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2018 Priorities

- Fire Station #1 Replacement
- Complete 2016-2018 Service Delivery Plan goals and objectives
- Continue to strive towards meeting response and performance goals
- Complete next 3-year Service Delivery Plan (2019-2021)
- Educate, train and support staff for occupational stress injuries

About Fire Rescue

The Fire & Rescue Department responds in an all hazards approach to public safety and uses an integrated risk management approach to continuous, evidence-based fire planning. 108 total staff and 31 paid-on-calls provide incident response, fire safety inspections and education, fire investigations, fire dispatch services and administration functions to the City. Fire operations crews will attend an estimated 9440 incidents in 2017, up 9.9% from 2016 and a 45.4% increase since 2011.

With 81 full-time career firefighters running out of four stations, the department responds to not only any type of fire (structure, vehicle, wildfire, rubbish) but to motor vehicle incidents, hazardous material incidents, technical rescue incidents, emergency medical responses, public assistance calls for service as well as any other disaster or emergency-related call not defined to policing.

The fire department trains over 4300 hours annually (13% of the time) to not only meet regulatory requirements but to maintain their proficiency in their skills.

In 2016, Council adopted the 10 - 15 Year Fire Plan that sets goals and objective's in 3-year Service Delivery Plans. The 2016-2018 plan includes objectives to reduce the life-safety risk to the residents and to reduce the economic and financial impact resulting from fires and other emergencies. This includes direct public engagement with firefighters providing fire safety information and installing smoke alarms to the highest risk residents in the City; teaching bystander CPR to City Staff and the community in an effort to increase the survivability outcome and chain of survival for people that are in cardiac arrest; and increasing earthquake and disaster preparedness.