

Grande Prairie Fire Department

Highlights

- Deputy Chief Trevor Grant and Chief Training Officer Phil Tufford have developed a in house Officer courses to be delivered to our staff, this will replace the need to send our staff out of town to obtain the required training. The in-house developed course meets the requirements for the staff to receive recognized certification and the course content is based on local content. (NFPA 1041 Level I and level II.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee announced the annual award winners for 2020. The Firefighter of the Year award was presented to Lieutenant Ryan Ulrich and the Dispatcher of the year award was presented to Alaina Mcleod. There were other awards presented as well as several long service awards.

Projects and Initiatives

Administration

- Deputy Chief Trevor Grant continued to support the ECC operations in support of the Covid-19 outbreak. The Fire Department worked closely with OH&S, Procurement and GRPEP to support with the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Fire Chief Preben Bossen attended the AFRRCS Governance Council Meeting, these meetings are held quarterly, the Council provides direction to the AFRRCS Operations group.
- The Fire Department is currently conducting a recruitment drive, in order to fill four vacant positions on the Department. Over 200 applicants expressed interest in the positions.
- The Fire Department have hired Marcelle Velve to fill a maternity leave on our valued admin team. Marcelle started in early March and will fill the position for up to 18 months.
- Deputy Chief Trevor Grant and Fire Chief Bossen attending Peace Regional Fire Chiefs Association meeting via zoom. This is a great way for us to stay connected with the region and find way we can support each other.

Charitable Foundation

We'd like to welcome a few newly elected members to the Charity committee. Your new Charity Committee consists of:

Justin Davidson – Chairperson
Riley Boomgaarden – 1st Vice Chairperson
Cody Lockert – 2nd Vice Chairperson (Treasurer)
Mark Brazier – Committee Member
Janais DeJong – Committee Member

After a quiet 2020, our new team is eager to get started fundraising for 2021.

Donations:

Swanavon School – In February we made a \$500 donation to Swanavon schools home learning program to help students who were unable to afford certain programs and devices needed throughout the school year for at home learning.

A former RN in Grande Prairie who stopped producing bone marrow 10 years ago, had been approved for a consult and pending treatment at the Mayo clinic in Minnesota. Cost for travel and expenses were substantial. A Go Fund Me page to raise \$30k was created. The GPFFCF donated \$1000.

Amber brought to our attention a local mother and family who has been through unimaginable tragedy over the past few years. A Go Fund Me account was created to help pay for expenses, the goal of 10k was raised locally within one week but the GPFFCF has decided to donate a \$300 presidents choice gift card to the family as well to help ease some financial stress.

Parkside Montessori Coin Drive – Before the Christmas break, the students at Parkside Montessori School held a coin drive fundraiser for Sparky's Secret Wish which raised \$1500 for our campaign. The students and staff were extremely grateful for the donations we made to a few of the families at their school and are very eager to make this coin drive an annual event.

Upcoming Events:

8th Annual Golf Tournament (August 29th) – We are determined to host our largest fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to provide a safe, covid friendly event, slightly different from past years. We will be switching to an online registration system, online silent auction, and take-home gift baskets dinners instead of a banquet.

Hockey Pool – We have one month to go in the regular NHL season. Our hockey pool was great success. We were able to sign up 87 teams and to raise \$1460 through the Office Pools national fundraising program.

Leadership Award – The Leadership award request has been sent to all high schools in the city and we have begun accepting applications from grade 12 students for our bursary. The application deadline has been extended to May 30th.

McHappy Day – This event usually held in the beginning of May is being postponed to a later date in the fall tba. We will need volunteers once a date is confirmed.

AB Food and Drink Expo – Postponed to August 28th. We will be looking for volunteers once we get closer to the event.

Aquatera Bottle Program – Back in November we had applied for the Aquatera bottle donation program as a fundraising idea for 2021 and we have fortunately been awarded the month of September for their program. Anyone who donates to the 'Charity of the Month' in the month of September at the two main bottle depots will be donating their refunds to the GPFFCF. In the meantime, anybody who would like to continue donating their recyclable bottles directly to the charity can now use the new drop off points at the two main bottle depot locations in town. Please just write **#2258** on the bags and leave them in the drop points.

We welcome any fundraising ideas (especially Covid-19 friendly ones) that our members come up with to benefit the Grande Prairie Firefighters Charitable Foundation and our community.

Monthly Statistics

JANUARY						
List	Monthly Statics			Year to Date		
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
911 Calls	5682	5810	5295	5682	5810	5295
Fire Department – Total	245	383	453	245	383	453
Medical Co Response	133	220	354	133	220	354
Motor Vehicle Collisions	16	45	35	16	45	35
Fires	21	23	11	21	23	11
Other Responses	18	18	14	18	18	14
Alarms	57	77	39	57	77	39
Total	6172	6576	6201	6172	6576	6201

FEBRUARY						
List	Monthly Statics			Year to Date		
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
911 Calls	5076	5116	4585	10758	10926	9880
Fire Department – Total	231	291	417	476	674	870
Medical Co Response	115	181	279	248	401	633
Motor Vehicle Collisions	15	22	39	31	67	74
Fires	15	12	18	36	35	29
Other Responses	25	10	14	43	28	28
Alarms	61	66	67	118	143	106
Total	5538	5698	5419	11710	12274	11620

MARCH						
List	Monthly Statics			Year to Date		
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
911 Calls	5430	5535	5329	16188	16461	15209
Fire Department – Total	272	301	468	748	975	1338
Medical Co Response	148	193	361	396	594	994
Motor Vehicle Collisions	15	23	18	46	90	92
Fires	21	16	16	57	51	45
Other Responses	21	9	11	64	37	39
Alarms	67	60	62	185	203	168
Total	5974	6137	6265	17684	18411	17885

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