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# Puslinch Fire and Rescue Service Monthly Report April 2014

## Significant Events/Incidents/Trends

Before operating your barbecue it will need an intensive cleaning and inspection. Over the winter months, dust, dirt, debris and spider webs have collected inside your grill. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear spider webs that may have built up inside. All grates and lava rock should be cleaned with soapy water. Finally turn your attention to hoses to inspect for kinks, blockage or leaks.

In Canada, propane cylinders must be inspected, pre-qualified or replaced every ten years. Old rusty tanks are fire hazards when left hanging around your garage or yard. The most common household tank is twenty pounds and when filled properly it contains 80% liquid propane, leaving 20% of the cylinder to contain vapour. In Canada, only a trained attendant is allowed to fill up a tank.

When transporting a cylinder remember to:

- secure it in an upright position
- open the car windows while the cylinder is in the car.
- Even an empty cylinder can explode when your car interior heats up in the sun.

The three simple steps to barbeque lighting:

- always have the lid open when lighting the grill
- turn on the gas supply
- turn on the grill control button
- press the igniter button

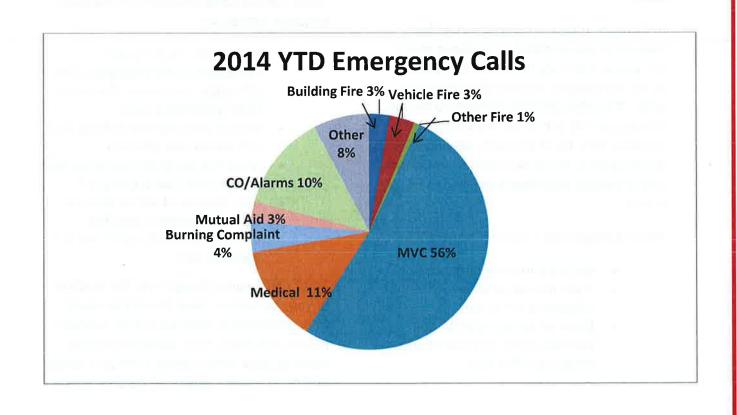
Children should not be present when lighting your BBQ and they should understand that hoses, tanks and the grilling device are **not** toys to be played with.

Some special considerations for charcoal briquette barbecues:

- these units must be well ventilated as the briquettes give off carbon monoxide, the silent killer (poisonous gas)
- always use charcoal lighting fluid and never use gasoline
- resist the temptation to spray fluid on charcoal that is going out
- only dispose of ashes that are fully extinguished. Red hot embers can easily ignite fire in a garbage can.

Finally give some thought into the location of your barbecue. Keep the device away from combustible overhead roofs, wooden fences and trees. Your barbecue should stand at least three metres from your home and be in a well - ventilated outdoor space.

REPORT MONTH:			2014	April			
		Monthly	2014	2013		\$ Loss	
		Total	YTD	YTD	2012 YTD	Monthly	\$ Loss YTD
FIRE:	Structure	0	4	7	1	\$0	\$320,000
	Vehicular	1	5	9	10	\$0	\$15,000
	<b>Grass and</b>						
	Bush	1	1	2	6		
	Other	0	0	8	4		
			2014	2013			
		Monthly	YTD	YTD	2012 YTD		
Motor Vehicle Collisions		11	75	40	35		
Medical Assist		6	19	18	— 15		
Mutual Aid		0	4	1	1		
Carbon Monoxide		2	4	4	3		
Automatic Alarm		5	15	8	8		
Burning Complaints		1	6	2	2		
Incorrect Page		1	4	1	1		
Other		2	7	10	6		
TOTALS:			2014	2013			
		Monthly	YTD	YTD	2012 YTD		
		30	145	110	92		
Estimated Total Dollar Loss							
Due to Fire		\$0	\$335,000	\$583,000	\$2,014,000		



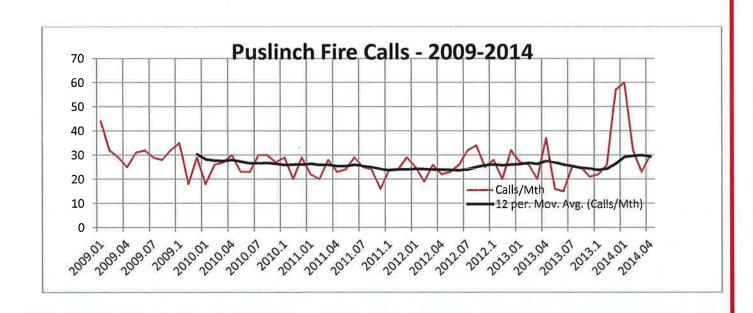
### **Prevention & Public Education**

# **2014 April**

Activity:	<b>Monthly Total</b>	2014 YTD
Inspections	6	15
Investigations	0	5
<b>Emergency Planning</b>	2	8
Public Education	1	3
Meeting	4	18

### **Ontario Fire Deaths**

20	13	20	14
Fatal Fires	Fatalities	Fatal Fires	Fatalities
28	37	26	35



		2014 BUILDIN	G REPORT			:
	VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION		PERMIT FEES COLLECTED		<u>%</u>	PERMITS
~~~~~~	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	CHANGE	ISSUED
January	\$2,323,300.00	\$1,527,500.00	\$30,628.95	\$17,727.00	66%	17
February	\$398,000.00	\$1,574,900.00	\$2,000.00	\$16,728.10	396%	14
March	\$2,937,000.00	\$2,755,000.00	\$38,663.85	\$31,787.85	94%	8
April	\$855,500.00	\$1,645,500.00	\$12,814.00	\$20,197.10	192%	20
May		\$0.00		\$0.00		
June		\$0.00		\$0.00		
July		\$0.00		\$0.00		
August		\$0.00		\$0.00		
September		\$0.00	,	\$0.00		
October		\$0.00		\$0.00		
November		\$0.00		\$0.00		
December		\$0.00		\$0.00		
TOTALS TO	DATE	\$7,502,900.00		\$86,440.05	~~~~~	59
~~~~~~ 2013 COMPA	ARISON	\$6,513,800.00		\$84,106.80	~~~~~~	48
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Total % CHA	NGE	115%		103%		123%

