

Date: March 24, 2025  
 From: Brad Cole, Fire Chief/By-law Enforcement Officer  
 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.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Fire</b>		
Fire Officer Development	Scheduled	June 2025
Fire Fighter 2 training	Seven members In progress	Testing in April
Fire Fighter Instructor Level 1	2 members	April 2025
February fire calls – 14 March fire calls - 5		
Fire By-law fee schedule cost recovery burn permits	Researching options	ongoing
Burn permits	January 108  February 27  March 14	16 walk ins 92 online 9 walk ins 18 online 2 walk ins 12 online
Fire Games 2025	Information distributed to businesses	Sponsorships being accepted
Eastern Ontario Fire Association meeting	Merrickville Fire Association attended	Information given to departments attending and participating in the games
Fire Games fundraiser March 22 At Community Center	Tickets being sold by members	ongoing
Preparing for 2026 training deadline	All members	ongoing
\$8630 grant from Ministry of the Solicitor General -Fire Protection	Cancer prevention measures	ongoing
Fire fighter Food Drive- County wide	Campaign active	March collection of food Ongoing by Dept
Attended Snowflake Festival	Food drive collected 70-lbs of food and cash donations	On going through March

Food drive March 9 at Food Market	Collected food and cash donations	ongoing
Natural gas training	Training to be provided by Enbridge	Ongoing
Attended Roses Bridge and Hilltop Manor to ensure sprinkler system compliance	Working with owners and staff	ongoing
Launch Fire Fighter Recruitment Program	Posted to Facebook and website	ongoing
Maintaining website and Facebook with relevant safety posts	Daily information	ongoing
Collaborated with CAO on potential WSIB platform for training and records management	Planning stages	ongoing
First Quarter Emergency Management meeting	Action Items to be addressed	ongoing
Collaborate on Records Management Retention Program	Records being addressed	ongoing
Several safety issues regarding CO calls and snow covered 911 numbers	Addressed	Complete
Co-ordinated dress uniform fitting	8 members fitted	complete
<b>By-law</b>		
Review of By-Laws to be efficient when dealing with public	Daily	ongoing
ARIS – MTO Agreement for issuing parking fines		ongoing
3 Open Investigations	ongoing	Working toward solution
Maintaining Website and Facebook with safety messages	Daily	ongoing
Creating a fillable form for on-scene reporting	implemented	ongoing
Enforcing Highway Traffic Act – pushing snow on the road	Site visits, Facebook posts, website posts	Education and enforcement - ongoing
Parking tickets January 2025 February March	7 tickets issued 6 tickets issued 4 tickets issued	5 paid 6 paid 3 paid - ongoing