



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service Release Annual Report for 2013

Abbotsford, March 13, 2014 – Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service (AFRS) provided a report to City Council on Monday March 10, 2014 that provided an overview of the department's accomplishments in 2013.

The report details 2013 as the second year in a row that the AFRS has reported a city-wide fire dollar loss below \$3.5 million dollars. The low fire dollar loss is attributed to the quick response-time with three engines and 12 fire fighters that kept the fires this year to a minimum loss, along with the investment in Fire Prevention public education.

Another highlight is AFRS's Partnership with TransCAER, a committee made up of chemical producers, chemical transporters and first responders. This group supports the overall readiness of the community in relation to incidents involving chemicals and enabled the City to host a regional railcar training exercise with more than 300 responders. This partnership has resulted in trained, first responders that are better prepared for a community chemical emergency and provide an invaluable resource for local partners.

The Report also includes stats and details on the number of incidents in 2013, top challenges for the department, as well as training, fire prevention, emergency planning and specific public education activities.

More information on the Fire Rescue Services Annual Report can be found on the City's website at: www.abbotsford.ca/fire_rescue_service/afrs/annual_report.htm

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