative & operational needs of the fire department.**

### **Fire Prevention Division**

- **Deputy Fire Chief is responsible for the operation of the fire prevention division consisting of public education, annual inspections, compliance & code enforcement.**

### **Training Division**

- **Part-time Chief Training Officer is responsible for the implementation of the annual firefighter training program in consultation with the Fire Chief.**

### **Fire Suppression/Emergency Response Division**

- **The Fire Chief & Station District Chiefs are responsible for the day to day operation of the fire stations, operations of fire suppression activity & emergency responses.**



# 2022 Fire Department Objectives

- **Certification of officers & firefighters.**
- **Continue the preparation for the 2023 completion of our Community Risk Assessment.**
- **Develop & implement a more robust fire prevention/public education program.**
- **Continue to prioritize the recommendations of the 2019 Master Fire Plan & plan for the implementation of the recommendations.**
- **Address firefighter specific training requirements, such as live fire training.**
- **Expand the driver certification program to include all Township staff.**
- **Review & update, as required, fire department agreements, bylaws and policies**
- **Implement emergency management training for all Township staff.**
- **Expand the rave Notification System to include township residents.**
- **Expand the use of the Crisys system, Tablet Command, FirePro and Target Solutions.**
- **Maintain fire department equipment as per OHS standards and fire department standards.**
- **Maintain the high standards of emergency responses through training, technology and upgrading of equipment as needed.**
- **Continue to educate fire department personnel coping mechanism of stress, anxiety and PTSD.**
- **Officially Launch the Farm 911 program.**



# 2022 Fire Department Challenges

**As the pandemic continues its presence in 2022, the fire department will continue to be faced with some operational resistances, that may include the following:**

- **Secure timely delivery of fire department equipment.**
- **Hiring & training of new firefighters.**
- **Secure sufficient volunteer firefighter numbers for daytime (weekday) responses & the occasional weekend.**
- **Shortage of regular staff to meet the daily demands of the fire department, departmental data & documentation requirements.**
- **Retention of firefighters.**
- **Certification of officers & firefighters.**
- **Secure the delivery of a live fire training facility and utilize training centers to accommodate the needs of the firefighters.**
- **Manage the time commitment of firefighters and continue to maintain the importance of the firefighters family.**
- **Increase in fire department incidents.**
- **Rising cost to purchase equipment, repair and maintenance of existing equipment.**



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**Effective February 1, 2022 some positive changes were implemented that will not only benefit the fire department, but the Corporation as a whole.**

- Deputy Fire Chief Wayne Ward has vacated his position and has stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of Manager of the IT Department & Township facilities, for a period of one year.**
- The District Chief's & Chief Training Officer will assist in fulfilling the duties of the Deputy Fire Chief during his one year absence.**
- To fulfill the duties of fire prevention and public education the Township has hired FF Katie Dukelow as per a one year employment agreement.**
- The Public Works Coordinator Cathy Gray is assisting the fire department in the capacity of Administrative Assistant one day a week.**
- These changes will be evaluated over the next 12 months to assist in determining the fire department administrative requirements for the coming future.**

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## 2021 Operating Budget Update

Section	2021 Budget	2021 Forecast	Forecast Variance	Notes
Equipment – Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 101,600	\$ 108,700	\$( 7,100)	Specific trucks required tire replacement due to MTO requirements.
Protective Clothing	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	\$ 40,000	PPE ordered but delayed due to COVID, delivery estimated in early 2022, reserve money.
Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,550	\$( 3,550)	Building of training props & C-Can training centre. (Fire Marque).
Burn Permits	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 0	The number of burn permits projected in 2021 were correctly estimated.

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### 2021 Capital Budget Update

Project	2020 Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Status
110' Single Axle Ascendent Platform Aerial Truck	\$ 1,481,000	\$ 1,469,517	\$ 11,483	Not Complete, Deliver Projected June 2022





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## 2022 Operating Budget

Project/Activity	2021 Budget	Proposed for 2022	Information
COVID	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Remain the same, as unknown expenditure for 2022 – will be funded from Rate Stabilization Reserve
Protective Clothing	\$ 40,000	\$ 22,000	Personnel protective equipment replacement program, number of replacements varies year to year & also includes a contingency for gloves, hoods, boots as required.
Uniforms	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	Developed a uniform program & we have a minimum requirement for station wear & we continue to concentrate on dress uniforms.
Firefighter Medicals	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	More consistent amount based on previous budget years.
Equipment repair & Maintenance	\$ 101,620	\$ 129,500	Primarily related to upgrades to specific rescue truck.



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### 2022 Operating Budget

Project/Activity	2021 Budget	Proposed for 2022	Information
Agreements	\$ 26,750	\$ 15,000	Portion of agreements proposed to transfer to IT Budget.
Radio Agreements	\$ 58,000	\$ 68,000	Increase in cost for Oshawa Fire Communication alerting system.

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## 2022 Capital Budget

Project/Activity	2021 Budget	Proposed for 2022	Information
SCBA Replacement Program	\$ 0	\$ 285,000	SCBA's are now 15 years old, implementation of a 3 year replacement program.
Station 83 Renovation	\$ 0	\$ 120,000	Increase height of bay door, remove ceiling tiles & replace windows/doors.





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**Questions?**