

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : June 7, 2017
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Fire Chief
HIGHLIGHTS : For the month of May

- ❖ Total calls for May : 41 (8 fire-related, 20 rescue [incl flood], 13 first responder) Year-to-Date: 182
- ❖ The department was significantly involved in the Regional District's Emergency Operations Centre during the Boundary Flooding Event that began May 5th and continued at various levels for five weeks.
- ❖ Distribution of over 80,000 sandbags from Carmi through Christina Lake. Approximately 150 properties were actioned during the flooding, with services ranging from materials delivery to triage and consulting to assistance installing or constructing barriers. Most of the properties actioned were in the Grand Forks valley.
- ❖ Snow Pack levels remain slightly above historical averages. The melt started several weeks behind normal, but the melt rate during the early part of June has been approximately double the normal rate. This rapid melt was a contributing factor in the flooding experienced throughout the valley throughout May.
- ❖ Spring Weather Briefing, multiple regional coordination calls with Emergency Management BC, Environment Canada, River Forecast Centre. Monitoring of river levels continues.