

Municipality of Brockton Fire and Emergency Services



2022 – Year End Report





MISSION STATEMENT

“The primary mission of the Walkerton Fire Department is to provide a range of programs to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants of the Municipality from the adverse effects of fire or exposure to dangerous conditions created by man or nature. These programs include, but are not limited to, fire prevention, public fire safety education, rescue, emergency medical aid and fire suppression services.”





Feb 6, 2023

Mayor Chris Peabody and Members of Council

I am pleased to present the Walkerton Fire Departments 2022 Year End report. As you will see in this report there were 153 calls for service in 2022, this is an increase of 31 calls from the previous year.

Calls for service in Brockton under our agreements in 2022 were as follows, Hanover Fire 13, Paisley Fire 8 and Elmwood Fire 14. Calls for service in 2021 were 18, 10 and 36 respectively.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this report, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wells

Director of Fire and Emergency Services

2022 Emergency Responses

Total Emergency responses for **2022 – 153**. Shown below are the percentages and nature of these calls. 2021 numbers have been included for comparison purposes.

Fires – These responses are for fires that require the Fire Department to be called out to extinguish fires that resulted in property damage (Structural, vehicle, agricultural) or other pre-fire conditions.

2021 – 32 (26%) **2022 – 33 (22%)**

Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC's) – These responses as indicated are motor vehicle accidents where our assistance is required to extricate occupants from motor vehicles, assist ambulance in stabilizing patients and removing them from the vehicles, assisting the police in securing the scene, traffic control and the cleanup of hazardous materials such as gasoline, oil etc.

2021 – 25 (21%) **2022 – 37 (24%)**

Medical Responses – The department attends these calls as they are usually life-threatening conditions, e.g. trouble breathing, possible heart attack, lift assists.

2021 – 16 (13%) **2022 – 33 (22%)**

False Alarms – These include fire alarm activations, e.g. human accidental activations, alarm system malfunctions, human perceived emergency, call cancelled on route.

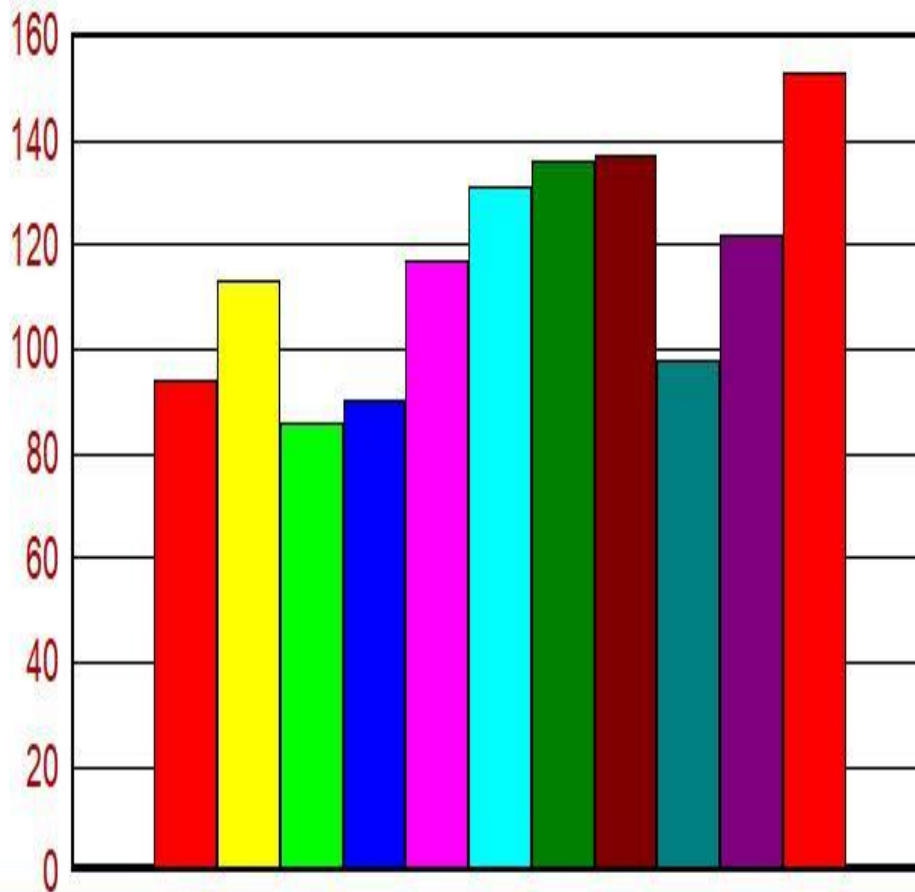
2021 – 29 (24%) **2022 – 33 (22%)**











Other – In this area we cover all the calls that are not specifically listed above. These could include anything from carbon monoxide activations, natural gas leaks, hazardous spills, burning complaints, no loss outdoor fires, unknown odour, rescue, public assistance as well as Mutual Aid assists as required by other fire departments.

2021 – 20 (16%) **2022 – 17 (11%)**

10 Year History of Responses

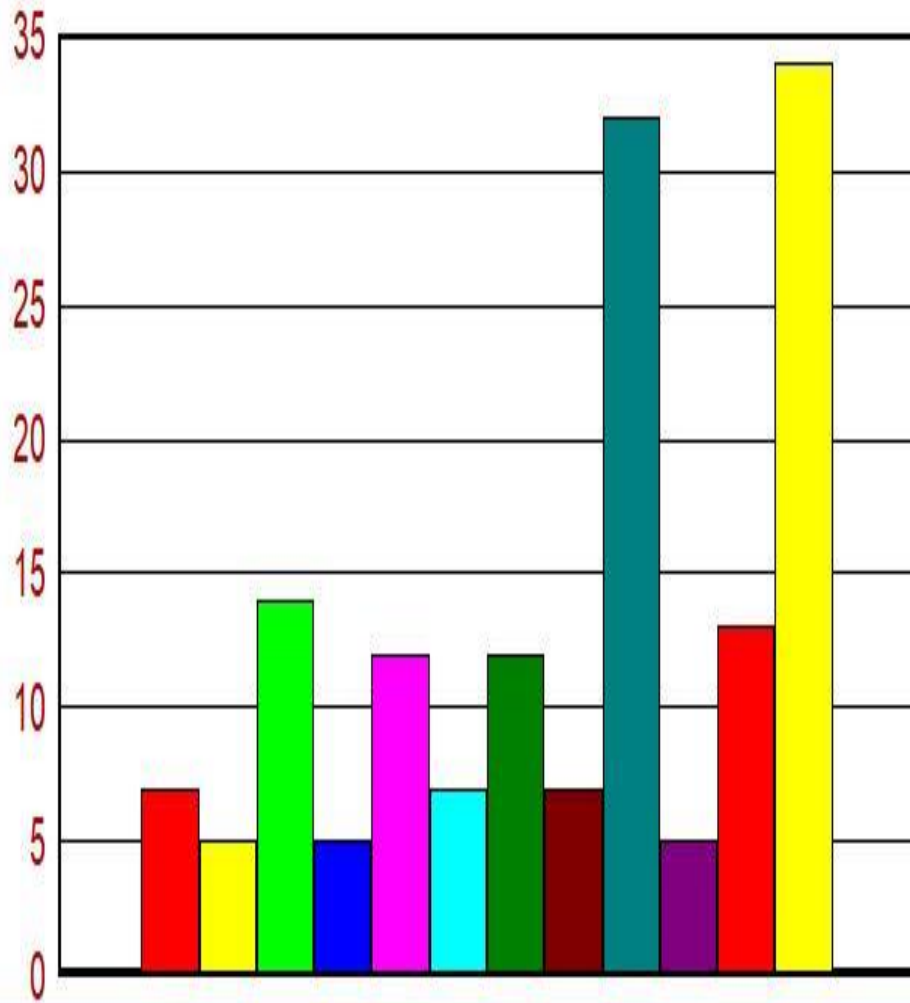
Totals by Year *From Jan 1 12 to Dec 31 22*



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|  | 2012 - 94 |  | 2013 - 113 |
|  | 2014 - 86 |  | 2015 - 90 |
|  | 2016 - 117 |  | 2017 - 131 |
|  | 2018 - 136 |  | 2019 - 137 |
|  | 2020 - 98 |  | 2021 - 122 |
|  | 2022 - 153 | | |

Totals by Type

From Jan 1 22 to Dec 31 22



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| ■ Accident or illness related - 7 | ■ Alarm System Accidental activation - 5 |
| ■ Alarm System Malfunction - 14 | ■ Assisting Other FD: Mutual Aid - 5 |
| ■ Fire - 12 | ■ Alarm accidentally activated by person - 7 |
| ■ NO LOSS OUTDOOR fire - 12 | ■ Other Medical/Resuscitator Call - 7 |
| ■ Vehicle Collision - 32 | ■ Vehicle Extrication - 5 |
| ■ Vital signs absent, DOA - 13 | ■ Other - 34 |

2022 Fire Department Training Summary

2022 ushered in a new era with regards to training in the Province of Ontario. Mandatory Certification was legislated in June of 2022 with a 3-year window to comply with the new legislation. That being said Walkerton Fire Department is in excellent position with a mixture of experience based qualified firefighters as well as a number of recently certified firefighters. In house training events numbered 28 over the year accounting for approximately 1,500hrs of training for department members. Training sessions ranged from in class sessions to practical evolutions at local buildings which had been scheduled for demolition. In addition, several firefighters took NFPA certified courses at the Brockton Regional Training Centre & Bruce Power including Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2 and Hazmat Ops, allowing for high quality training at a much lower cost to the Municipality.



2022 Fire Prevention Summary

School visits and presentations occurred for grades JK- grade 3 throughout the year. The Fire Prevention Officer attended the Children's Safety Village several times when a class from a Brockton school was there on a field trip. The Fire Prevention Week colouring contest was very well received in all three schools.



Continuous fire prevention articles were written throughout the year for The Walkerton Herald Times and the Brockton Buzz. The Fire Prevention Department held several public interaction events such as: distributing over 300 loot bags to the local schools, working with the local grocery stores on a free give away, and combining with the Optimist Club at Christmas time. The Alarm for Life program saw the mailout of a rack card with a fire prevention message and emergency preparedness tips for safety on it to every rate payer in Brockton. The Fire

Prevention Department was also responsible for creating and managing the radio ads for the Grey Bruce Fire Prevention Officers Association radio campaign. This advertising initiative runs from April through to September.

Inspections that occurred were in multi-unit buildings, or created by complaint, and requests from sellers or purchasers of properties. Mandatory inspections and fire drills at the long-term care homes, the Hospital, and the numerous Walkerton Community Living homes were completed without incident.



Social Media: Facebook and Instagram were used to promote fire prevention messaging throughout the year. Monthly, weekly or daily topics were often posted regarding smoke alarms, escape plans, emergency preparedness, and mental health, and product recalls. The focus for 2022 was to encourage our residents to be fire safe in their homes. Based on the increased number of fire deaths in the province, (133- the most in over a decade), and the number of fires in Brockton, a continuous theme of having working smoke alarms was promoted throughout 2022.
