



Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

From: Jeff Gautreau, Fire chief

Subject: 2024 Q4 Report

Report: ITFD2025-01

This document and its attachments are public and available in an accessible format upon request.

Recommendation

That report ITFD2025-01 be received for information.

Background/Analysis

During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Inter Township Fire Department (ITFD) responded to 68 calls for service, a decrease of 13 calls for service in 2023. In 2024 overall, ITFD responded to a total of 318 calls, an increase of 7 total calls from 2023. Staff note that although call volume in Q4 decreased by almost 17% when compared to Q4 2023, call volume increased by over 3% in 2024 overall.

In Q4, ITFD Firefighters were very active. On Halloween (October 31st), they visited trick-or-treaters in Georgian Bluffs and Sydenham townships. In November, they joined the Owen Sound Santa Claus Parade, participated in the Winter Sparkle and Skate Event, and took part in Jingle & Mingle in Shallow Lake, where they showcased their fire trucks and engaged with the community. The firefighters also worked hard on the annual Toy Drive, which was successful thanks to strong community support. The ITFD extends a special thanks to various local businesses for hosting Toy Drive boxes and contributing to the program's continued success.

Training

ITFD firefighters are dedicated to rigorous training using ResourceOne (IFSTA) Training platform. ResourceOne is the Learning Management System provided by IFSTA, and it's free for use. This platform hosts essential training materials designed specifically for firefighters. ITFD utilizes this module to train in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, ensuring our team remains current and knowledgeable.



The training is well-structured, and features lesson plans that include quizzes, outlines, skill sheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

The training involves the following:

- **Subjects Covered:** 17 subjects in total.
- **Session Hours:** A total of 162.00 session hours allocated for training.
- **Staff Hours:** The training requires a comprehensive investment of 809.00 staff hours.

This structured approach ensures that the firefighters receive thorough preparation across a diverse range of subjects, preparing them effectively for their duties.

2024 Q3 Emergency Response Breakdown

<u>Service Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of total</u>
Burning (Controlled)	2	2.94
CO False Fire Calls	4	5.88
False Fire Calls	6	8.82
Medical/Resuscitator Calls	16	23.53
Property Fires/Explosions	13	19.12
Pre-Fire Condition/No Fire	5	7.35
Public Hazards	1	1.47
Rescue	15	22.06
<u>Other Response</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8.82</u>
Total	68	100%

Strategic Priorities

ITFD's mission is to protect life, property, and the environment in the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the former Sydenham Township (Municipality of Meaford) from all perils through education, prevention, investigation, training, rescue, fire suppression, dangerous goods containment, and life support services.



ITFD remains dedicated to achieving this goal through training, public education, fire prevention, and the use of up-to-date equipment to meet the needs and expectations of the public.

Conclusion

In conclusion, ITFD has demonstrated continued dedication and commitment throughout Q4. Despite a slight decrease from Q4 2024 to Q4 2023, the department saw a modest increase in calls in 2024 overall, reflecting ITFD's ongoing responsiveness and efficiency. ITFD remains committed to rigorous training and continues to be involved in community events, fostering a strong connection with the public. Leading into 2025, ITFD will continue to prioritize both operational excellence and community engagement, ensuring the safety and well-being of all visitors and residents in Inter Township response area.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Gautreau, Inter Township Fire Chief



Report Approval Details

Document Title:	ITFD-2025-01 Q4 Report.docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Jan 9, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Niall Loble, Chief Administrative Officer