

Subject: 2021 Year End Review – Fire and Emergency Services

To: Council

From: Community Safety & Enforcement Department

Report Number: 2022-75

Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

Recommendation:

That Fire and Emergency Services Department Report 2022-75 be received for information purposes.

Purpose:

The Fire Chief has prepared this report to outline the highlights of the Fire Service in 2021.

Background:

The Director of each department has been tasked with providing Council with a yearend review. The review is to provide Council with the insight into various activities/functions that each department provides within the City structure.

Discussion:

Fire safety and fire fighter safety are and have always been the Department's number one concern. All fire deaths are preventable. Unfortunately, fires will always occur, however, through public education and enforcement the Department can save lives and ensure fires are mitigated to a minimal level. Prevention and education are key to a safe community. COVID-19 has created many obstacles to providing fire safety to the community. The Department's dedicated team has come up with many creative ways to ensure residents continue to receive important fire safety messages.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Public Engagement:

Council will note, while reviewing the year end review the many creative ideas staff have put in place to ensure that important fire safety messages are passed along to the residents of Port Colborne.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Service and Simplicity Quality and Innovative Delivery of Customer Services
- People: Supporting and Investing in Human Capital

Conclusion:

The 2021 year-end review is being provided to Council for information purposes only.

Appendices:

- a. Year End Review
- b. Power Point Presentation

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.