

Appendix I
2019 Regional Fire Coordinator's Report

TO: Chair and Members of Regional Council

FROM: Bill Boyes
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2019 Regional Fire Coordinator

DATE: September 14, 2020

RE: **2019 Annual Fire Coordinators Report**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report titled "2019 Annual Fire Coordinators Report" be received for information.

BACKGROUND:

The following resolution was adopted by Regional Council on December 15th 2005:

That the position of Regional Fire Coordinator be continued pursuant to the mandate of the Regional Corporation under the *Emergency Management Act* R.S.O. 1990 c E.9, as amended, and its power as natural person under the *Municipal Act*, 2001 to appoint such Officers and employees as it deems necessary.

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator rotates between the Fire Chiefs of the three municipalities located within the Region on an annual basis. Fire Chief Tim Beckett (City of Mississauga) was the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2018, and Fire Chief Bill Boyes (City of Brampton) was the Regional Fire Coordinator for 2019. Fire Chief Daryl Bailey (Town of Caledon) has assumed the position as of January 1, 2020. When the Fire Chiefs are not acting in the capacity of Regional Fire Coordinator, they are designated as alternate Fire Coordinators to act in the absence of the Fire Coordinator.

MUTUAL AID ACTIVITIES IN 2019

There were 23 formal mutual aid requests in 2019.
Mutual aid was provided by the following municipalities:

- Brampton – 7 incidents
- Caledon – 16 incidents
- Mississauga – 0 incidents

These resources included response to incidents with apparatus (aerial, tankers) for additional support or water supply and stand-bys at other stations in neighbouring municipalities in the event of large incidents.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Conferences

The Fire Coordinators were in contact with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office and although they did not attend the 2019 Coordinators conference, the Fire Coordinators did follow up to ensure compliance with any new policies or procedures through an in-person meeting with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office regarding roles and responsibilities.

Committees/Meetings

All three Fire Chiefs are members of the Joint Fire Communications Centre (JFCC) Advisory Panel. This Committee met on several occasions in 2019. Some of the main topics discussed were the computer aided dispatch (CAD) replacement project, upgrade to the JFCC back-up centre, the CRTC approved network upgrade Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), transitioning all networks to Internet Protocol (IP) and the review of the EMS/TIFF-Allied Agency Notification technology platform which interfaces the provincial EMS CAD with the Joint Fire Communication Centre CAD.

Conclusion

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

Sincerely,

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2019 Regional Fire Coordinator