

Date: May 26, 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.

Activity	Action Taken	Status
Fire		
Fire Officer Development	Five members Scheduled	June 2025
Fire Fighter 2 training	Seven members completed	All certified
Fire Fighter Instructor Level 1	2 members completed	Both Certified
March fire calls - 11 April fire calls – 6 May fire calls - 8		48 calls to date
Burn permits	353 at time of this report	Risk level is 2
Chief attended OAFC Conference in Toronto	Data & Analytics Course taken	Great networking
Fire Games 2025	30-day meeting held on May 13, 2025 Information signs posted at all entrances to the Village Sponsorship support has been overwhelming	Twelve participating Fire Departments attended EOFA Fire Games June 13 & 14 th Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze - \$20k to date
Applied for Canadian Red Cross Training Partnership	Application being reviewed	Mid-June
Preparing for 2026 training deadline	All members	ongoing
Submitted Fire Prevention Grant for \$1000	Application being reviewed	June
Fire fighter Food Drive- County wide	Successful campaign completed	Over \$10k in donations 6000- lbs of food

Assisted with Medical & Traffic at Heritage Classic 10 th Anniversary Run	April 26 2025	Great turnout despite the rain, funds being donated to the Fire Dept
Fire Prevention Week May 4-10	Attended Merrickville Day Nursery School	Held a 'Colouring Contest' of Sparky – collected beautiful artwork
	Attended Sainte Marguerite Bourgeoys & Merrickville Public School	Challenged children to a Fire Safety Escape Plan Contest – 1 st prize – pizza lunch for class with the most plans completed
Merrickville Day Nursery School to visit Fire Hall	2 groups to visit	May 22 & May 30
Fire Drills at schools	May 6 & 13	Successfully completed
United Counties Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness to Wounded Warriors and stigma around Mental Health of First Responders	Chief Cole & Deputy Chief Wilson were nominated	Both accepted and completed the challenge Video footage available to view on the Fire Department Facebook page
Fire Department Open House to meet 5 applicants and their families	Chief Cole & Officers met with applicants	Q&A and a tour of the hall was provided
Maintaining website and Facebook with relevant safety posts	Daily information	ongoing
Completed Fire Safety Plans For 2 County Housing properties		Complete
Fire Officer meeting	Discussed applicants	Ongoing
Platoon training	Weekly	ongoing
Large group training	Bi-monthly	ongoing
Collaborate on Records Management Retention Program	Records being addressed	ongoing
FIT testing of Breathing Apparatus	All members	Complete
Recorded ALL fire fighter certifications for review	All members	Complete
Participated in Pitch In initiative	With other Municipal staff	April 29 2025
Collaborated with Public Works on Canada Day		ongoing
Inspection at 1840 Guest House	Under new Mgmt	Complete

Met with Manager of Wags, Whiskers & Wings Pet Store	Pet Safety & Rescue Initiative	Collaborating with Gus Stringle at Merrickville Vet Services
By-law		
Review of By-Laws to be efficient when dealing with public	Daily	ongoing
Review of By-Laws to be updated	Working with Clerk	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
Parking tickets January 2025 February March April	7 tickets issued 6 tickets issued 4 tickets issued 2 tickets issued	5 paid 6 paid 4 paid 2 paid