

**REPORT TITLE: 2021 Regional Fire Coordinator's Report**

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## **OBJECTIVE**

To inform of the annual Fire Coordinator's report from Chief Deryn Rizzi, City of Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services, for activities 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 the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon.
  - Through the duration of the Region's COVID-19 response, the Fire Chiefs and their respective services supported the Regional Emergency Operations Centre when and where appropriate.
  - Chief Bill Boyes, Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, will be the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2022.
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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.

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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### **2. COVID-19 and Vaccination Support**

Throughout the entire duration of the Region's COVID-19 response and mass vaccination program, the Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinators were in regular and as needed contact with the Regional Emergency Operations Centre. This coordination served to maintain not only communications between the Regional Emergency Operations Centre and each fire service, but also allowed for the ongoing exchange of situational awareness, guidance and timely identification and resolution of operational concerns.

### **3. 2022 Regional Fire Coordinator**

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2022 will be filled by Chief Bill Boyes, Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, with the Chiefs of both Brampton and Mississauga serving as Deputy Regional Fire Coordinators.

### **4. Future Regional Fire Coordinator Schedule**

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator rotates at the beginning of each year. For the years 2022 to 2024 the Regional Fire Coordinator's schedule is as follows:

- 2022 – City of Brampton
- 2023 – Town of Caledon
- 2024 – City of Mississauga

## **CONCLUSION**

The Regional Fire Coordinators program continues to effectively manage mutual aid resources and requests. Further, the program has been leveraged for other community emergencies and significant events as a coordination and efficient situational awareness channel between services. These events include both hosting support to evacuees from Northern Ontario, the resettlement of individuals from Afghanistan and planning efforts for mass vaccination sites in 2021.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix I – 2021 Regional Fire Coordinators Annual Report

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