

For Council information

Lytton Fire Rescue and Emergency Management

Current situation

November 26, 2024

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Lytton Fire Rescue has fully relocated

The temporary Fire Hall at 769 S Trans Canada Hwy is now home to our apparatus and dedicated volunteers:

- Engines 1 and 2 as well as Rescue 1 are all under one roof
- Firefighting equipment is securely stored
- Most fire training is held at this site and a burn container is being readied to assist with live fire sessions
- The apparatus bays are insulated, and a heating system will soon be installed



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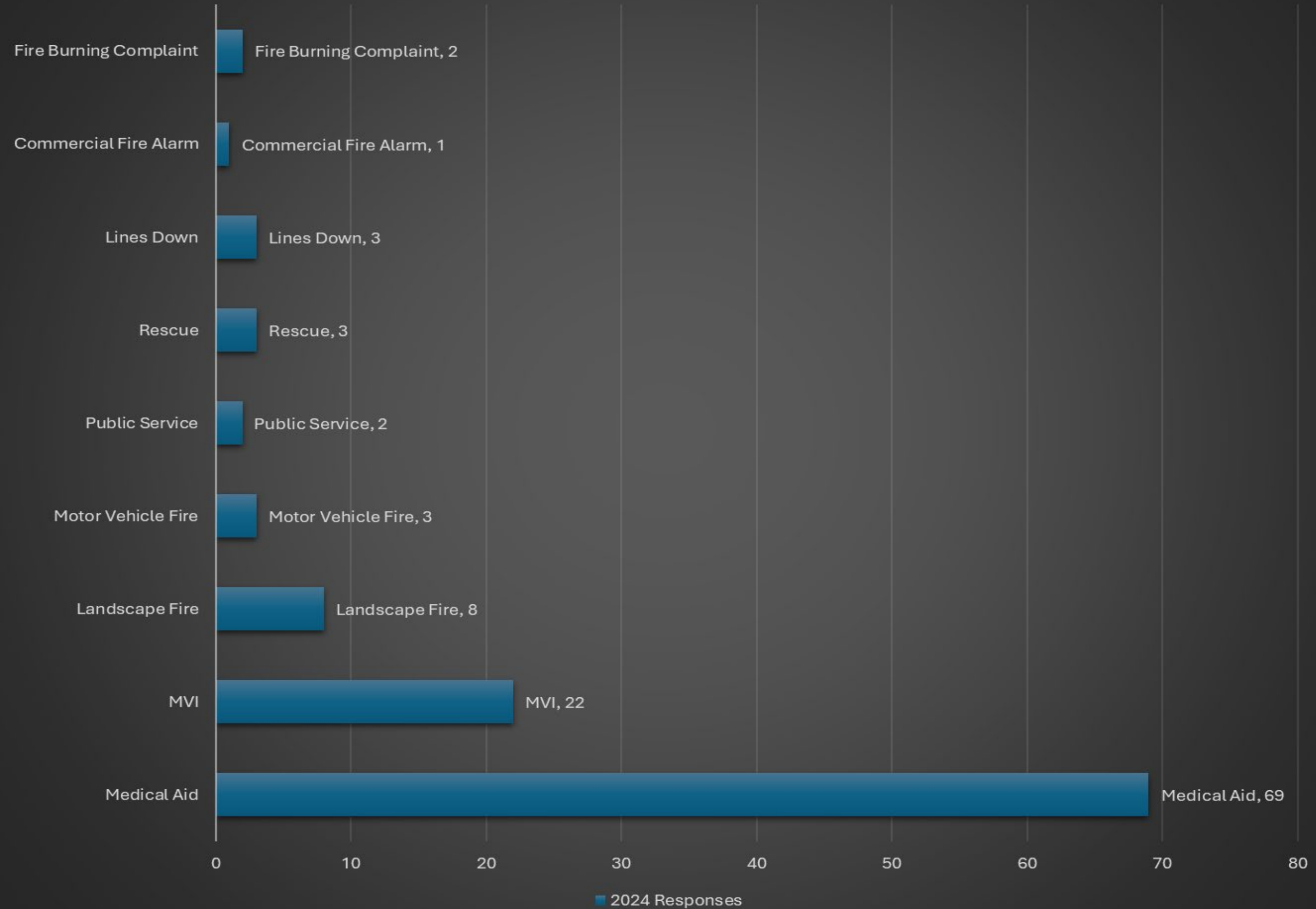
Lytton Fire Rescue calls for 2024 as of November 3

(More details in following slide)

- Total number of calls was 113
- Annual average is 100
- Medical calls remain the highest number by incident type (69) followed by motor vehicle incidents (22)



2024 Responses



Lytton Fire Rescue

Training

- Since Council declared LFR an exterior department, training has followed the minimum training standards as developed by the Office of the Fire Commissioner
- Some training nights have included area orientation and pre-incident plan visits
- Challenges remain around volunteers' ability to commit to two plus hours each week for training, in addition to being on 24 x 7 call

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Fire Safety Inspections

- All mandatory public building inspections were completed the first week of November
- Formal reports were made available to the building owners/operators with copies to be sent to LFR for follow-up
- Buildings inspected were Kumsheen School, Anglican Church, Parish Hall, Pines Motel, work camp at old airport site, Village Office, and the Chinese Museum
- Some LFR volunteers were able to attend the inspections to better understand the process and build local capacity

Lytton Fire Rescue

Administration

- Developed Standard Operational Guidelines that assist volunteer fire officers to follow best practices. Topics include safety, communications, apparatus operations, as well as operational activities at incidents based on types
- Municipal Type Service Agreements with regional partners are near completion
- 5-year budget developed

Challenges remain around the absence of a declared leader. A local Fire Chief still needs to be developed to best represent Council

Emergency Program

Emergency Plan

- Since Council adopted the draft, a final product will be ready to exercise before the end of November.
- A tabletop exercise will follow to allow program members an opportunity to ensure that the layout and detailed content guides them through a mock emergency.
- While the plan is designed for use in all hazards, there will be focused sections on specific hazards likely to occur in Lytton, including severe weather, flooding, wildland interface fires, landslides, earthquake, hazardous materials spills, pandemic event, long-term power outage, rail incident, water supply disruption, and extreme heat

Emergency Program

Training

- Select staff and Council members were able to take emergency management training on a few occasions.
- A tabletop exercise is scheduled for December as well as another contracted training session.
- There are a further 4 trainings scheduled to be delivered before June 2025.
- In most cases, training opportunities have been shared with regional partners.
- There will be a regional partnership meeting, in December, that may further allow us to develop a stronger local capacity.

Emergency Preparedness

Some closing comments:

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

Benjamin Franklin

“It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark”

Howard Ruff