

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 March 2024 be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

In March 2024, Okotoks Fire & Rescue (OFR) responded to 41 medical incidents, 31 automatic and 10 non-automatic. On 17 occasions, OFR arrived on scene before EMS. On 13 occasions (76.47%) of these incidents, EMS arrived on scene within their standard of 12 minutes, although after OFR. On four (4) (23.53%) occasions, OFR arrived on scene prior to EMS who were over 12 minutes, resulting in a total of 23 minutes and 53 seconds (00:23:43) wait time. The total wait time for 17/41 incidents was 47 minutes and 54 seconds (00:47:54).

2024 began with an increase in the numbers of medical incidents when measured against 2023. March 2024 incidents shows a 20% reduction from the February 2024. However, the cumulative wait time for the year to date (YTD) is six (6) hours, 11 minutes and fifty nine seconds (06:11:59) which is 56 minutes and forty five seconds (00:56:45) above the 2023 YTD wait times (05:17:14).

The statistics show a slight decease in incidents for the month of March although YTD incident numbers 146 (2024) / 131 (2023) shows an 11.5% increase in medical calls.

Total of all incidents in March was 82 of which 41 (50%) were medical. This is within the consistent range of between 45-55%.

Strategic Plan Goals

Responsibly Managed Growth			Demonstrated Environmental Leadership Enhanced Culture & Community Health
Strong Local Economy			
Organizational Excellence			

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

Environmental Impacts

n/a

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

This monthly monitoring is important for understanding service levels within the community and its overall impact on OFR.

Attachment(s)

1. March 2024 EMS STATS

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