

Date: April 28, 2025
 From: Fire Chief/By-law Enforcement Officer Cole
 Re: Activity Update

Recommendation:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Departmental Activity Update as presented.

Activity	Action Taken	Status
Fire		
Fire Officer Development	Scheduled	June 2025
Firefighter Instructor Course	2 members	ongoing
Fire Fighter 2 training	Seven members to write certification exam	April 26, 2025
Fire Fighter 1 certifications	2 members	April 2025
35 fire calls to date	Jan – 1 alarm 1 gas leak 3 medical 2 MVA 2 fire drills Feb – 7 alarm 2 medical 2 MVA 1 rescue 1 public hazard(gas leak) 1 train blocking tracks Mar – 2 alarm 4 medical 1 MVA 1 fire drill 2 public service 1 structure Apr - MVA	
250 Burn permits issued to date		ongoing
Fire Games 2025	Association attended games meeting in Almonte	Final stages of implementation
Fire Games fundraiser March 22 At Community Center	Successful event	Approximately 175 people attended

Hazardous Materials Certifications	2 members training	To be complete in June
M&L Supply compressor testing	Annual machine testing	complete
M&L Supply performed FIT testing	All members equipment tested	complete
Fire Drill at Roses Bridge LTC		complete
Preparing for 2026 training deadline	All members	ongoing
\$400 grant from Ministry of the Solicitor General -Fire Protection (additional funding)	Cancer prevention measures	Purchased PPE for all members
Implemented SOG for procedures with Aerial ladder training	Distributed to members	Complete
Chief attended Q2 Chief Officer		complete
Fire fighter Food Drive- County wide	Campaign complete	\$5600 in cash donations Over 3000 lbs of food
Chief & CAO met with EMS	To determine if housing an ambulance would be viable	ongoing
Created a Firefighter newsletter for members	To improve communication	monthly
Attended Roses Bridge and Hilltop Manor to ensure sprinkler system compliance	Working with owners and staff	ongoing
Fire Fighter Recruitment Program	Organize open house for applicants	5 applications received to date
Maintaining website and Facebook with relevant safety posts	Daily information	ongoing
Participated in walk though with 4S Consulting to determine platform for Health & Safety	Planning stages	ongoing
Prepared & Submitted Fire Prevention & Public Education Grant	\$1000 for public education	complete
Prepared & Submitted Application to become Canadian Red Cross Training Partner	Application submitted	Awaiting approval
Emergency Management Committee	Action Items	Complete from Q1

Completed Records Mgmt with Consultant	Fire records organized	Complete
Met with PSTrax for fleet inventory control	To gather information	ongoing
High volume received and bedded		complete
By-law		
ARIS – MTO Agreement for issuing parking fines	Require AMPS bylaw for parking	ongoing
Working with Clerk on parking bylaw	Require new wording	ongoing
2 Open Investigations	ongoing	By-law and fire
Issued 2 Non-Compliance letters	ongoing	By-law
Created new By-Law Enforcement tab on Website	Launched	ongoing
Maintaining Website and Facebook with safety messages	Daily	ongoing
By-Law Officer met with Sargent from the OPP	To discuss joint efforts	ongoing
Completed Records Mgmt with Consultant	ByLaw records organized	Complete
Parking infractions to date	February – 7 tickets issued March – 10 tickets issued April – 1 ticket issued	February – 7 tickets paid March – 7 tickets paid April – not yet paid