



Municipalité de Clare

Report

October 7, 2026

September 30, 2026

To Municipalité de Clare Council,

Thank you for allowing us to present the following information to you regarding the Clare Fire Service.

We have changed how we present data for the calls our departments responded to this year to provide more detail and to align with the data our Fire Service Coordinator provides. This data is on the last page of this report.

The Clare Firefighters' Association (CFFA) held General Meetings on July 29, 2026 and September 30, 2026, with representatives from local fire departments, dispatch, and municipal officials in attendance.

The CFFA would like to express its sincere appreciation to Clare Municipal Council and municipal staff for their continued support of the fire service in Clare. The Municipality's willingness to work with the departments and invest in emergency services plays an important role in maintaining safe, capable, and well-prepared fire departments.

Training continues to be a top priority for the CFFA. The CFFA Training Committee has been actively coordinating Level 1 firefighter training, with 4 of 8 sessions completed. Additional training was completed, which was a water shuttle relay training.

The CFFA continues to work toward improving the equipment and operational capabilities available to Clare's fire departments. One significant initiative has been the purchase of tracks for a Side-by-Side, with a total cost of approximately \$8,092.86. The tracks will improve the vehicle's ability to operate in challenging terrain and support emergency response and search-and-rescue activities. Thank you, Council, for your financial support.

The fire departments throughout Clare continue to work together to strengthen mutual aid and emergency response. New Mutual Aid Agreements are being developed and distributed to the departments for review and signing. These agreements will help clarify and strengthen the cooperation between departments when additional resources are required at emergency incidents.

The CFFA is also working with Search and Rescue to improve coordination and ensure that appropriate resources, including Side-by-Sides, can be available when required.

A significant initiative currently being developed is the Clare live fire training facility. Daniel Muise has been working with Clare Mutual regarding funding for the facility. Clare Mutual has indicated its willingness to provide \$20,000 toward the project, with the understanding that the facility will be available for use by fire departments throughout the Tri-Counties. The facility will provide an important opportunity for firefighters to conduct realistic training in a controlled environment. The CFFA is very appreciative of the support being provided by Clare Mutual and recognizes the potential long-term benefit this facility will provide to firefighters throughout the region.

The CFFA continues to monitor improvements to emergency communications and response technology. The I Am Responding system has undergone an upgrade, providing departments with improved information regarding responding apparatus, coordinates, and emergency notifications. These technological improvements have the potential to improve situational awareness, response coordination, and firefighter accountability.

Firefighter safety remains a priority for the CFFA. Discussions have taken place regarding accountability systems currently being used by individual departments. The Association recognizes that provincial changes involving Exterior, Interior, and Support Personnel classifications may eventually result in changes to accountability procedures. Departments are encouraged to continue reviewing their current practices and preparing for future provincial standards.

The departments continue to look for opportunities to work together beyond emergency response and training. One proposal currently being considered is an ATV rally in Meteghan, potentially organized collectively through the CFFA. The event would require participation from the individual departments and could provide an opportunity for firefighters to work together while supporting community engagement.

The CFFA is also continuing discussions regarding awards and recognition of firefighters for years of service. The Municipality is considering the return of municipal fire service award banquets, with a possible event being explored for Fall 2027. Recognizing the dedication of volunteer firefighters is important to maintaining morale and acknowledging the significant contribution these individuals make to their communities.

The Clare Firefighters Association would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to Clare Municipal Council for its continued support of the volunteer fire service. The work of Clare's firefighters would not be possible without the support and cooperation of the Municipality. Investments in equipment, capital funding, training, emergency management, infrastructure, and administrative support directly contribute to the ability of our firefighters to respond safely and effectively. The CFFA also appreciates the ongoing dialogue between Council, municipal staff, Fire Services, REMO, and the individual fire departments. This cooperation is essential as the fire service continues to evolve and face increasing demands.

Our volunteer firefighters give their time freely to protect their neighbours, communities, and the Municipality as a whole. We are proud of the work being done collectively by the fire departments of Clare and are grateful to have a Municipality that recognizes the importance of supporting its volunteer emergency services.

The CFFA remains committed to:

Improving firefighter training and qualifications;

Strengthening mutual aid between departments;

Improving equipment and firefighter safety;

Supporting the development of regional training opportunities;

Enhancing emergency communications and accountability;

Working collaboratively with Clare Municipal Council and REMO; and

Continuing to provide the highest possible level of emergency service to the residents of Clare.

We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship with Clare Municipal Council and appreciate Council's ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of the residents of Clare.

Respectfully submitted,

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President

Shawn Craven
Vice-President

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Secretary/Treasurer

CFFA Fire departments calls January 1st, 2026_ September 22nd, 2026

Havelock Fire		Hectanooga Fire		Little Brook Fire		Meteghan Fire		Salmon River Fire		Southville Fire		St. Bernard Fire	
Fire Alarm	9	Fire Alarm	4	Fire Alarm	7	Fire Alarm	11	Fire Alarm	6	Fire Alarm	8	Fire Alarm	2
MVC	1	MVC	1	MVC	8	MVC	9	MVC	1	MVC	1	MVC	7
Chimney	2	Chimney	0	Chimney	0	Chimney	9	Chimney	0	Chimney	2	Chimney	4
Fire Alarm Commercial	1	Fire Alarm Commercial	0	Fire Alarm Commercial	6	Fire Alarm Commercial	5	Fire Alarm Commercial	1	Fire Alarm Commercial	2	Fire Alarm Commercial	0
Mutual Aid	1	Mutual Aid	0	Mutual Aid	0	Mutual Aid	0	Mutual Aid	0	Mutual Aid	0	Mutual Aid	0
Structure	5	Structure	0	Structure	6	Structure	4	Structure	1	Structure	5	Structure	9
Other	0	Other	0	Other	2	Other	2	Other	0	Other	0	Other	1
Smoke	0	Smoke	0	Smoke	2	Smoke	1	Smoke	1	Smoke	0	Smoke	0
Appliance Fire	1	Appliance Fire	0	Appliance Fire	0	Appliance Fire	0	Appliance Fire	0	Appliance Fire	1	Appliance Fire	0
Co Detector	0	Co Detector	0	Co Detector	0	Co Detector	1	Co Detector	1	Co Detector	0	Co Detector	0
Vehicle Fire	5	Vehicle Fire	1	Vehicle Fire	3	Vehicle Fire	4	Vehicle Fire	1	Vehicle Fire	4	Vehicle Fire	2
Medical Call	41	Medical Call	3	Medical Call	1	Medical Call	115	Medical Call	14	Medical Call	36	Medical Call	68
Phone crash	0	Phone crash	0	Phone crash	2	Phone crash	3	Phone crash	0	Phone crash	0	Phone crash	2
Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0	Boat Fire	0
Electrical	0	Electrical	0	Electrical	1	Electrical	1	Electrical	0	Electrical	0	Electrical	0
Elevator	0	Elevator	0	Elevator	0	Elevator	0	Elevator	0	Elevator	0	Elevator	0
Flood	0	Flood	0	Flood	0	Flood	0	Flood	0	Flood	0	Flood	1
HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0	HAZMAT	0
Lift Assist	0	Lift Assist	0	Lift Assist	0	Lift Assist	2	Lift Assist	0	Lift Assist	0	Lift Assist	0
MVC W/	2	MVC W/	0	MVC W/	2	MVC W/	6	MVC W/	2	MVC W/	2	MVC W/	2
Pole Fire	0	Pole Fire	0	Pole Fire	1	Pole Fire	1	Pole Fire	0	Pole Fire	0	Pole Fire	1
Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0	Rekindle	0
Rescue	1	Rescue	0	Rescue	1	Rescue	0	Rescue	0	Rescue	1	Rescue	0
Grass/Brush/	6	Grass/Brush/	0	Grass/Brush/	1	Grass/Brush/	4	Grass/Brush/	1	Grass/Brush/	5	Grass/Brush/	5
Totla calls	75	Total calls	9	Total Call	43	Total calls	178	Total Calls	29	Total calls	67	Total Calls	104
Not responded or missing data	2	Not responded or missing data	1	Not responded or missing data	1	Not responded or missing data	95	Not responded or missing data	9	Not responded or missing data	4	Not responded or missing data	8