



Fire Service Update 2021

Public Safety Committee – October 27, 2021



SAINT JOHN

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Presentation Agenda

- Common Council Priorities
- Fire Service Goals
- 6 Critical Fire Services
- 2021 Fire Statistics
- Training Division Update
- Fleet and equipment funding strategy
- SJFD – Positioned for Growth
- Questions

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Common Council Priorities

Council Priorities
2021 - 2025



GROW



GREEN



BELONG



MOVE



PERFORM



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Fire Service Goals

- Public Safety Services supports the community in achieving its long-term vision of being a safe, livable community where people want to live, work, shop, and play. Services are delivered to help improve the safety and well-being of all citizens with a focus on creating safe liveable neighbourhoods that provide opportunities for individuals to develop and grow.

Organizational Goals

- To focus on **GROWTH** and support Council's priorities of GROW – GREEN – BELONG – MOVE – PERFORM.
- To establish the City of Saint John as a service-based, results oriented, high performance public service organization.



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6 Critical Fire Services



Fire-Rescue & Suppression



Technical Rescue



Fire Prevention

Hazmat



Medical Response



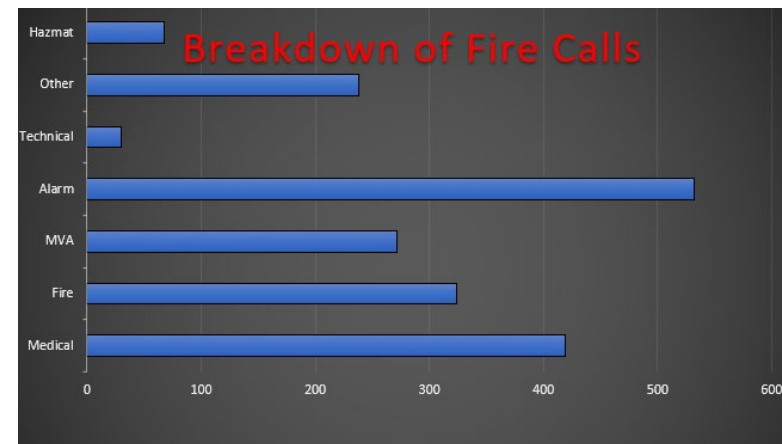
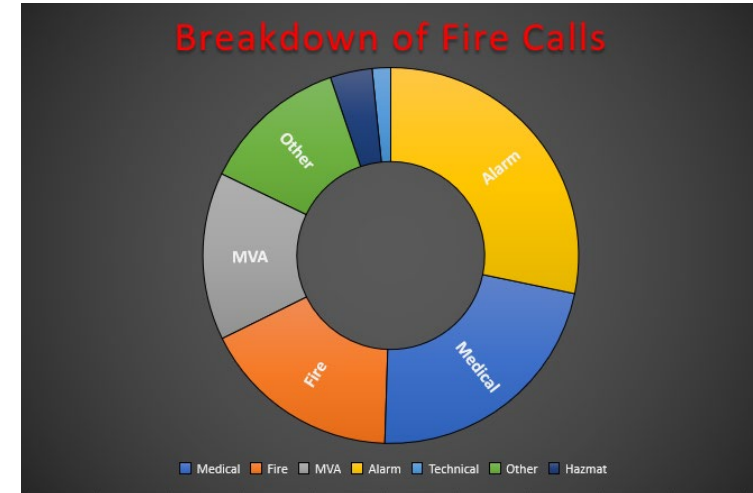
Fire Investigation



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2021 Fire Statistics

Type	Number
Structure Fires	39
Cooking Fires	18
Chimney Fires	2
Appliance Fires	7
Vehicles Fires	29
Grass Fires	70
Refuse Fires	71
All other Fires	88
Medical First Responder Calls	419
Motor Vehicle Accidents –No Extrication	272
Victim Extrication – MVA	12
Confined Space Rescue	13
Water / Ice Rescue	5
Hazardous Materials Emergency Response	68
Electrical / Arcing	47
Service Call	124
Cancelled en route	50
False Calls	130
False Calls – Malicious	29
Alarm System Malfunction	86
Unintentional Alarms	287
All other Calls	17



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- Transition Model 132 & 20
- Fee for Service By-Law
- Fire Marque - \$37,993
- COVID-19 Medical Call response adjustment
- Hazmat Tech Course (SJFD/Fred/NBCC/OFM)
- Technical Rescue
 - Rope rescue
 - Rescue Boat
- Fire Prevention Relocation

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Training Division Update 2021

- **TRAINING DIVISION 2021**

- The Training Division is comprised of a Division Chief, a Captain, and 2 Lieutenants. There was significant turn-over in this division in 2021. Except for the Division Chief, all other personnel in the division are new to the division.

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- **2021 Fire Training Services Accomplishments and Performance**

- Acting Platoon Chief Roster (Spring 2021)
- Professional Development Program for aspiring Fire Service Leaders
- Incident Command competence enhanced through courses and training
- Training complex addition completed – Hygiene Initiative
- Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) implementation on the fire grounds
- \$58K value of training provided to Irving Oil as per the training agreement
- ADMS Fire Training Simulator is now installed and curriculum is being developed
- SCBA Technician Course – 6 firefighters certified to perform SCBA maintenance and repairs
- Potential recruit class early 2022



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Fleet and Equipment Funding Strategy

Current Heavy Fire Apparatus and Specialty Equipment

STATION #1	ENGINE 1	LADDER TOWER 1	PROVINCIAL HAZMAT	SPECIAL OPS TRUCK	TECH RESCUE & ARGO
STATION # 2	ENGINE 2	TANK 2			
STATION # 4	RESCUE 4	SPARE ENGINE 9			
STATION # 5	LADDER 5	SPARE LADDER	SPARE ENGINE 8	JON BOAT	F3 COMMAND
STATION # 6	ENGINE 6				
STATION # 7	ENGINE 7	TANK 7	AIR SUPPLY TRUCK	BOSTON WHALER	

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Fleet and Equipment Funding Strategy

- The department has been working towards supporting the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment from the operating budget.
- Historically fire apparatus, specialty vehicles and protective equipment ie., Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Turnout Gear have been purchased with capital funds.
- This transition from capital to operating represents approximately 780k that has been moved from capital to operating.
- The fire department relies on very little capital funding. Capital funds have been used to repair the physical fire stations.
- Funds from Fire Marque help sustain this model of funding from the operating budget

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SJFD Positioned for GROWTH

- POMAX Consulting awarded the contract to perform the fire service review
- The purpose of the review is to design, develop and deliver an implementation plan in a 15-year strategy as to how to achieve the best possible fire service while in accordance and aligned with the financial policies adopted by the City of Saint John.
- Actively working on the report.
- POMAX transitioning from data collection to data analysis
- Draft report should be completed late 2021 or early 2022.



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