

## **REGIONAL FIRE COORDINATORS ANNUAL REPORT**

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**TO:** Chair and Members of Regional Council

**FROM:** Deryn Rizzi  
Fire Chief  
City of Mississauga  
2021 Regional Fire Coordinator

**DATE:** February 22, 2022

**RE:** **2021 Annual Fire Coordinators Report**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report titled “2021 Annual Fire Coordinators Report” be received for information.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The following resolution was adopted by Regional Council on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2005:

*That the position of the Regional Fire Coordinator be continued pursuant to the mandate of the Regional Corporation under the Emergency Management Act R.S.O. 1990 c E.( as amended, and its powers as a natural person under the Municipal Act, 2001 to appoint such Officers and employees as it deems necessary.*

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator in the Region of Peel rotates between the Fire Chiefs of the three local municipalities located within the Region on an annual basis. Fire Chief Deryn Rizzi (Mississauga) was the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2021, Fire Chief Bill Boyes (Brampton) is the current Regional Fire Coordinator (2022), and the Fire Chief for the Town of Caledon will take on the role and responsibilities in 2023.

### **Mutual Aid Activities in 2021**

The mutual aid services responded to eleven (11) mutual aid requests in 2021. The following table details the requests.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>RESPONDING MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>REQUESTING MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>Description of Incident/Request</b>
March 21	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Township of Amaranth	Standby

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March 21	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Orangeville	Standby
March 31	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Orangeville Fire	Standby
June 2	Caledon Fire Emergency Services	Orangeville Fire	Fire
June 16	Halton Hills Fire	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services	Grass Fire
June 16	Orangeville Fire	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Fire Prevention Officer
June 22	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Orangeville Fire	Alarm Bells
July 7	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Water Rescue
July 14	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services	Fuel Spill
October 23	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Orangeville Fire	Standby
November 11	Orangeville Fire	Caledon Fire & Emergency Services	Fire

These resources included response to incidents with apparatus for additional support or water supply, stand-bys at other stations in neighbouring municipalities in the event of large incidents and fire prevention/investigation expertise.

### **Ontario Fire Marshal**

On June 18, 2021 the Fire Chiefs from the three municipalities (Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga) met with Ryan Lock, a Fire Protection Advisor from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management regarding Mutual Aid and discussed roles, responsibilities and compliance.

### **Committees/Meetings**

All three Fire Chiefs are members of the Joint Fire Communications Centre (JFCC) Advisory Panel. The Chiefs met four times in 2021 to discuss topics which included the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) replacement project, Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), and staffing.

In 2021 the Emergency Services Chiefs created the Regional Emergency Services Coordinating Unit (RESCU) to enhance the effectiveness of the emergency response system in Peel Region by facilitating communication, co-ordination and inter-agency collaboration effecting emergency responders and allied services. The formation of RESCU provides Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) strategic direction in policy development and operational issues related to emergency first responses.

RESCU is be comprised of the following members of Peel’s Emergency Services:

- Peel Police Chief
- OPP Inspector
- Peel Paramedic Services Chief
- Brampton Fire Chief
- Caledon Fire Chief
- Mississauga Fire Chief
- Great Toronto Airport Authority Fire Chief

The discussions have focused on the development, implementation and revised measures to emerging issues and trends, which will lead to a unified incident management structure during a large-scale emergency incident. Dependant on the nature, types and duration of emerging issues, we have a Joint Emergency Services Operational Advisory Group (JESOAG) comprised of senior police, fire and paramedic services personnel with subject matter expertise to research, develop and implement inter-agency protocols as well as strategies for joint professional development, training, technology implementation, in addition to operational and tactical considerations. RESCU provides strategic direction on policies and operational issues to the Joint Emergency Services Operations Advisory Group (JESOAG).

### **Conclusion**

The coordination of mutual aid requirements is managed well under the current structure. Individual resources are managed by the local municipal service. Requests for assistance are made through the request to the Joint Fire Communications Centre. Once approved by the responding agencies, resources are deployed and the Fire Coordinator or alternate Coordinators are notified via email.

Sincerely,



Deryn Rizzi  
Fire Chief