TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

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Department: Fire

Topic: NFPA Certification Update

Background: In April 2022 Ontario Regulation 343/22 was filed under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. The regulation requires every municipality to ensure firefighters performing fire protection services are certified, at a minimum, to the corresponding certification standard based on the level of service.

Fire department staff began the transition to NFPA based training in 2018 when mandatory certification was originally proposed. Training has been completed using a variety of methods including; regional training centers, learning contracts and our own programs that have been approved by OFM Academics & Standards & Evaluation. (AS&E)

The following is a snapshot of our current NFPA certification status.

NFPA Program	# Completed	# Grandfathered	% of dept. Completed
NFPA 1072 Hazmat Awareness	31	3	89%
NFPA 1072 Hazmat Operations	29	3	84%
NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level I	27	10	97%
NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level II	5	10	39%

Along with the minimum training requirements listed above, designated personnel have already attained the Appropriate NFPA standard. i.e., Officers trained to NFPA 1021, Training Personnel to NFPA 1041, Pumper Operators NFPA 1002 and Safety Officers NFPA 1521.

A NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level II program is scheduled to take place in Q1 2024. Assuming a class size of 15, once finished, 79% of the fire department will have the minimum training required by the certification regulation completed. Two years remain before the regulation's deadline of July 1, 2026.

Standardized training has been made possible through the extra effort of our firefighters and training staff and has resulted in operational efficiencies. Although our progress is

encouraging, the training regulation only outlines the minimum acceptable standard and firefighter training will never be completed.

Fire Chief

Training Officer