

BARRIE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW
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## **AGENDA**



## **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

BFES Mission Vision Values, Organizational Chart, and Branch Responsibilities, 2022 Highlights



## **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

Overview of the data and information BFES collects to assess, evaluate and improve operational performance and community risk



## **KEY INITIATIVES**

Current and long-range initiatives to reduce community risk, improve staff mental health and wellness, and meet evolving legislative requirements.



#### **VISION**

To be a dynamic organization that is recognized and respected by the community as being on the leading edge of service provision

#### **MISSION**

To protect the lives, well-being and property of the people of Barrie through dedication to life safety, commitment to community service and preservation of the environment.

#### **VALUES**

Reflect leadership through team involvement encompassing: Safety, Professionalism, Commitment, Accountability, Efficiency, Integrity & Innovation.

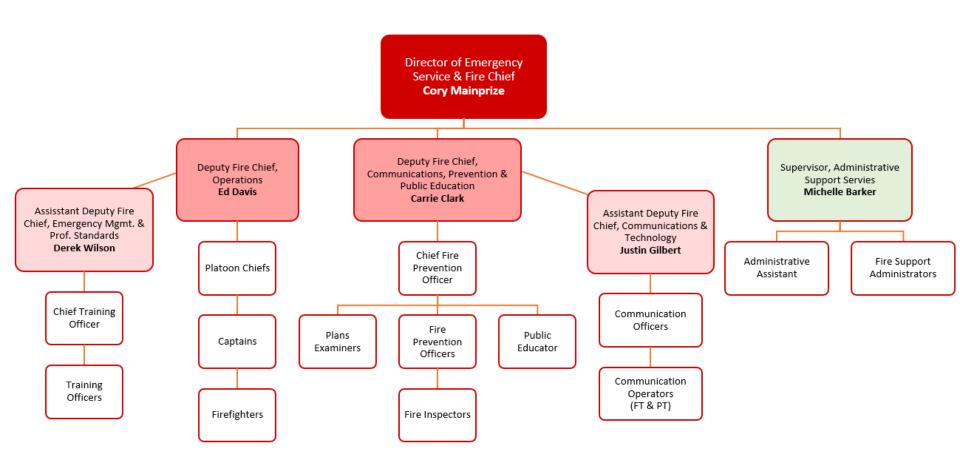


Barrie Fire & Emergency Service (BFES) is governed by "By-law 2012-207, a By-law to Establish and Regulate the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service".

#### The mandate of BFES is provide the following services:

- Public Education
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Suppression and Technical Rescue
- Emergency Communications Services
- Public Assistance
- Fire Origin and Cause Investigations







#### **Administration and Emergency Management**

This team is responsible for managing all branches of the service. It oversees and directs the day-to-day operations including the current and long-range Strategic Planning, Business Services, Capital and Operational Budgets, Labour Relations, Employee Wellness, Contracted Service Management, Policy Development, Procurement, Performance Management, and Recruitment.

Our Administration team also oversees the City's Community Emergency Management program and is responsible for ensuring the City is prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies. This includes providing training, developing plans, and overseeing the Emergency Operations Centre.









#### Fire Prevention & Public Education

Fire Prevention team members inspect all building types to ensure compliance with the Fire Code and conduct fire investigations.

Our Fire Prevention Officers review site plans, plans of subdivision, and building plans to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code for life safety systems.

Our Public Educator creates fire safety education programs and teaches fire safety lessons to all members of our community.



Completed **2,881**Fire inspections



Conducted

17

Fire investigations



**443**Building permits

Reviewed



10,000
Door to Door educational visits



#### **Professional Standards**

This branch is responsible for developing, implementing, and delivering training to staff to meet our legislated requirements and industry best practices to ensure our BFES team delivers exceptional service to our community.

#### **Communications**

Our Communications branch provides emergency call taking and dispatches services for The City of Barrie and 20 additional municipalities totaling 62 fire stations serving almost 1 million people across 7,111 Km<sup>2</sup>.



Dispatched over

34,661

emergency incidents for

21 Municipalities



Emergency Communications Centre achieved the NFPA Call processing time for

**97%**Of emergency incidents



Provided
15,430
hours of
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## **Operations**

Our BFES Operations team provides an all-hazard response to mitigate emergencies including fires, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies, and technical rescues such as rope rescue, confined space rescue, ice and water rescue, trench rescue, and automobile extrication.

Operations staff support our Fire Prevention & Public Education and Training Branches in conducting proactive Fire Safety Assessments and on shift training.



Responded to **10,402** 

Emergency incidents







## **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **Using Data to Fight Fires and Reducing Community Risk**

BFES has embraced the utilization of data to effectively analyze all our operations to ensure we meet the expectations of the community and support our goal of continuous improvement.

BFES uses locally collected data to determine:

- Community Risk
- Station Locations
- Human Resourcing
- Equipment Procurement
- Operational Performance
- Public Education Programming

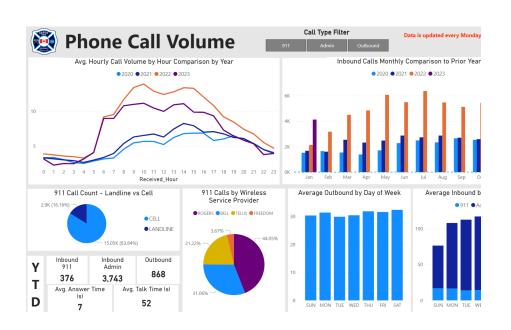


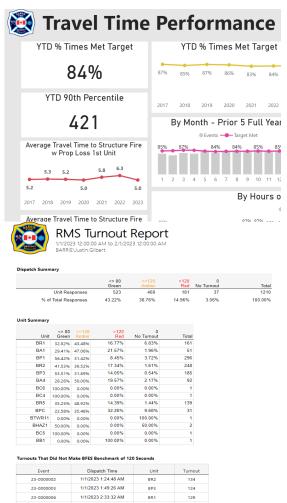
# **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – DATA COLLECTION**

## **Key Performance Indicators**

Call Volume **Turnout Time Travel Time** 

Call Processing Time **Response Time** Dollar Loss/Saved

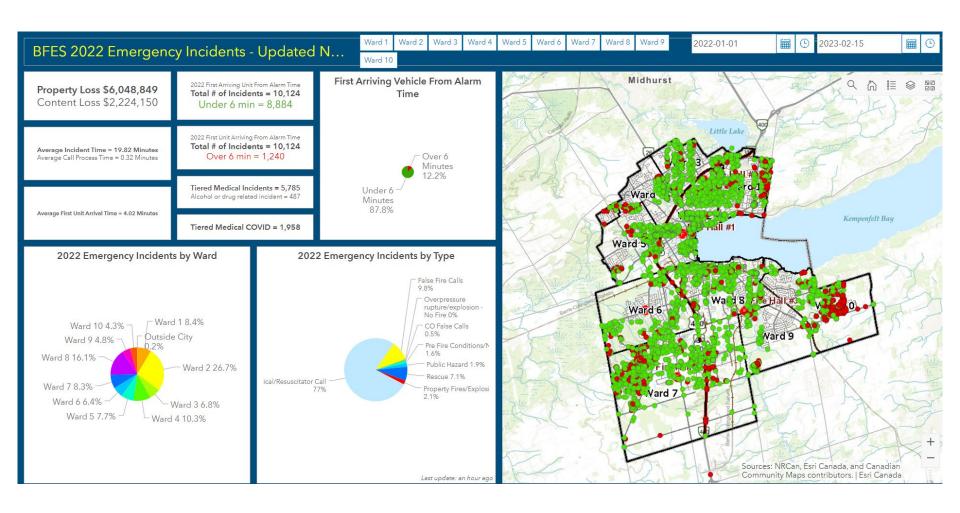




Event	Dispatch Time	Unit	Turnout
23-0000002	1/1/2023 1:24:48 AM	BR2	134
23-0000003	1/1/2023 1:49:26 AM	BP3	124
23-0000006	1/1/2023 2:33:32 AM	BR1	129
23-0000007	1/1/2023 3:14:55 AM	BR2	137
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# **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – RESPONSE**





# OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – RESPONSE

#### Fire Incidents

**Response Times** 

Receive information and dispatch apparatus

Firefighters put on PPE

**Arrive at Incident** 

Total

BFES has an average response time of 6:09 minutes from receiving the information to arrival on the scene.



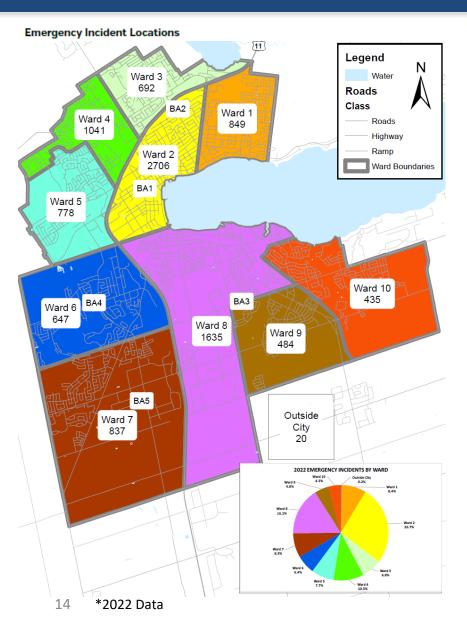
90% of the time, BFES has a response time of less than 9:15 minutes from receiving the information to arrival on the scene.



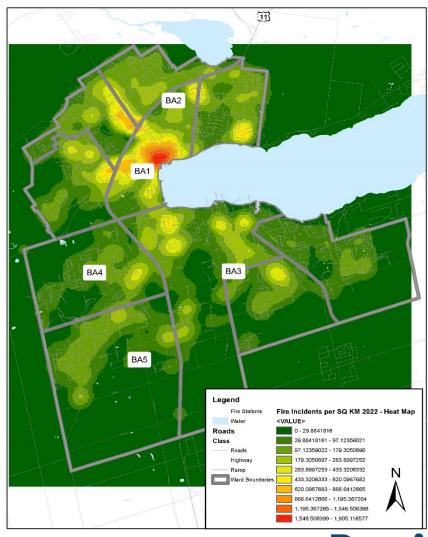


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# **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE - COMMUNITY RISK**



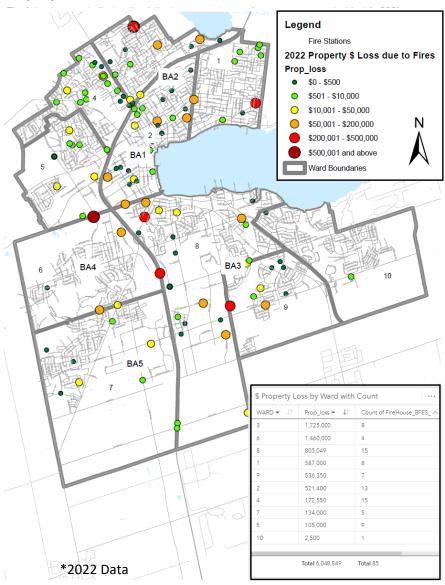
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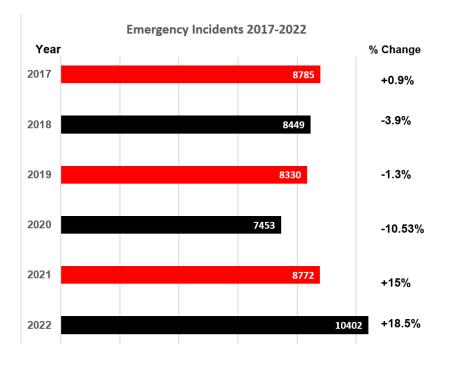




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#### Property Dollar Loss Due to Fire





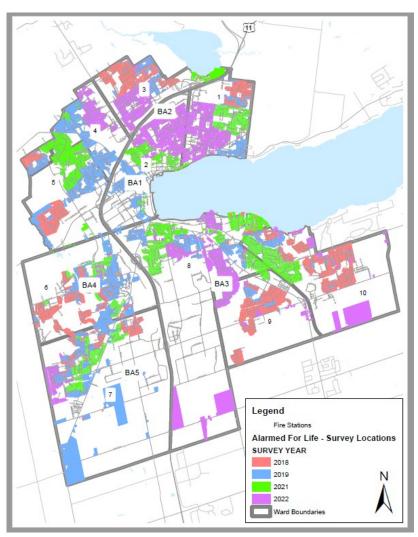


# **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Our Operations branch firefighters complete approximately 10K home visits each year to test smoke alarms.

Using GPS enabled tablets, a survey is completed for each home visited to record the home address, alarm status, and X,Y coordinates.

This information is recorded, plotted on a map, and every fire is cross-referenced with the survey data vs time of fire information.





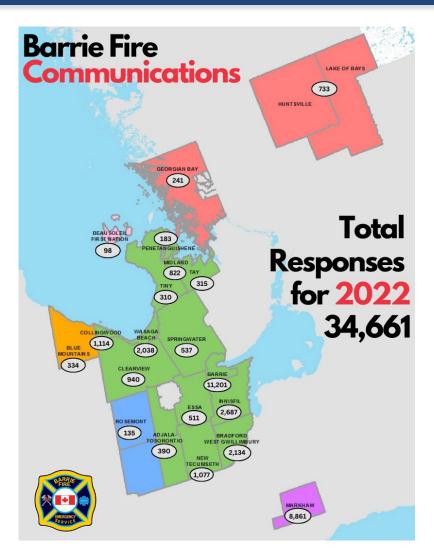
# **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **CONTRACTED SERVICES**

BFES utilizes existing staff and infrastructure to provide emergency fire communications to 21 Municipalities in Simcoe, Muskoka, Grey, Dufferin, York Region and Beausoleil First Nation.

Revenue generated directly offsets the cost to deliver fire services in Barrie.







# **KEY INITIATIVES**

- Construct and Operationalize Station # 6
- Firefighter Certification (New Legislation)
- Continued development of our Mental Health and Wellness
   Program
- Next Generation 9-1-1 Implementation
- Comprehensive Community Risk Assessment & Community
   Risk Reduction Plan
- Support expanded recruitment and DEI initiatives





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