



# Annual Report 2011

## Operations

### Callouts and activities

The Department recorded the following summary of volunteer time for regular training and incidents for 2011. This summary doesn't account for informal time in unrecorded training and home study:

	<u>Practices(hrs)</u>	<u>Incidents(hrs)</u>	<u>Courses(hrs)</u>	<u>Total(hrs)</u>	<u>Incident #</u>
2011	1922	1018	390	3,330	114
2010	2307	620	429	3,356	108
2009	2606	1204	695	4,505	134
2008	2413	840	200	3,453	110
2007	1920	720	380	3,020	91
2006	1858	634	248	2,740	98

### Our incident breakdown:

- 62 medical
- 15 Duty Officer
- 1 false alarms
- 5 brush/beach fire
- 10 Public Service
- 1 rescue and safety
- 4 MVI
- 2 chimney fires
- 5 electrical calls
- 3 structural fires
- 4 ground search
- 1 gas spill
- 1 RCMP assist

Medical calls represented 54% of our total. Interesting to note that we usually have a higher % of medical calls but the industry average has fallen to 50% for the NI 911 area. This seems to reflect an increase in 'other' calls and this is supported by looking back at previous years where the medical to other call ratio used to be above 60% (even up to 74% in 2008). Of course the advertising of the Doctor's pager could also have an effect in reducing medical calls.

One could say that the major incident of 2011 was the search for Orlando. This involved the entire department as well as quite a few members of the community and was a learning process for us in working as part of a large search effort. This is also reflected in the higher number of hours for incidents.

Our department had two interesting milestones this year:

David Cloud retired after serving 35 years in the department and as the first member to ever wear a SCBA in the department he saw the change from our old Scott SCBA to the new generation of Draeger SCBA with high pressure carbon fiber cylinders.

Recruitment is always a challenge and we were fortunate to have Faron join us in February and then Max in December.

We also accepted the resignation of Duncan this year.

The Department ended 2011 with a roster of 13 trained fire fighters, 3 probationary recruits, 2 recruits and 2 auxiliary members.

### Training

Our Training Officer worked hard to have members complete the necessary tests and evaluations to attain certification as Fire Fighter 1. The result was that we had three members finish their courses and achieved their certifications.

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Regular practice planning has been improving thanks to the efforts of the Officers involved in setting them up. A good practice can take a lot of work in the setup and it also requires good participation by the members. This is supported by regular attendance on Thursday nights.

This year, members attended the following off Island courses:

Fire Attack course – 1 member	Positive Pressure Attack workshop – 4 members
Fire Chiefs' conference – 1 member	Emergency Scene Management (1 day) – 2 members
Training Officers' conference – 2 members	Structure & Site Prep workshop – 1 member
Wildfire Urban Interface exercise – 1 member	Non Violent Communication workshop – 5 members
Frontline Leadership course – 4 members	Rescuer Basic Skills – 1 member

This year we encountered a shift in the requirements for First Responder certification and we changed from the Justice Institute to the Red Cross for the course material. We also enjoyed a new type of First Responder training as different crews trained with the Doctor at the new clinic in managing trauma scenarios.

## Fire Prevention

This continues to be a difficult program to deliver consistently and effectively. We do have notable exceptions in our Cadet Camp during the Spring break and in the Summer Fire Patrol as an outreach to the community and visitors.

The web site is also one great way to connect with people and we have Doug to thank for setting this up and keeping it interesting.

Fire inspections of buildings is one part of getting the fire safety message out to the community and we are now underway in sorting out the kinks and making the rounds of the various businesses and organizations.

## Finance

The Operations budget for 2010 was \$179,662 and a Protective Gear and Equipment budget of \$104,200. The Department ended the year with a surplus of approximately \$446

The Protective Gear and Equipment item included \$90,000 for the purchase of the new SCBA and the compressor/fill station. The total budget amount for the Regional District was \$400,000.00

This represented a tax requisition of \$0.8248 per \$1,000 assessed value based on a corrected Hornby assessment of \$441,088,000

## Strategic Planning

### Fire Hall Planning

Very little activity on this again this year as we are waiting for ILMB to complete the paperwork for our application for the 1 hectare parcel of land across the road.

### Community Water Tank Program

The final tank installations were completed toward the end of the year and all installations are now operational.

Landscaping and tank murals will continue next year and we will work on the process to have the larger tanks accepted for certification as fire hydrants by Fire Underwriters. The tanks on Mount Road were certified as such in the fall of 2011.

The fire department is always a rewarding challenge, with something new every day and working with dedicated volunteers who all have the same interests at heart.

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