



LASALLE FIRE SERVICE

Quarterly Report – Q2 2021

The following is a report of the activities carried out by LaSalle Fire Service for the second quarter of 2021. During this quarter, the fire service responded to one hundred and fourteen (114) incidents. This is the third highest number of incidents per quarter in the last five years. In Q3 of 2018 there were 122 incidents, and in Q4 of 2019 there were 116 incidents. In addition to incident responses, LaSalle Fire Service conducted ten (10) building inspections and/or re-inspections, one hundred and thirty-nine (139) residential smoke alarm inspections in 36 homes, and there were forty (40) training sessions provided for department personnel.

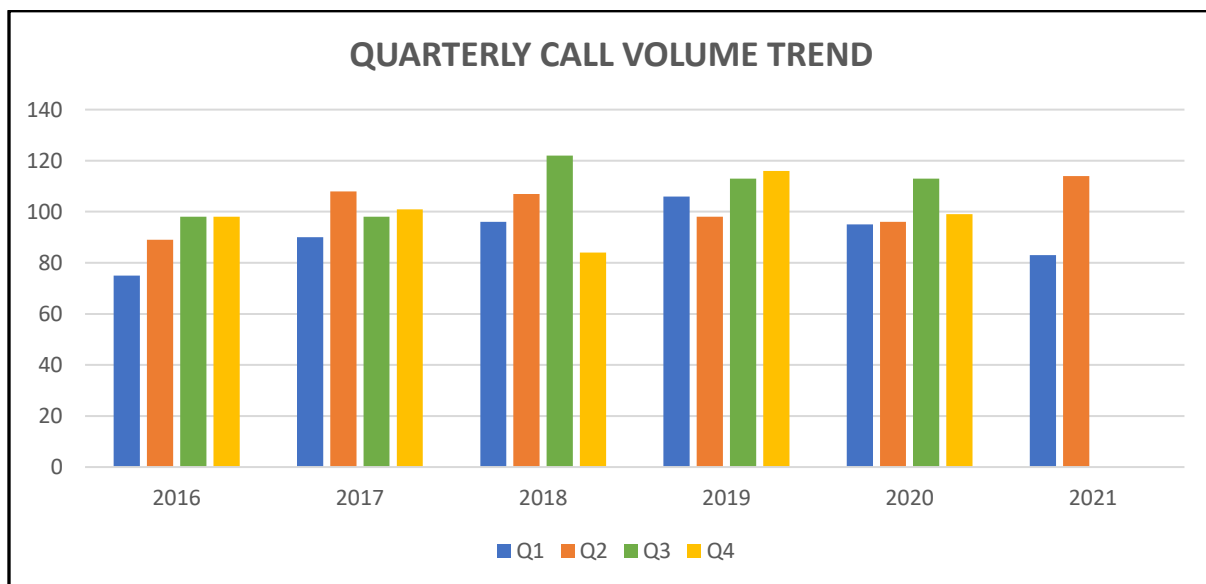


Figure 1- Quarterly Call Volume Trend

All municipal operations continued to operate under a municipal emergency declaration and provincial pandemic restrictions. As such, the Fire Service team was actively engaged in emergency management activities specific to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There have not been any flooding threats within the municipality, although monitoring of potential flooding concerns continues.



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Emergency response remains unaffected other than our level of PPE and decontamination protocols. Active staff screening continues, and the fire house remained closed to the general public for the protection of our team. We continue to be successful in the procurement of all required PPE.

Where appropriate, alternate methods are being utilized to limit potential exposure risks. Firefighter training continued in smaller groups and using alternate formats where practical including the increased use of online learning software. There was one firefighter in the second quarter who tested positive for COVID-19. This resulted in two additional full-time firefighters having to self isolate for two weeks. These two firefighters both received negative test results for COVID-19.

INCIDENTS

The following is a highlight of the noteworthy responses for this quarter (see attached chart for all calls during this quarter).

MONTH	DAY	CALL DESCRIPTION
April	5	Chimney fire
	24	Vehicle fire
	26	Rescue – Brunett Park
May	2	Rescue child from swing
	7	MVC – vehicle vs cyclist
	16	Garage fire
	22	9-year-old drowning
June	3	House fire – Front Rd.
	17	Vehicle vs E-Bike

Table 1 Response Call Highlights



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TYPE	No. Of INCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL CALLS
Fire / overheat / smell of smoke	15	13%
Motor Vehicle Collision / medical	27	24%
Alarms-panels, smoke, CO	41	36%
TOTAL	83	73%

Table 2 Call Volume by Type

FIRE PREVENTION

Investigations

All incidents were investigated as to origin and cause. There are currently no outstanding investigations.

Fire Inspections

The following inspections were carried out during this quarter:

INSPECTIONS	
Assembly	1
Residential	6
Bus. & Personal Service	0
Industrial	0
Mercantile	0
Institutional	0
Other	3
Total	10

Table 3 Fire Prevention Inspections by Type

Provincial Offences/Inspection Orders

During the period zero Provincial Offence Notices were issued, zero Inspection Orders were issued.

During our Incident responses, 139 residential smoke alarms were inspected in 36 homes, resulting in 17 smoke alarms being installed and 14 batteries being replaced.



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TRAINING

TRAINING LEVEL	SUBJECT MATTER	ATTENDANCE	HOURS
Recruit Level	PPE (SCBA, turn out gear)	6 personnel	4.0
	Extinguishers, ropes & knots	4 personnel	4.0
	R2MR – Road to Mental Readiness, mental health training	5 personnel	5.0
	Ground ladders – tool hoisting	6 personnel	4.0
	AS&E practical exam practice session and Exam	5 personnel	14.5
	Forcible entry, SCBA donning/doffing, inspections	5 personnel	4.0
General Level	Systems 24/7 H&S	All staff	4.0
	H&S Training for new employees/supervisors	23 personnel	1.5
	NFPA 1001 fire behaviour, EMS trauma assessment, TFT nozzle kit – online training	40 personnel	2.5
	Live Fire	38 personnel	4.5
	Defib re-certification & Ice Rescue	All staff	5.0
	Marine Crew – Basic (Phoenix, LFRIL, Trailing)	34 personnel	4.0
Officer	Officers Session	8 personnel	1.0
	Officers Session – Zoom	19 personnel	1.5
	Officers Session – Pre-plans via Zoom	22 personnel	2
	Officer Session – relay pumping	16 personnel	3.5



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Marine	Marine Radio Operator (online) CCGA Policies, equipment review	3 personnel 17 personnel	6.5 3.0
Specialized Training	Tower operator	2 personnel	1.5
	Ice Rescue (theory online)	All staff	1.0

Table 4 Summary of Training Sessions

Certifications

- Blue Card Command Certificate Program – 1 captain
- Supervisor Health & Safety Awareness in 5 Steps – 2 full-time
- PSH&SA, JHSC Part 1 – 2 full-time, 1 captain
- PSH&SA, JHSC Part 2, Public Safety Sector – 1 full-time, 2 captains
- NFPA Fire Officer Level I – 1 full-time
- NFPA Fire Service Instructor Level I – 1 full-time
- Pleasure Craft Operator Card, Boatsmart – 4 volunteers
- Workplace Mental Health, How Managers Responds – 2 chiefs

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in person public education activities have been temporarily put on hold. Any public education opportunities were provided through virtual platforms including frequent messaging on our social media platforms. This included messaging about emergency preparedness week (first week in May), flooding, grilling safety, drowning, and fire safety standards for smoke/co alarms.

Two online contests were held via Facebook – Daylight Saving Time Contest with the focus on checking smoke/co alarms and a Spring Break fire safety planning contest. Both contests were sponsored by LaSalle Professional Fire Fighters Association (LPFFA) with \$50 gift card prizes.



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QUARTERLY NEWS

LaSalle Fire Rescue II – small boat

A significant leak was discovered during training on LFR II. The boat was taking on a lot of water and deemed unsafe for use. In the capital replacement plan, this boat is not scheduled for replacement until 2028. We were able to find a vendor to repair this boat for \$5,000.00. This money was taken out of the vehicle maintenance portion of the Operating Budget. With having to replace the motor for this boat in 2020, LaSalle Fire Rescue II is now like new. There is no plan to replace this boat in 2028, the replacement can be deferred.

Contract Negotiations

Contract negotiations began on June 8th. These negotiations are currently scheduled to resume in September due to scheduling conflicts as a result of vacations.

Bay Door Painting

As approved in 2021 budget deliberations, the exterior of the bay doors have been painted. The work was completed within budget.

Emergency Management

The mandatory annual review of the Town of LaSalle Emergency Response Plan was conducted by the Municipal Control Group. Updates to the plan continue as a result of this review. Updates are in relation to pandemic planning and the re-organization of Town staff.

Marine Calls

During the second quarter, LaSalle Fire Service was called on to recover three bodies out of the Detroit River. Historically, we may get three calls annually. It is unusual to get three calls in one quarter.

iCity Software

A few years ago, LaSalle Fire Service eliminated the use of many paper records utilizing Laserfiche software. IT and Deputy Malott have recently been working to transition from



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Laserfiche to iCity software for these forms. This software is a more stable platform and used in other departments within the corporation.

Respectfully,

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