



Subject: 2020 Year End Review – Fire and Emergency Services

To: Council

From: Community Safety & Enforcement Department

Report Number: 2021-161

Meeting Date: June 14, 2021

Recommendation:

That Community Safety and Enforcement Department Report 2021-161, be received for information purposes.

Purpose:

The Fire Chief has prepared this report to outline the highlights of the Fire Service in 2020.

Background:

The Director of each department has been tasked with providing Council with a year-end 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 always will be the Department's number one concern. All fire deaths are preventable. Unfortunately, fires will always occur; through public education and enforcement, lives can be saved, and fires mitigated to an acceptable level. Prevention and education are key to a safety community.

COVID-19 has created many obstacles to providing fire safety to the community. The dedicated team has come up with many creative ways to ensure residents continue to receive important fire safety messages.

Fire fighting resources, and properly maintained apparatus and equipment assist in keeping fire fighters safe. Fire staff are now trained to recognized standards and this has been highlighted in the year-end review.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

Public Engagement:

In the year-end review, Council will note the many creative ideas staff have been able to put in place to ensure that the fire safety message is passed on to the residents of Port Colborne.

Conclusion:

The 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:

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