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Cold Lake Fire-Rescue Fire Calls, Accomplishments and Events

<u>Fire Calls – 47 in total</u>

During the month of August there were forty-seven (47) fire calls that Cold Lake Fire-Rescue (CLFR) responded to. CLFR responded to two (2) structure fires in the MD of Bonnyville. The first fire was for a kitchen fire where fire crews were able to get the fire under control quickly and then used the thermal imaging camera (TIC) to ensure the fire was extinguished. The fire was deemed nonsuspicious. The second fire was for a fully involved single family residence on CLFN149 with black smoke coming from the entire roof area. Fire crews were able to get the fire under control quickly, used the TIC to ensure extinguishment, and then turned the scene over to CLFN FD. The fire was deemed suspicious. CLFR responded to five (5) vehicle fires. Three were automobiles and two were travel trailers. One of the automobile fires and one of the travel trailer fires were deemed suspicious. CLFR responded to seven (7) motor vehicle collisions (mvc) during the month with none requiring extrication. and most requiring varying degrees of scene safety, traffic control, patient care, packaging, and removal. Two were rear-ender collisions, two were vehicle versus pedestrian incidents, one was a T-bone collision, one was vehicle versus parked car, and one was a vehicle being struck by an unsecured piece of plywood hitting the windshield and spraying glass over the passengers. Of the nine (9) alarm calls CLFR attended, all fire alarms were deemed to be false alarms. Six alarms were residential fire alarms, one was a commercial/institutional fire alarm and two were CO alarms. The fire alarms activated included: four from cooking smoke, one due to HVAC maintenance, one due to candle smoke and for a pull station being pulled but no fire. The two CO alarms were investigated with CLFR equipment with nothing found and ATCO also attended. CLFR responded to two (2) rubbish fires at the transfer station for fires in the C&D pile. Fire crews extinguished the fire and ensured there were no hot spots. Both fires were deemed suspicious. CLFR responded to two (2) hazmat incidents. One was in the Cold Lake Marina for an oil/gas spill where fire crews were able to contain the spill and clean up the mess. The second incident was for a venting 20 lb. propane tank at a local gas station. Crews were able to isolate the tank, stop the leak and ensure the scene was safe. CLFR responded to one (1) rescue call for a person stuck in an elevator. While responding crews were stood down as the elevator started to work and the occupant was no longer trapped. Finally, CLFR responded to nineteen (19) public/agency assistance calls. The agency assistance calls included seven EMS response calls which included five lift assists, one to provide initial Medical First Responder (MFR) services as ambulance response would be delayed as out of area and one building access. The twelve public assistance/good intent calls included three warming fires, three smoke sightings, one crash notification with nothing found, one flooding basement for a broken line in the basement were fire crews were able to shut off the main supply, one fire sighting which was a propane fire pit, one for a loud pop with power loss which turned out to be a blown breaker on a power pole, one odor investigation with nothing found and one called in as a water rescue which turned out to be paddle boarders using flashlights at 1030 PM and thought to be distress signals.

During the month CLFR responded thirty-six (36) times within City limits and eleven (11) times in the MD of Bonnyville. Evening responses [1600-2400] (22) were the highest response times at 46.81% followed by daytime response [0800-1600] (16) at 34.04%, with overnight response [0000-0800] (9) being at 19.15%.

Accomplishments and Events

- Fire Inspections; Western Financial Group-Aug 14, North Star & CL Day Care-Aug 16.
- > Tours; Day Care Aug 23, Kids Time Out Aug 26, International students Aug 28.
- > Protective Services 2025 service levels & budgets completed and submitted to GM.

August 2024 Fire Responses

** At the end of August 2024 Cold Lake Fire-Rescue has responded to 281 calls as compared to 283 calls at the end of August 2023 and 301 at the end of August 2022 **

(36-City Calls, 11-MD Calls, 0-Sask Calls)

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