



LASALLE FIRE SERVICE

Quarterly Report - Q1 2022

The following is a report of the activities carried out by LaSalle Fire Service for the first quarter of 2022. During this quarter, the fire service responded to one hundred and five (105) incidents. This is the second highest Q1 call volume. In 2019, LaSalle Fire responded to one hundred and six (106) incidents. In addition to incident responses, LaSalle Fire Service conducted three (3) building inspections and/or re-inspections, seventy (70) residential smoke alarm inspections and forty-five (45) carbon monoxide alarms tested in 19 homes, and there were thirty-one (31) training sessions provided for department personnel.

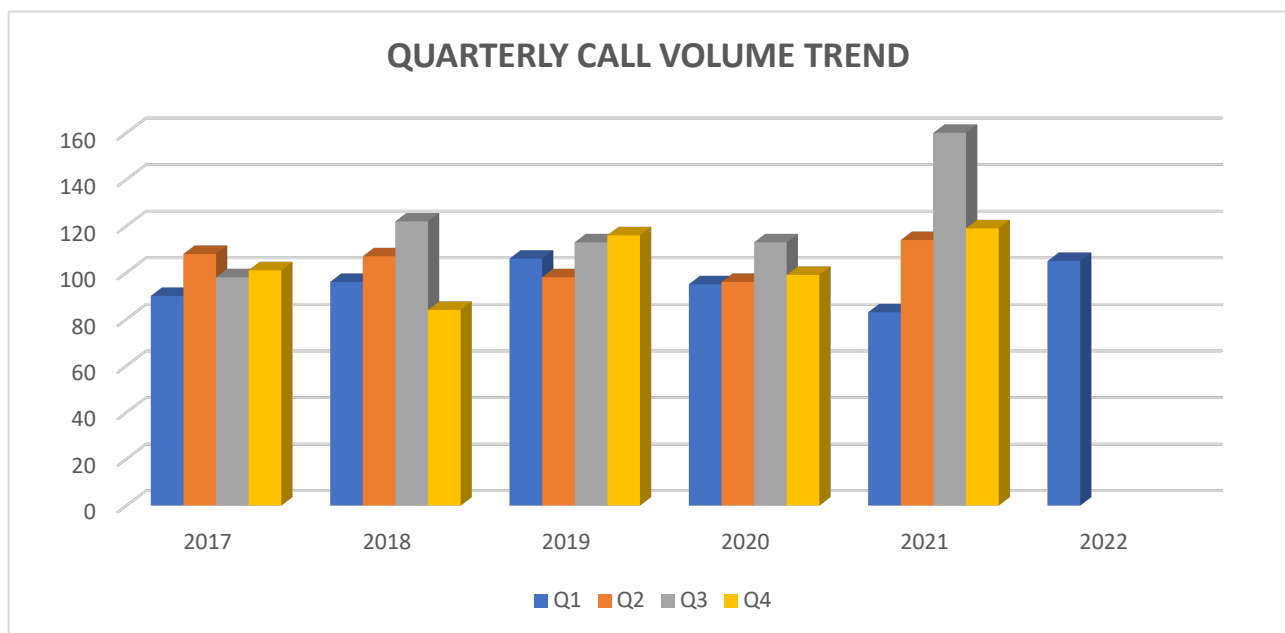


Figure 1 Quarterly Call Volume Trend

All municipal operations continued to operate under a municipal emergency declaration and provincial pandemic restrictions. Even with the snowmelt and early spring thaw, there have not been any flooding threats within the municipality, although monitoring of potential flooding concerns continues.

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



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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.

Fire Service staff have and continue to be affected by COVID-19. The rules for us in the fire service differ from the other Town departments in that even though we are all fully vaccinated, we are still required to isolate from work for ten (10) days due to a positive test or a positive test within the household. We are managing this with work from home arrangements for those who are not ill and able to work. With our reduced workforce, having one to three (1-3) team members off at a time for isolation intensifies our staffing level concerns.

Regarding Emergency Management, LaSalle Fire Service did help out the City of Windsor during the blocking of the Ambassador Bridge event by providing a pick-up truck to help limiting access of vehicles until concrete barricades arrived and were installed.

INCIDENTS

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

MONTH	DAY	CALL DESCRIPTION
Jan	5	VSA – locked in room
	13	Outdoor gas leak – high levels in basement
	13	Outdoor gas leak – Shoppers Drug Mart
	29	Indoor gas leak – arcing wire caused fire
Feb	17	Single Vehicle rollover – Herb Grey Parkway
	21	Vehicle struck parked trailer
Mar	1	Medical at High School
	11	Unconscious from fall
	12	Double VSA
	16	Vehicle VS. house
	19	Bridge incident

Table 1 Response Call Highlights



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TYPE	No. Of INCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL CALLS
<i>Fire / overheat / smell of smoke</i>	15	17%
<i>Motor Vehicle Collision / medical</i>	36	41%
<i>Alarms-panels, smoke, CO</i>	36	41%
TOTAL	87	83%

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	9
Residential	6
Bus. & Personal Service	1
Industrial	0
Mercantile	3
Institutional	0
Other	2
Total	21

Table 3 Fire Prevention Inspections by Type

Provincial Offences/Inspection Orders

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

During our Incident responses, 70 residential smoke alarms and 45 carbon monoxide alarms were inspected in 19 homes, resulting in 7 smoke alarms being installed and 10 batteries being replaced.



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TRAINING

TRAINING LEVEL	SUBJECT MATTER	ATTENDANCE	HOURS
<i>Recruit Level</i>	Hoses and Appliances	12 personnel	7.00
	Fire Origin, Community Risk Reduction, Maintenance and Testing Responsibilities	11 personnel	1.50
<i>General Level</i>	Live Fire Training Facility	20 personnel	11.00
	Live Fire Training	All Staff	8.50
	First Aid/CPR	All Staff	2.0
	Equipment Familiarisation	All Staff	4.0
	Health and Safety Training	23 personnel	4.0
	Personal Protective Equipment	12 personnel	3.0
<i>Officer</i>	Search and Rescue Level 1	18 personnel	3.0
	Speciality Rescue Response Levels	21 personnel	1.5
<i>Marine</i>	Search and Rescue Level 2 – Coast Guard	4 personnel	16.0
	Marine Crew Training	4 personnel	11.50
<i>Specialized Training</i>	Ice Rescue (Theory Online)	All staff	2.50
	Ice Rescue	All staff	22.50
	Health and Safety JHSC Part 1	1 personnel	13.0
	CPR Instructor Course	5 personnel	1.50

Regarding the mandatory certification for firefighters, O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification has been filed under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997. LaSalle Fire Service continues to review our training needs and feels confident that we can provide the training as required in



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the timelines specified. The training is extensive, and to meet the strict timelines, we will continue to train using a blended method of both online and in person training.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, 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 channels. This included messaging about clearing snow around home venting systems and fire hydrants located on or near the property. It also included Valentine's Day fire safety cooking messages and Daylight-Saving time smoke/CO alarm messaging.

QUARTERLY NEWS

Staffing Update

Three Volunteer Firefighters resigned during this quarter leaving a number of vacancies in our roster. Working with the Human Resources team, we have initiated our recruitment process. This process is an in-depth process but has proven to be successful. In the past, the hiring process included a physical test and interviews. The hiring process now also includes a mandatory orientation session, and a swim test was added to the physical test. We had sixty-four (64) applicants attend the orientation session. After this session, sixteen (16) candidates realized that being a volunteer firefighter required too much time and commitment leaving forty-eight (48) scheduled to write the written test. The plan is to have a new group of recruits starting end of June or beginning of July.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Thiessen".

Ed Thiessen
Director of Fire Services/Fire Chief, CEMC