



Municipalité de Clare

Report

February 5, 2025

January 29, 2025

To Municipalité de Clare Council,

2024 Call totals 731 (679) +7.7%

Fire 412 (408) +1%

Medical 319 (271) +17.7%

Havelock 77 (78) -1.3%

Fire 50 (48) +4.2%

Medical 27 (30) -10%

Hectanooga 14 (16) -12.5%

Fire 13 (15) -13.3%

Medical 1 (1) 0%

Little Brook 84 (79) +6.3%

Meteghan 254 (246) +3.3%

Fire 119 (128) -7%

Medical 135 (118) +14.4%

Saint Bernard 190 (149) +27.5%

Fire 85 (72) +18.1%

Medical 105 (77) +36.4%

Salmon River 61 (48) +27.1%

Fire 33 (32) +3.1%

Medical 28 (16) +75%

Southville 51 (63) -19%

Fire 28 (34) -17.6%

Medical 23 (29) -20.1%

***2023 totals in brackets

July - December Call Totals 363

Fire 195

Medical 168

Havelock 42

Fire 28

Medical 14

Hectanooga 7

Fire 6

Medical 1

Little Brook 37

Meteghan 119

Fire 53

Medical 66

Saint Bernard 103

Fire 43

Medical 60

Salmon River 29

Fire 13

Medical 16

Southville 26

Fire 15

Medical 11

The last time we sat before you to report was September. Since then much work has taken place, including Municipal and Provincial elections.

First of all congratulations to our newly elected councilors. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community in this capacity. We look forward to working together to collectively serve the residents and businesses with the best possible service we can provide as a team. We welcome Nadine Comeau and Carl Deveau as our new counselor representatives on CFFA!

Our departments spent the month of October getting into our local schools and other public spaces for Fire Prevention. This year's theme was "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" We want to say thank you to our local businesses who not only allow our firefighters to leave work to respond to calls for service, but also to attend these public relations events for fire prevention. The most effective work we do is to stop or minimize the effect of a fire.

The new radio system for fire departments in the province was installed and went live in November. This new encrypted service allows our communications to remain private by ensuring the public cannot use scanners to access our communications. This is a great enhancement for us and helps us protect the privacy of our residents and our members. It also continues to allow us to have communication with other emergency service agencies like RCMP and EHS.

November and December proved to be busy months for Clare firefighters. Structure fires, motor vehicle collisions and medical calls being the bulk of the calls. We continue to ask people to practice fire safety, have working smoke alarms and drive according to the conditions of the road.

The CFFA Chief Officers are in the process of updating our mutual aid procedures. This will standardize clear expectations when we are responding to calls for service in Clare. We will be sharing this with Digby and Yarmouth Municipalities so when their departments are called upon for mutual aid support, they can respond more effectively.

Saint Bernard Fire Department now has a boat. It will be in service once training is complete. Saint Bernard is the next station to be receiving a new truck. They will be replacing their aging tanker. It will be delivered in 2026. They also have taken possession of a UTV (side by side). It is not in service yet as they are waiting for a trailer to be able to transport it to emergency scenes.

Havelock Fire Department completed a small addition to their station so that their vehicles can be parked inside. Their building committee continues to work with the Havelock Community Centre leaders to get a building built on the newly acquired property that will serve the community well and replace both aging buildings. The building committee met with MP Chris D'Entremont to discuss possible Federal Government grants to help make this happen.

We completed the work for the fire service review. Thank you to our chiefs for putting the hours in to make this happen. We are looking forward to seeing the results so we can better meet the expectations of our residents and provide professional and efficient service when needed.

We congratulate EMO Coordinator Mark Doucet on his retirement at the end of February. We look forward to working with Clare's next EMO.

It continues to be an honour to serve the residents and visitors of Clare.

Respectfully Submitted,

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