

TO: CITY MANAGER 2003 July 23

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2003

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information relating to the Fire Department's activities for the second quarter of 2003

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

During the second quarter of 2003, this Department responded to 2,429 incidents.

1.0 FIRES

During the second quarter the Department completed 13 fire investigations with losses totaling an estimated \$991,880.00 They were due to the following act or omission:

3	Arson or set	\$ 118,050
3	Human Failing	218,500
1	Misuse of Material Ignited	5,000
10	Miscellaneous- Cannot be determined	650,250

2.0 TRAINING DIVISION

The March 2003 recruit class completed their firefighter training in April. The class attended two days of Live Fire Training at the Fire and Safety Training Centre in Maple Ridge. This marked the last recruit training activity for Chief Training Officer Bob Barclay. Chief Barclay retired on June 30. The recruits attended a one week First Responder course prior to being assigned to regular duty.

The spring training block was scheduled from April 7 to 16. Sixteen officers attended a Shipboard Firefighting for Land Based Firefighters course. Eight members received a four day Fire Boat Instructor course.

Also during the training block, ten senior firefighters attended the first week of a two week Pool Officer course. Four Lieutenants attended an in-house Dispatcher's Workshop.

Following the training block the Training Division conducted lectures for all shifts on Fire Incident Safety Officer and Emergency Incident Rehabilitation.

A representative from Hubb Fire Trucks conducted two one day training sessions on our new Compressed Air Foam Unit. Members of our Driver Training Team attended these sessions and have been scheduled to carry out on shift training of all operational personnel.

3.0 FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

During the second quarter the Division put in place a new Fire Prevention Training Program. We also initiated a Department Pre-Incident Planning Program which outlines details of buildings such as hose connection, fire panel and/or hazardous material locations, etc. so attack plans and operations can be prepared more quickly.

Fire Prevention staff assisted the Public Education Division by sending two members to participate in Tim Horton's Burn Camp Day, June 11th, at the 4191 Lougheed store.

Among the many meetings that took place during this quarter was one with Building Department and Fire Prevention staff regarding inter-departmental procedures.

The official launch of the Burnaby Fire Department's Fire & Safety Challenge interactive CD took place on 2003 June 30 at the Firefighters' Banquet Hall on Bonsor Ave. Division staff assisted with this event in a variety of capacities.

Courses and workshops attended by Division staff were Fire Investigation Level I, Risk Assessment, Junior Firesetter Program and an in-house Fire Investigation workshop.

4.0 PUBLIC EDUCATION DIVISION

The Burnaby Fire Department "Fire and Safety Challenge" interactive CD was launched during the second quarter. On hand at the press conference were Burnaby dignitaries as well as representatives from other Fire Departments, organizations and business.

There are a number of businesses, parent groups, charities and fire departments interested in the CD for their various programs.

Work began on planning Fire Prevention Week which takes place in the second week of October. The CD will make up a large part of the program we will be offering this year. Due to the successful result achieved last year, we will be working with Lougheed Town Centre to host this year's program.

5.0 FIREFIGHTER INJURIES

“No” time loss:

Exposure to communicable disease/body fluids	13
Exposure to Smoke/Hazardous Materials	1
Minor burns, lacerations, contusions, sprains, strains	11


Time loss - 196 shifts:

Fractures, Contusions, Lacerations	3
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6.0 CITIZEN INJURIES

Unfortunately, an adult female died from smoke inhalation in an apartment fire during this quarter.

Additional statistical information relating to the Department's activities for the second quarter of 2003 is attached to this report.


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Fire Chief

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cc: Councillor N. Volkow

BURNABY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2003 2nd QUARTER REPORT (April, May, June)
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	2nd Quarter		Cumulative	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
INCIDENTS				
Building Fire	138	129	262	222
Vehicle Fire	43	42	85	84
False Alarm	116	145	261	260
Public Service	59	53	112	119
Medical & Cardiac Emergencies, etc.	976	1,001	1,977	1,967
Accidental Alarm	412	480	892	918
Motor Vehicle Accidents	383	346	729	701
Other (Rubbish, Needless, etc)	288	266	790	443
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,429</u>	<u>2,462</u>	<u>4,803</u>	<u>4,714</u>
COMPLETED FIRE INVESTIGATIONS	13	14	30	56
ESTIMATED LOSS	991,800	270,223	1,610,500	2,263,471
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION				
Inspections	774	245	2,111	1,582
Orders Issued	74	91	163	186
Fire Investigations	87	105	167	234
Assist Fire Investigation	3	23	15	69
CITIZEN INJURIES	0	0	0	8
CITIZEN DEATHS	1	0	1	0