

Union Bay Fire Rescue Annual Report 2018-2019



Mission Statement

The Union Bay Fire Rescue is committed to providing professional, efficient and effective services to all residents and visitors of Union Bay.

Our mission will be accomplished through training, education and fire prevention.

When called upon we will....

- **Provide a professional response to a emergency**
- **Attempt to minimize loss of life and property from fire, or disaster**
- **Show compassion for those involved**
- **Be committed to protection of the environment**

Major Accomplishments

- A shift in the Departments Operational model recently occurred. The historical model assumed that the Fire Chief would provide pager coverage Sunday 6pm until Friday 6pm (approx. 120 consecutive hours every week). The current model has separated pager coverage from the administrative Fire Chief responsibilities allowing for funds to be redirected to scheduled, 24 hours per day pager coverage. This new model, provides a sustainable pager schedule increasing in town, day and night coverage.
- The Department has purchased a new Duty Vehicle - 2019 Ford Explorer
- Membership enrollment is on the rise with four new Recruits starting their NFPA 1001(Fire Fighter Professional Qualification) and the First Responder training Program.
- A Fire Fighter has recently completed the required courses for promotion to Lieutenant and entrance into the NFPA 1021 (Fire Officer Professional Qualification).

Future Initiatives

- The sustainability of the Department requires that focus remain on increasing recruitment and training for members
- Increasing Officer core also requires attention as the Department is currently operating with four officers out of the required seven.
- The Department is excited to continue to participate with the development of the new fire hall.

- The Department recognizes that there may be a governance review for Union Bay and as such the Department will need to allocate time for participation in this review.

Public Education and Community Safety

The Department allocates resources and time to increase the Union Bay community's fire education and prevention initiatives.

The Fire Prevention Week was held October 7 -13 2018. The main event of the week was an open house at the hall. Members of the community were encouraged to stop by to learn about fire safety and enjoy a free barbeque (with donation).

Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The Union Bay Fire Rescue operates an Occupational Health and Safety Committee under the guidance of the Deputy Fire Chief as Chair. The Committee meetings are held on a regular basis and/or as required. Concerns can be brought forward to the Committee as issues arise or through the monthly department meeting. The Committee works with the Fire Chief to ensure that concerns are discussed and addressed.

Membership

The Union Bay Fire Rescue consists of a total of 16 members. Currently there are four Officers enrolled in the NFPA 1021 program. A fifth member is soon to be promoted to Lieutenant. They have completed the NFPA 1001 program, completed the required courses for promotion and will also be enrolled in the NFPA 1021 program. In addition, Four new recruits have started training towards the NFPA 1001 program starting with the Response Ready program. They will also be concurrently enrolled in the First Responder program.

Officers

- Acting Fire Chief - Ian W. Ham
- Acting Deputy Chief- Kevin MacGregor
- Captain /Training Officer - Darcy Rainey
- Lieutenant - Sandy Pridmore

Fire Fighters

- Rikk Buijs
- Susan Hargreaves
- Rob Hollands
- Robert Jeffery
- Travis Mephram
- Cris Preuss
- Nick Webb
- Peter Wharram

Probationary Members

- Jim Hargreaves
- Paul Hiebert
- Jeff Martin
- Alexis Royer

Awards/Recognition/ Retirement

- Fire Fighter of the Year Award 2018 was awarded to Cris Preuss
- Nick Webb was recognized for years of service
- Mark Jackson retired from Department

Call Volume Summary

The Department responded to **77** incidents from **April 1, 2018 – April 22, 2019.**

Incident Category	# of Calls	Further Action Required?
First Responder	37	No
Alarm Activation	4	No
Hydro Trouble	6	No
Ambulance Delayed	2	No
Motor Vehicle Incidents	16	No
Duty Officer / Investigation	9	No
Beach / Brush Emergency	1	No
Structure	2	No

Fire Response Statistics	Time / Responders
Total Time Worked (Hrs)	110.85
Average Time on Call (Hrs)	1.4
Total Number of Responders	11
Average Number of Responders	3.5

Respectfully submitted
22 April, 2019
Acting Fire Chief

Ian W Ham, CD