



FIRE SERVICES MEDICAL RESPONSES MONTHLY UPDATE

Issue

A review of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response times in Okotoks will be provided monthly for Council’s information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Fire Services Medical Responses Monthly Update for January 2024 be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

In January 2024, Okotoks Fire & Rescue (OFR) responded to 55 medical incidents, 47 automatic and 8 non-automatic. On 28 occasions OFR arrived on scene before EMS. In 15 (53.7%) of these incidents EMS arrived on scene within their standard of 12 minutes, although after OFR. On 13 (46.43%) occasions OFR arrived on scene prior to EMS who were over 12 minutes, resulting in a total of two (2) hours, 22 minutes and 25 seconds (02:2:25) wait time. The total wait time for 28/55 incidents was two (2) hours 50 minutes and 54 seconds (02:50:54).

In comparison to the same time period in 2023, the wait time has increased from one (1) hour, eight (8) minutes and 12 seconds to two (2) hours 22 minutes and twenty five seconds for incidents outside the EMS 12 minute response time. Although this is a comparison of six (6) incidents in 2023 to 13 incidents in 2024, it is still a worrying trend that the wait time is increasing despite two EMS units being scheduled 24/7.

The number of medical incidents increased from 43 in January 2023 to 55 in January 2024 - a 24.5% increase.

The total number of all incidents for January 2024 was 113 of which 49% (55) were medical related. Compared with January 2023 of 89 incidents, 48% (43) of which were medical. Total incidents 2023/2024 (89/113) shows a 27% increase in 2024 thus far.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

Environmental Impacts

n/a

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

Acting CAO Comments

This monitoring data is provided to determine trends and impacts of provincial health requirements on the day-to-day operations of Okotoks Fire & Rescue.

Attachment(s)

1. January 2024 EMS STATS

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