

Fire and Rescue Services

Georgina Fire and Rescue Services Department is a composite fire service and is responsible for the delivery of fire protection, ice/water rescue, technical rescue, prevention, public education and code enforcement. The department is also responsible for leading and coordinating the Town's Emergency Management Plan. Georgina Fire and Rescue Services has three stations located in Keswick, Pepperlaw and Sutton.

Fire and Rescue Services is based on three lines of defence:

- Public education and fire prevention
- Fire safety standards and code enforcement
- Fire suppression

Services provided by Fire and Rescue Services include:

- Emergency management
- Fire suppression
- Fire investigation
- Gas leak and spill responses
- Hazardous material responses
- Public hazard responses
- Fire alarm responses
- Ice/water rescue responses
- Medical aid responses
- Motor vehicle accident responses
- Mutual aid responses
- Public education
- Public service responses

2020 STATS

40 – Career firefighters

1 – Fire training officer

3 – Fire prevention staff

60 – Volunteer firefighters

1501 – Number of calls responded to

565 – Fire prevention inspections

2020 Success Story

Fire Prevention response to COVID-19



The COVID-19 pandemic presented Georgina Fire and Rescue Services with many challenges and in return, provided an opportunity to think outside the box. Fire Prevention rose to the challenge by introducing a number of online and innovative ways to stay connected to the community.

The Chalk One Up for Fire Safety campaign saw 250 packages delivered with a challenge to the community to create a fire safety/home escape masterpiece on their driveways with chalk. A total of 52 participants provided photos of their artwork. It was an excellent opportunity to introduce the virtual Home Safe Home program and provide fire education during the pandemic. Georgina was the first fire service, and to date, remains the only one conducting smoke alarm and CO checks virtually with homeowners using FaceTime, Zoom and Skype.

The Farm Fire Safety campaign saw fire safety packages assembled and mailed out to 273 farm owners in Georgina. The open-air burn campaign included educational messages delivered through Curbox signs, social media and the Town Page in the Georgina Advocate promoting the fire safety message for recreational burning. Fire safety messages, recreational burn and open-air burn permit information was also shared through curbside pickup at all three branches of Georgina Public Library. And, the open-

air/recreational burn by-law information was sent to 11,000 homes in June as part of the annual Georgina tax bill.

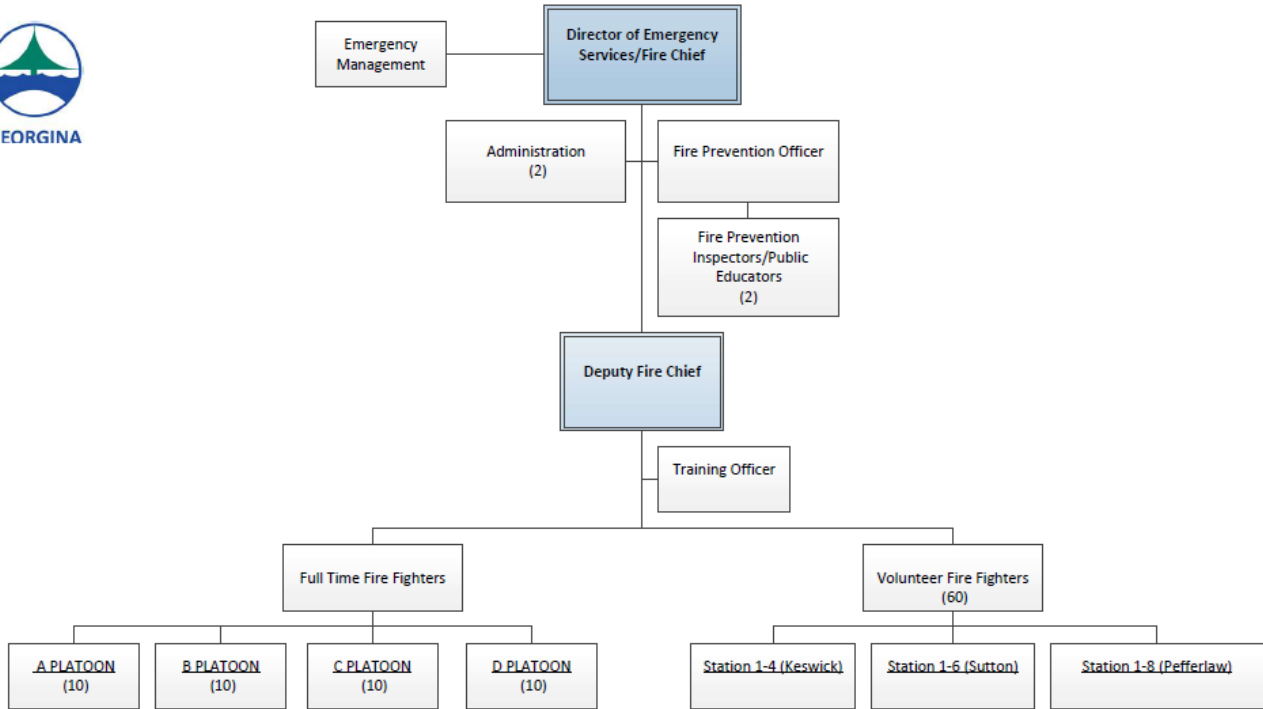
Fire Prevention put together a fire safety package that was included in the Recreation Services division's Suitcase of Summer program that included home escape plans, TVO booklets, Frisbees, colouring sheets, tattoos, magnets, dress the firefighter and sand pails with shovels. More than 100 suitcases were distributed throughout the community.

Working with Town staff, Fire Prevention met all requests within 24 hours to inspect local restaurants requesting a permit to allow businesses to open patios outside as part of the economic recovery plan for the Town.

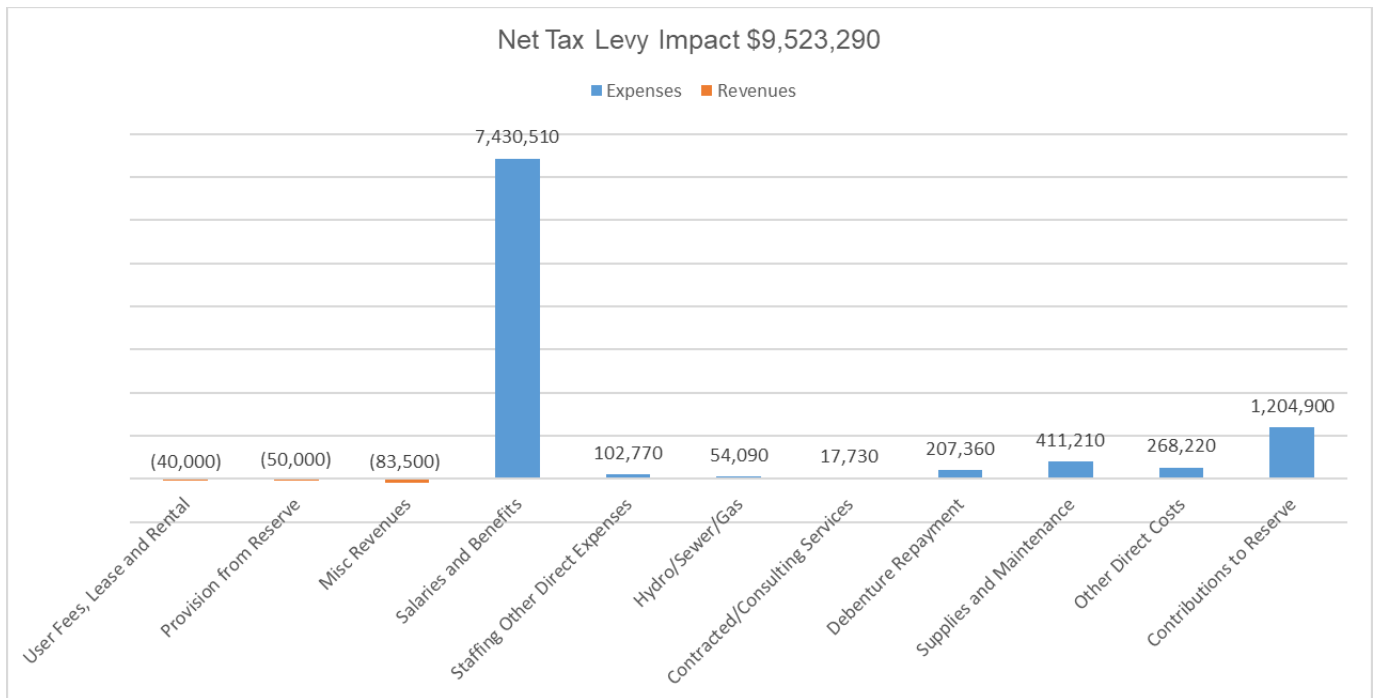
Fire Prevention continues to be on the Georgina Life program twice a month via Zoom. Topics of discussion have included recreational fires, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and CO's, and the virtual Home Safe Home program.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the Town's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated on March 13th. Georgina Fire & Rescue Services has the responsibility of administering and managing the Town's Emergency Response Plan. The role of the Town's Community Emergency Management Coordinator is the responsibility of the Chief Fire Official. On March 19th the Town, through our EOC, declared a State of Emergency to reinforce the need that Ontarians follow the advice of Ontario Public Health. Our CEMC has worked closely in aligning our response with our Emergency Services Partners and in collaboration with York Region Public Health. To this date, the EOC has remained active and engaged having met with members of our EOC Working and Control Groups well over 150 times. The EOC continues to plan and execute Town wide responses that ensures continuity of critical services and the safety of all our residents.

Organizational Chart



2021 Budgeted Expenditures and Revenues



2020 Accomplishments

- Online agricultural and open-air burn permits
- Fire Rescue Boat received and placed into service to ensure the 52 kilometres of waterfront are protected
- Virtual Home Safe Inspections
- Station 1-4 and Station 1-6 facility signage installed

Major Operating Drivers

- Master Fire Plan recommendations and Fire Underwriters Survey
- Increase in population and traffic flow accessing Highway 404
- COVID-19 Medical Emergency Pandemic
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements for training volunteer and career suppression staff

Major Initiatives Planned for 2021

- Continued certification of suppression and fire prevention staff
- Development of Community Risk Assessment Plan
- Replacement of Tanker 184
- Opening of Pepperlaw Fire Station 1-8 to ensure service levels for a growing community



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2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Fire and Rescue Services - Budget Details

	2021 BASE BUDGET	GROWTH	SERVICE LEVEL	CONTRACTUAL/INFLATIONARY	DEBT FINANCING	OTHER	2021 BUDGET	BUD/BUD % VARIANCE	BUD/BUD \$ VARIANCE	COMMENTS
Emergency Management										
Expense										
Contracted/Consulting Services	17,310	0	0	420	0	0	17,730	2%	420	
Supplies and Maintenance	1,880	0	0	0	0	0	1,880	0%	0	
Other Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0%	0	
Expense Total	20,190	0	0	420	0	0	20,610	2%	420	
Emergency Management Total	20,190	0	0	420	0	0	20,610	2%	420	
Fire Prevention										
Expense										
Salaries and Benefits	398,090	0	0	27,290	0	2,000	427,380	7%	29,290	Salary increases per the negotiated Union schedule (Reallocation from contingency account)
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	5,500	0	0	0	0	0	5,500	0%	0	
Supplies and Maintenance	17,200	0	0	0	0	0	17,200	0%	0	
Expense Total	420,790	0	0	27,290	0	2,000	450,080	7%	29,290	
Fire Prevention Total	420,790	0	0	27,290	0	2,000	450,080	7%	29,290	
Firefighting Force										
Revenue										
Misc Revenues	(83,500)	0	0	0	0	0	(83,500)	0%	0	
Provision from Reserve	(50,000)	0	0	0	0	0	(50,000)	0%	0	
User Fees, Lease and Rental	(40,000)	0	0	0	0	0	(40,000)	0%	0	
Revenue Total	(173,500)	0	0	0	0	0	(173,500)	0%	0	
Expense										
Salaries and Benefits	6,344,510	0	0	497,530	0	0	6,842,040	8%	497,530	Salary increases per the negotiated Union schedule (Reallocation from contingency account)
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	24,200	0	0	0	0	4,100	28,300	17%	4,100	
Contributions to Reserve	528,200	147,000	0	0	0	0	675,200	28%	147,000	Increase for the New South Keswick Fire Hall
Supplies and Maintenance	114,430	0	0	0	0	0	114,430	0%	0	
Other Direct Costs	243,080	0	0	24,140	0	0	267,220	10%	24,140	Insurance Premium increase
Expense Total	7,254,420	147,000	0	521,670	0	4,100	7,927,190	9%	672,770	
Firefighting Force Total	7,080,920	147,000	0	521,670	0	4,100	7,753,690	10%	672,770	
Fleet										
Expense										
Contributions to Reserve	474,900	0	0	0	0	54,800	529,700	12%	54,800	Reallocation from Non-program budget
Supplies and Maintenance	204,400	0	0	15,000	0	5,000	224,400	10%	20,000	Increase based on historical trend
Expense Total	679,300	0	0	15,000	0	59,800	754,100	11%	74,800	
Fleet Total	679,300	0	0	15,000	0	59,800	754,100	11%	74,800	
Keswick Fire Hall										
Expense										
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	0%	0	
Hydro/Sewer/Gas	31,390	0	0	0	0	0	31,390	0%	0	
Supplies and Maintenance	20,590	0	0	0	0	9,410	30,000	46%	9,410	
Expense Total	57,980	0	0	0	0	9,410	67,390	16%	9,410	
Keswick Fire Hall Total	57,980	0	0	0	0	9,410	67,390	16%	9,410	
Pefferlaw Fire Hall										
Expense										
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	2,060	0	0	0	0	0	2,060	0%	0	
Debtenture Repayment	107,050	0	0	0	100,310	0	207,360	94%	100,310	Pefferlaw Fire Hall debenture
Hydro/Sewer/Gas	6,730	0	0	0	0	0	6,730	0%	0	
Supplies and Maintenance	11,700	0	0	0	0	(6,700)	5,000	-57%	(6,700)	
Expense Total	127,540	0	0	0	100,310	(6,700)	221,150	73%	93,610	
Pefferlaw Fire Hall Total	127,540	0	0	0	100,310	(6,700)	221,150	73%	93,610	
Sutton Fire Hall										
Expense										
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	3,510	0	0	0	0	0	3,510	0%	0	
Hydro/Sewer/Gas	15,970	0	0	0	0	0	15,970	0%	0	
Supplies and Maintenance	10,300	0	0	0	0	0	10,300	0%	0	
Expense Total	29,780	0	0	0	0	0	29,780	0%	0	



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Sutton Fire Hall Total	29,780	0	0	0	0	0	29,780	0%	0	
Training Officer										
Expense										
Salaries and Benefits	152,500	0	0	10,590	0	(2,000)	161,090	6%	8,590	
Staffing Other Direct Expenses	57,400	0	0	0	0	0	57,400	0%	0	
Supplies and Maintenance	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	0%	0	
Expense Total	217,900	0	0	10,590	0	(2,000)	226,490	4%	8,590	
Training Officer Total	217,900	0	0	10,590	0	(2,000)	226,490	4%	8,590	
Grand Total	8,634,400	147,000	0	574,970	100,310	66,610	9,523,290	10%	888,890	