





Reporting period: December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023

2023 Chief Officers



Chief Greg Muise

- OBFB member for 41 years
- Chief since 2006
- From Lower Onslow Zone



Deputy Chief 1- Darrell Currie

- OBFB member for 25 years
- Deputy Chief 2005-2010 & 2015-present
- From Masstown Zone



Deputy Chief 2- Leo Morrow OBFB member for 41 years

- Deputy Chief since 2011
- From Lower Onslow Zone



Captain - Clint Verheul

- OBFB member for 25 years
- Captain since 2011
- From Belmont Zone



Captain - Derek Richard

- OBFB member for 16 years
- Captain since 2010-2019, 2020 to present
- From Lower Onslow Zone

Officers and Committee Chairs

Lieutenant - Belmont	Aaron Crossman Blayne Turner Kevin Crowell Vanessa Piercy Dan Hines John McKay Marty Woodward Carl Gallant Vanessa Piercy Krista Gould Stephen Carter Vacant Dan Hines Paul Downey Randy Currie Clair Peers Phillip Moore Blayne Turner Kevin Crowell Rev. Scott Penner Krista Gould Nancy Whalen Vanessa Piercy Eric Devanney
Assistant Secretary	
Assistant Steward	Charline Arsenault
Chaplin	Rev. Scott Penner
Safety Officer	Vacant

Other Active Members

Johnathon Debay
Dennis Faber
Laura Giddens
Larry Hamilton
Gary Hunt
Doug Jardine
Eric Johnson
Robert Johnson
Ryan Lavoie

Charles MacKenzie
Bill McKinnon

Dustin McCarthy Sam McGinn Brandon McLellan

Justin McNutt Corey Moore Rod Nelson Erin Richardson

Brad Walker
Steve Willis

Support Members

Brad Fiddes Leon Whalen

Junior Members

Douglas White

Honorary Members

Bob Hyslop Charles MacKenzie John McKay Dave Pratt Clarence Sinclair Marty Woodward **Greg Muise** Amos Debay Bill McKinnon **Brad Fiddes** Jim Long Randy Currie Yopie Robben Ellen Hamilton Ron Urquhart John Dornan Stan Hampton Darrell Currie Steve Willis Fred Newcombe Leo Morrow Chester Sabean Dave Hovt Clint Verheul Graham Elliot Clair Peers Jim McKay Chuck Whidden Kevin Crowell Eric Devanney

Retired Members

Tony Baird Derrick Knott George Pouliot
Jim Barnhill Bruce Langille Roy Peppard
Al Crossman Lester MacMaster Ron Urquhart
Stan Hampton Granville MacMillan

In Memoriam

In 2023, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade lost one member. We would like to take the time to acknowledge his passing, his valuable years of service and dedication to our community.

Charlie Parlee

2023 Awards

KEITH HAMILTON FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - Marty Woodward

CARL KING OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Greg Muise

JOHN PETRASH MOST IMPROVED AWARD - Derek Richard

CLEM MACKINNON SPORTSMAN AWARD - Kevin Crowell

<u>CLIFF MACDOUGALL FELLOWSHIP AWARD</u> - Leo Morrow

STAN GROOVES MEMORIAL JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER - Doug White

WALTER MCELHINNEY MEMORIAL 3D AWARD - John McKay

Service Awards

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade recognizes every five years of service to the community by issuing a gold bar to its members. In 2023, the following members earned their Five Year Gold Bar:

Marty Woodward - 40 years

Darrell Currie - 25 years

Randy Currie - 25 years

Clint Verheul - 25 years

Scott Penner - 20 years

Johnathon Debay - 5 years





Structure and Vehicle Fire Estimated Losses

Call #	Date	Address	Туре	Estimated Loss \$
6020	12/12/2022	139 Blackburn Rd, CROWES MILLS Passenger vehicle fire - car, van *Onslow-Belmont	Vehicle Fire	\$29,000
6090	5/1/2023	Highway 104 Dm 95 W, DEBERT Passenger vehicle fire - car, van *Onslow-Belmont	Vehicle Fire	\$10,000
6134	6/24/2023	Highway 104 Dm100 W, CROWES MILLS Passenger vehicle fire - car, van *Onslow-Belmont	Vehicle Fire	\$15,000
6148	7/14/2023	40 Sawmill Crt, ONSLOW MOUNTAIN Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed *Onslow-Belmont, North River, Cobequid	Structure Fire	\$300,000
6160	7/27/2023	85 Karen Ave, CROWES MILLS Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed *Onslow-Belmont, Debert, Cobequid	Structure Fire	\$290,000
6176	8/8/2023	65 Hillcrest Rd, LOWER DEBERT Vehicle fire - Other *Onslow-Belmont	Vehicle Fire	\$96,000
6212	10/7/2023	903 Onslow Mountain Rd, ONSLOW MOUNTAIN Structure Fire - Barn / Warehouse *Onslow-Belmont	Structure Fire	\$100,000
6239	11/26/2023	25 Elm Ave, CENTRAL ONSLOW Vehicle fire - Other *Onslow-Belmont	Vehicle Fire	\$300
			Total Loss \$	\$840,300







2023 Highlights

- Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet held at Debert Hospitality Center.
- Annual meeting held with election of Officers.
- New washing machine purchased and installed in the hall for cleaning bunker gear.
- New committees formed for 2023.
- Four OBFB members are attending Colchester County Level 1 training.
- Budget approved with tax rate remaining at 11 cents per \$100 assessment value.
- Hosted a Casino Night for Home Hardware employees.
- Members attended provincial curling in Chester.
- Members attended curling in Amherst in support of NS Firefighters Burn Treatment Society
- Member and family swim hosted at the RECC.
- OBFB continues to take part in NS Firefighters 50/50 raffle.
- Lower Onslow preschool visited by OBFB members.
- Steak and Lobster party help for members and guests.
- Had our property surveyed and all lots consolidated into one lot.
- Member ATV rally held in May.
- Participated in the Pride Parade in Truro.
- Participated in the Canada Day Parade in Bible Hill.
- Participated in Masstown Community Days with a truck.
- Eight members added to Honorary Member list.
- Intra-Brigade golf held at Mountain Golf Club.
- Mutual aid calls to Nine Mile River and Brooklyn for water rescue.
- Purchased 12 sets of bunker gear, 15 pairs of boots and 10 helmets.
- Committee put in place to look after our "loaner" generators.
- Successful one day Harvest Sale.
- All apparatus pumps tested.
- Four new Seek FirePRO 300 Thermal Imaging Cameras purchased.
- Fire Prevention Week Open House held with a great turnout.
- School visits to CCJHS and Chiganois for Fire Prevention Week.
- Several members toured the East Coast Blueberry Processing facility in Glenholme.
- Flue vaccination clinic organized at our hall.
- Halloween treats handed out in truck bays.
- Remembrance Day wreaths placed on behalf of OBFB in Debert and at our monument.
- Winter curling starts early November.
- SCBA Recertification took place throughout the fall.
- All Hurst E-draulic tools tested.
- Purchase of new airbags approved at November meeting.
- 9 new members joined OBFB in 2023, 5 members left and 1 member retired.





Calls and Damage by Year					
Year	# of Calls	Estimated \$ Fire Loss			
1961	14	\$0			
1962	36	\$10,000			
1963	47	\$41,800			
1964	39	\$5,000			
1965	56	\$4,500			
1966	39	\$4,500			
1967	26	\$15,999			
1968	34	\$22,000			
1969	28	\$20,000			
1970	32	\$2,400			
1971	30	\$16,850			
1972	26	\$15,600			
1973	50	\$15,800			
1974	44	\$83,300			
1975	65	\$35,300			
1976	38	\$10,400			
1977	51	\$16,450			
1978	67	\$56,400			
1979	78	\$33,000			
1980	82	\$68,950			
1981	81	\$71,900			
1982	103	\$49,250			
1983	75	\$35,250			
1984	65	\$66,660			
1985	81	\$232,100			
1986	50	\$90,100			
1987	70	\$138,900			
1988	56	\$92,800			
1989	87	\$109,150			
1990	62	\$93,000			
1991	61	\$130,700			
1992	66	\$224,300			
1993	52	\$61,700			

Year	# of Calls	Estimated \$ Fire Loss
1994	63	\$65,400
1995	57	\$97,500
1996	70	\$21,600
1997	112	\$196,000
1998	108	\$350,000
1999	165	\$31,000
2000	140	\$176,000
2001	115	\$691,000
2002	134	\$70,000
2003	138	\$55,000
2004	138	\$395,000
2005	137	\$157,500
2006	153	\$101,500
2007	150	\$54,000
2008	153	\$395,000
2009	155	\$134,500
2010	149	\$327,000
2011	144	\$76,500
2012	173	\$144,000
2013	157	\$137,000
2014	156	\$182,000
2015	195	\$239,900
2016	159	\$107,000
2017	198	\$1,212,000
2018	214	\$308,000
2019	202	\$106,500
2020	122	\$988,500
2021	150	\$392,300
2022	213	\$584,000
2023	228	\$840,300
Total	6239	\$10,510,059

Call Statistics

Calls by Type and Zone								
	Belmont	Central Onslow	Crowes Mills	Lower Onslow	Masstown	Out of Zone	Grand Total	
Brush/Grass Fire		5	2	1	2		10	
Chimney/Flue Fire			2	1	1		4	
Medical	14	22	34	8	18		96	
Misc	4	9	7	5	9		34	
Mutual Aid						21	21	
MVA	3	13	15	11	13		55	
Structure Fire			3				3	
Vehicle Fire		1	2		2		5	
Grand Total	21	50	65	26	45	21	228	

Calls by Type								
2019 2020 2021 2022 202								
Wood/Brush/Grass	5	6	6	4	10			
Flue Fires	6	5	1	1	4			
Medical Emergencies	103	40	59	83	96			
Mutual Aid	15	14	19	26	21			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	48	28	37	57	55			
Vehicle Fires	6	3	8	5	5			
Structure Fires	2	5	3	2	3			
Miscellaneous	17	21	17	35	34			
Total	202	122	150	213	228			





Calls By Zone								
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Belmont	34	9	10	28	21			
Crowes Mills	45	37	31	40	65			
Central Onslow	44	17	30	45	50			
Lower Onslow	18	19	24	38	26			
Masstown	46	26	36	36	45			
Out of Zone	15	14	19	26	21			
Total	202	122	150	213	228			

Calls by Month

	Brush/Grass	_	Medical	Misc	Mutual Aid	MVA		Vehicle	Grand Total
	Fire	Fire					Fire	Fire	
December 2022			4	4	1	7		1	17
January 2023			8	1	3	5			17
February 2023		2	3	2	1	5			13
March 2023			7	3	1	1			12
April 2023	3		10	2	1	3			19
May 2023	5	1	7	2	3	4		1	23
June 2023			14	4		5		1	24
July 2023			14	2	5	5	2		28
August 2023			8	6	3	12		1	30
September 2023	1		4	4	2	3			14
October 2023	1		6	1	1	4	1		14
November 2023		1	11	3		1		1	17
Grand Total	10	4	95	34	21	55	3	5	228





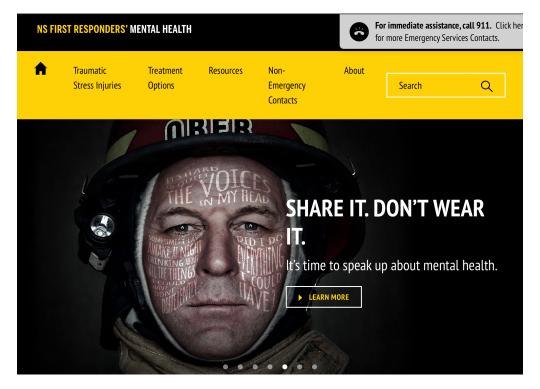
Miscellaneous Call Breakdow	n
Appliance fire	1
Commercial fire alarm	5
Flooded basement	1
Hay bale on fire	1
Power Pole on Fire	2
Residential Fire Alarm	4
Smoke Sighted	6
Traffic Control	1
Transformer fire	2
Trash/Debris Fire	2
Tree on line on fire	4
Vehicle fire. Nothing Found	1
Water Rescue	3
Lumber pile on fire	1
Grand Total	34

Apparatus Response Breakdown			
Vehicle	Number of incidents attended		
911	96		
931	92		
932	55		
933 Boat	7		
934	113		
935 UTV	2		
941	33		
942	7		

General Statistics						
	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Total Calls	122	150	213	228		
Man Hours						
Training (hrs)	614	535	547	1421		
Incidents (hrs)	1335	1770	2046	2341		
Administrative/Meetings, Weekend Duty, etc. (hrs)	8901	8994	9327	9260		
Total Hours Recorded	10850	11295	11,920	13,022		
Response Statistics						
Average Response Time (dispatch to arrival)	7:58	8:36	7:57	9:42		
Average Call Length	42:12	51:58	50:08	47:12		
Calls on 100 Series Highways	23	30	43	39		
Attendance						
Avg. Attendance at Meetings (members)	25.5	24.75		26.4		
Avg. Attendance at Calls (members)	12	12	11	11		
Avg. Attendance at Trainings (members)	18.9	17.7		20.9		

Training 2023

Training Type	Description	Hours
East Coast Blueberry Facility Tour	East Coast Blueberry Facility Tour	8
East Coast Blueberry Facility Tour Total		8
General Training - x 24	Boat Operations	17
	Extrication Equipment	15
	Flue Fires / SCBA Recert	26
	Forestry Pumps	10
	General Training (x3)	97
	Green Diamond Visit	22
	Hose Rolls & Hose Bowling	20
	Hoses and Nozzles	35
	Maydays	49
	Maydays Practical	18
	Medical	18
	Medical & SCBA Recert	52
	Radio's & Communications / SCBA Recert	22
	Rescue Techniques & Pumps	35
	Roll The Drum	15
	Ropes/Knots	14
	Scavenger Hunt	18
	SCBA & Pumping	32
	SCBA Donning/Doffing & Pumping	41
	SCBA w/Cobequid and Pumping	28
	Seek FirePro 300 TIC Training	16
	Vacant House Skills Training	36
General Training Total		636
Level One	Level 1	757
Level One Total		757
Maximizing Wildfire Resources	Maximizing Wildfire Resources	1
Maximizing Wildfire Resources Total		1
SCBA Recert	SCBA Recert	11
SCBA Recert Total		11
Training-High Angle Rope Rescue	High Angle Rope Rescue	6
Training-High Angle Rope Rescue Total		6
Using Situational Awareness to Improve Responder Safety	Using Situational Awareness to Improve Responder Safety	2
Using Situational Awareness to Improve Responder Safety Total		2
Grand Total		1421



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