

MEETING DATE: JULY 15, 2025

BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Protective Services – Summary of Operations: January – July 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River accept for information the summary of operations for the Protective Services Department, including; Fire, Public Safety and Emergency Management, from January 1st to June 30th 2025.

DETAILS

Background: The Protective Services Department consist of 3x divisions; Fire, Public Safety and Emergency Management. The attached document is the summary of operations for those divisions since January 2025.

Fire Calls remain consistent, with little fluctuation from this time last year. Intensity of wildfires have decreased, likely due to the implementation of the full fire ban in the Spring.

Firefighter recruitment and retention remains steady, with some addition in key stations, such as Dewberry, Islay and Blackfoot. Attracting firefighter recruits remains a priority.

Public Safety has been busy tackling road bans in the Spring, and focusing heavily on compliance matters in our hamlets. Much progress has been made on that front.

Emergency Management has been active, not only in monitoring potential threats to the County, but in steadily implementing training and competencies within our staff.

Discussion:

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

- Fire Bylaw
- Peace Officer Act
- Public Safety Bylaw



- Emergency Management Act

Desired Outcome (s):

Response Options:

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational:

Financial:

Communication Required:

Implementation:

Pertains to this Corporate Goal:

ATTACHMENTS

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