

Uxbridge Fire Department Master Fire Plan Overview



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Why do a Fire Master Plan?

- A previous plan/review is outdated, or more than 10 years have elapsed
- Changes within the community necessitate such a review, for example:
 - Changes with the population and/or economic growth of the community
 - A change in the senior level within the fire service and/or change within the municipality and a master plan is requested.





Benefits of a Master Plan

- Includes analysis and recommendations based on such things as population, economy, housing, future growth, community facilities, and land use.
- It is based on input from surveys, planning initiatives, existing development, physical characteristics, and economic conditions.
- It provides a clear vision of what the future options are relating to timelines and estimated costs.
- The master plan will guide the Fire Department and Township in making decisions for the next 10 years relating to staffing, fire safety, equipment, station needs and associated costs.





Benefits of a Community Risk Assessment

Ontario Regulation 378/18 (O.Reg. 378/18), and the Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997 (FPPA) – Completed no later than July 2024.

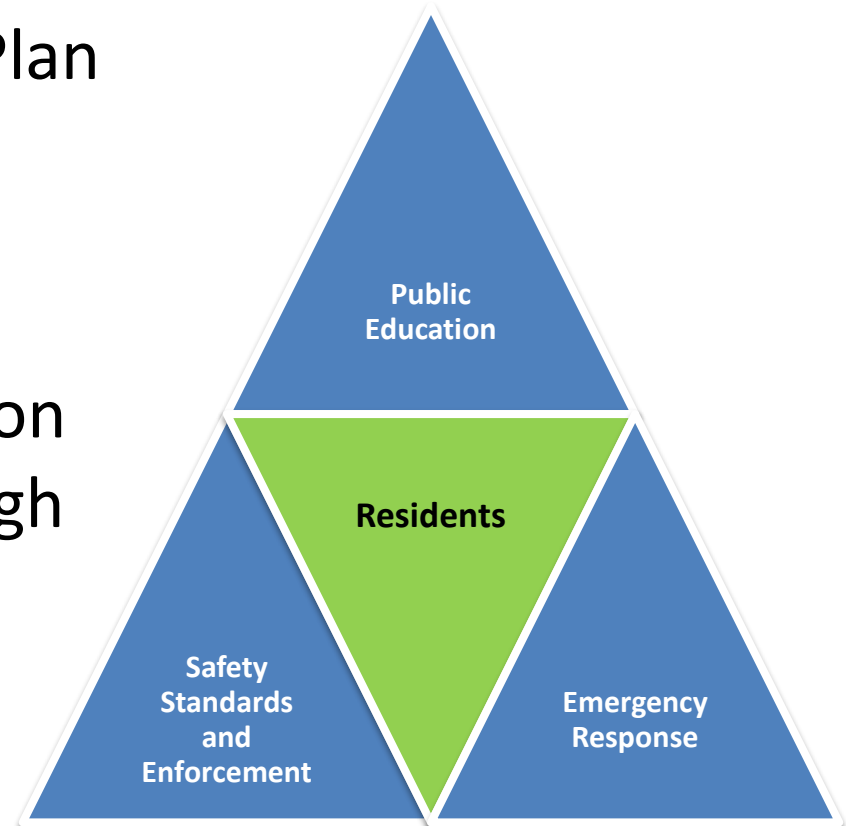
- Recognize and control hazards within the Township
- Create awareness about the risks – and use it as a training tool.
- Set risk management standards, based on acceptable safe practices and legal requirements.
- Aimed at reducing incidents in the Township.
- Save costs by being proactive instead of reactive.



OFMEM Model – Three Lines of Defence

A key focus of this Master Fire Plan revolves around the OFMEM recommended Three Lines of Defence for Public Safety:

1. Public Fire Safety Education
2. Code Enforcement Through Inspections
3. Emergency Response Capabilities



(OFMEM – Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management)



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Project Focus

To accomplish this review and identify how the three lines of defense can be met, the following overarching assessments were conducted:

1. Assess present status of service levels, programs, stations, resources, and risk profile.
2. Consider growth in population and the impact on the fire department.
3. Assess vehicle replacement cycle, equipment, administration, fire prevention, training, emergency planning and public education.





Project Focus (Cont'd)

4. Review fire service delivery based on industry standards, best practices, efficiencies, and the specific municipality needs.
5. Assess mutual aid and other fire service agreements.
6. Review of any previous strategic and/or master plans, along with status of completion.
7. Include recommendations along with any related financial implications, including timetables.





Standards Utilized

The standards review was based on, but not limited to:

- The OFMEM guidelines and recent updates to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act
 - Certification, Risk Assessments and Public Reporting
- National Fire Protection Association Standards
- Fire Underwriters Survey
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Municipal standards and regulations
- Council approved policies
- Commission on Fire Accreditation International





Master Fire Plan Sections

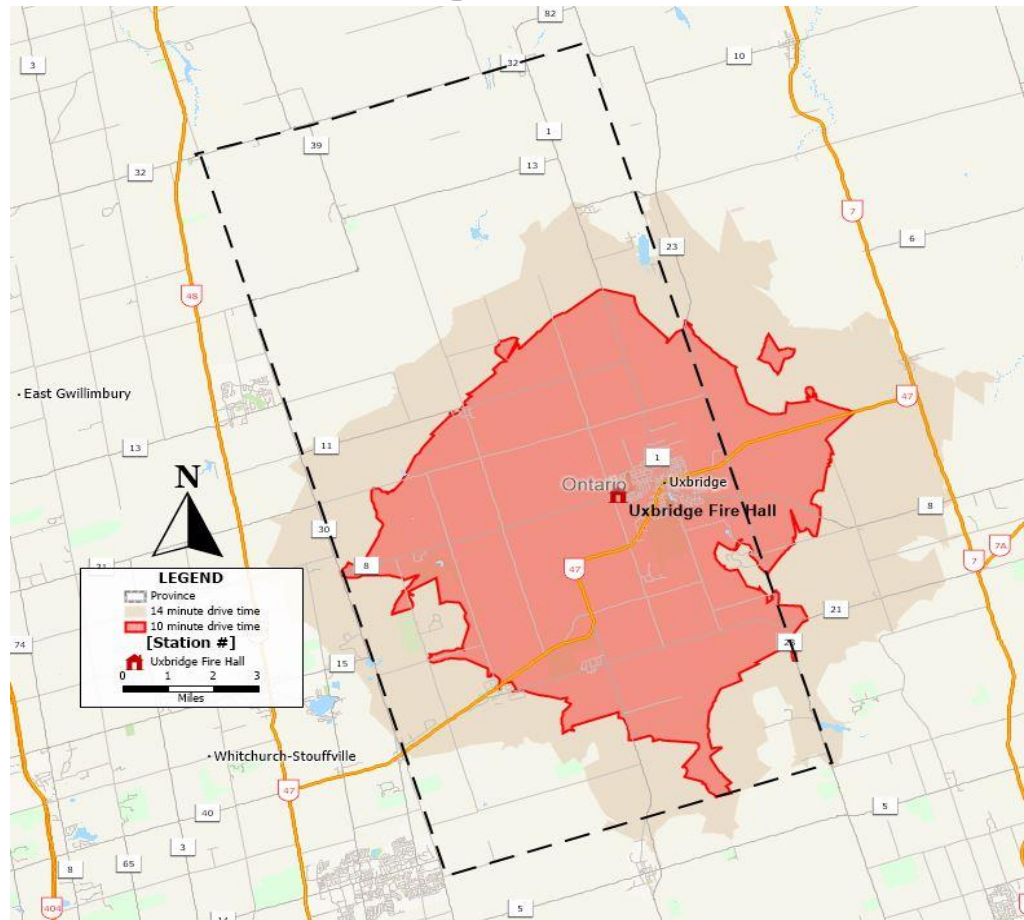
1. Community and Fire Service Overview
2. Planning
3. Risk Assessment
4. Fire Service Staffing
5. Fire Suppression Services
6. Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment
7. Emergency Management
8. Fire Service Agreements
9. Finance
10. Review of Previous FMP
11. Recommendations
12. Appendices

Recommendations are noted within each section of the MFP.



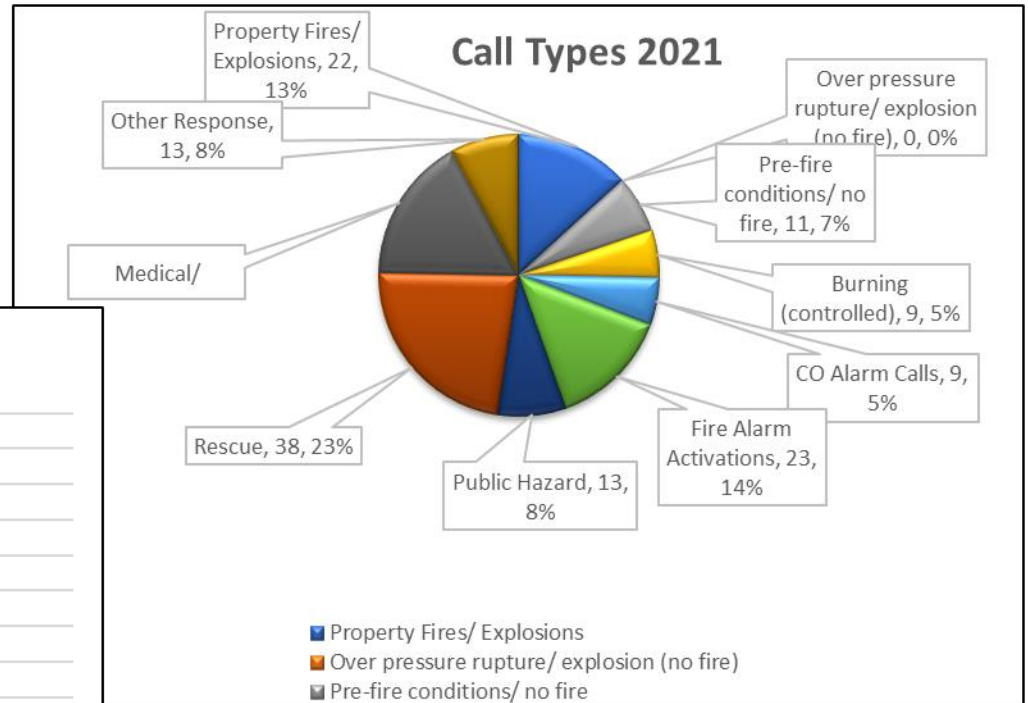
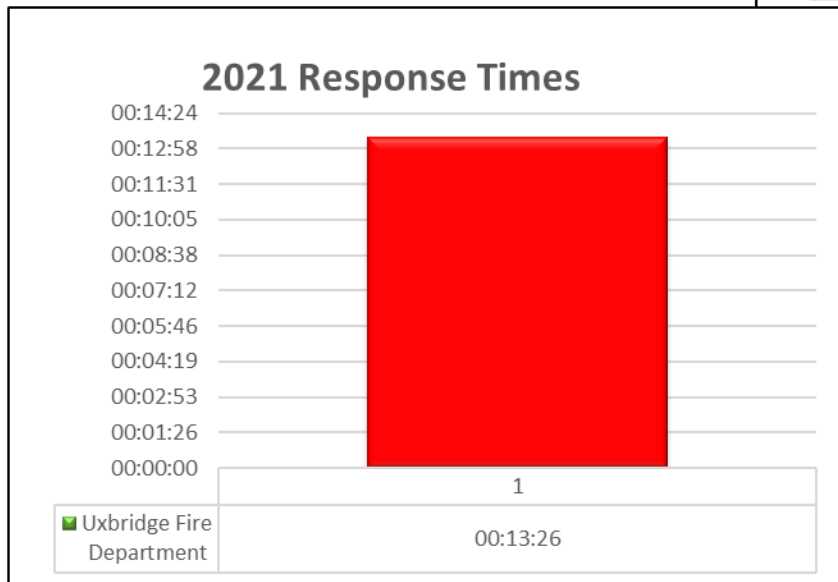
Response/Coverage Areas

This map highlights the present areas being covered by UFD in relation to 10 & 14 minute drive times.



Responses

Review of response data to identify call types and annual number of responses





Recommendations

- In total, EM&T has presented 24 recommendations in the Master Fire Plan (MFP) document.
- For quick reference, two recommendations summaries have been included in the MFP document:
 - The first is located in the Executive Summary. This provides high-level key categories recommendations.
 - The second is a detailed chart can be found in the Section 11. This chart outlines all the recommendations, their associated costs, and timelines for implementation.





General Themes of the Recommendations

- Agreements and By-Laws
- Staffing - Administration, Fire Prevention, and Public Education
- Training – NFPA certification requirements
- Emergency Management



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Conclusion

There is always opportunity for organizational planning, development, implementation and efficiency improvement. It should be noted that during our review it was quite evident that:

- Uxbridge Fire Department consists of dedicated, professional personnel who are committed to meeting the needs of the community; delivering an efficient and effective service.
- Thank-you to everyone who assisted in the development of the Master Fire Plan document.





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