

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 May 19

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2006

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information relating to the Fire Department's activities for the first quarter of 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

During the first quarter of 2006 this department responded to 3,199 incidents. This is down, slightly, from the first quarter of 2005.

1.0 FIRES

Ten fire investigations were completed during the first quarter with losses totaling an estimated \$273,000. They were due to the following act or omission:

1	Misuse of source of ignition	\$ 1,000
1	Misuse of material ignited	1,500
3	Mechanical/Electrical Failure/Malfunction	16,000
2	Human Failing	112,500
3	Undetermined	142,000

2.0 TRAINING DIVISION

Hazmat and Driver Training have reviewed and rewritten their training manuals, lesson plans, certification training needs and Operational Guidelines. Seminars were then held during the first quarter of 2006 using these new materials.

Our CPR recertification began in the first quarter and should be completed soon. All First Responder instructors attended a child birthing course. This component will be included as a module in the First Responder Level 3 course.

A Senior Officer Training course was held during this quarter, with members eligible for the Chiefs' positions in the Operations, Training and Fire Prevention Divisions.

Wildland firefighting training began in the first quarter and will continue into the second quarter bringing a new level of ability for our Department to fight these kinds of fires.

General training that took place during the first quarter included:

- First Responder Course – 35 members completed the 4 week “on shift” course
- First Responder Level 3 – 9 members completed the 1 week “off shift” course
- Restricted Radio Operator Instructor – 8 members
- Driver Training – 4 instructors completed course requirements
- Driver Training – 6 new driver instructors
- Driver Training – 2 members certified as assessment officers for Air Brake courses

Fit testing of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is almost complete. SCBA mask fitting ensures our members in, hazardous environments, do not inhale harmful gases. Yearly competency evaluations were also done for all members in SCBA confidence.

3.0 FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

During the first quarter of 2006 Fire Prevention staff attended various in-house and external training courses: Preliminary Plan procedures for Captains; Office Procedures; Senior Officers' Course and Fire Investigation.

The Division responded to requests for Fire Department participation in the community. Trucks were displayed and fire extinguisher demonstrations presented at a number of community events during the first quarter.

Division staff continued with its contribution to the city task force on problem premises, notably dealing with buildings open to intrusion.

4.0 FIREFIGHTER INJURIES

	No Time Loss	Time Loss
Exposure to communicable disease/body fluids	20	0
Exposure to Smoke/Hazardous Materials	12	0
Minor burns, lacerations, contusions, sprains	15	3

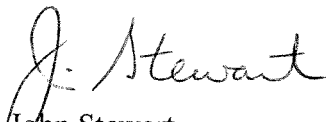
5.0 CITIZEN INJURIES

Unfortunately, during this quarter, one adult male lost his life in a residential fire which is still under investigation.

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The following injuries were sustained in four separate fires:

1 Elderly male	Smoke Inhalation
1 Adult male	Smoke Inhalation
1 Adult female	Smoke Inhalation
1 Child female	Smoke Inhalation
1 Adult female	Smoke Inhalation
1 Teen female	Smoke Inhalation


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FIRE CHIEF

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BURNABY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2006 1st QUARTERLY REPORT (January, February, March)

1st Quarter

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
			<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
INCIDENTS				
Building Fire	97	120		
Vehicle Fire	37	34		
False Alarm	196	145		
Public Service	138	193		
Medical & Cardiac Emergencies, etc.	1,677	1,821		
Accidental Alarm	437	464		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	337	355		
Other (Rubbish, Needless, etc)	280	121		
 <u>TOTAL</u>	 3,199	 3,253		
 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	 10	 11		
ESTIMATED LOSS	\$273,000	\$205,236		
 FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION				
Inspections	1,274	1,281		
Orders Issued	2	23		
Fire Investigations	176	166		
Assist Fire Investigation	89	15		
 CITIZEN INJURIES	 6	 1		
CITIZEN DEATHS	1	0		