

For Information

REPORT TITLE: 2020 Regional Fire Coordinator's Program Summary

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OBJECTIVE

To provide an overview of the role of the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2020 and areas of support that have been provided in 2021.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Fire Coordinator program assists in ensuring that the most efficient, effective and coordinated response is utilized to mitigate emergency situations.
 - The position of Regional Fire Coordinator rotates among the three Fire Chiefs of Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga.
 - The Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputies have and continue to provide support to the Region's response to COVID-19.
 - Deryn Rizzi, Fire Chief, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services, has assumed the role of the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2021.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator rotates among the three local municipal Fire Chiefs. While one Chief is fulfilling the role of Regional Fire Coordinator, the other two are deemed to be Deputy Regional Fire Coordinators and can assist as necessary. Further, the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates assists the Region and local municipalities during an emergency by ensuring fire resources are available and supported throughout the Region of Peel.

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator includes:

- Coordinating local municipal fire plans;
- Ensuring that local municipal fire plans conform to the Regional Emergency Plan;
- Monitoring and maintaining both physical and human resources during an emergency event;
- Ensuring ongoing communication among local municipal fire services;
- Coordinating communication links with Regional services; and,
- Preparing an annual report on mutual aid activities.

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Ontario's *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (Section 7) identifies the general roles and responsibilities of the Fire Coordinator, including but not limited to the development and maintenance of a local Mutual Aid Plan. In addition, provincial responsibilities of the Fire Coordinator related to operations involving mutual aid requests, are identified in the Province of Ontario Mutual Aid Plan.

2. 2021 Fire Coordinator COVID-19 Support

Both the Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputy Regional Fire Coordinators have provided as needed support to the Regional Emergency Operations Centre throughout the COVID-19 response as well as during both the First Nations Evacuations and Afghan Resettlement events.

Further, both the Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputy Regional Fire Coordinators assisted with issues management associated with the initial operations of the mass vaccination clinics in their respective municipalities.

3. 2021 Regional Fire Coordinator

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2021 has been staffed by Chief Deryn Rizzi (Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services). Chief Rizzi will serve in this role until December 31, 2021.

Throughout 2021, both Chief Bill Boyes (Brampton Fire and Emergency Services) and Chief Darryl Bailey (Caledon Fire and Emergency Services) serves as Deputy Regional Fire Coordinators.

4. Future Regional Fire Coordinator Schedule

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator rotates annually. For the years 2022 to 2024 the Regional Fire Coordinator's schedule is as follows;

Year	Regional Fire Coordinator
2022	Caledon Fire and Emergency Services
2023	Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
2024	Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services

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