



Municipalité de Clare

Report
March 4, 2026

February 11, 2026

To Municipalité de Clare Council,

2025 Call totals 710 (731)

Fire 275 (349)

Medical 371 (319)

MVC 54 (63)

Havelock 78 (77)

Fire 29 (45)

Medical 41 (27)

MVC 8 (5)

Hectanooga 6 (14)

Fire 5 (11)

Medical 1 (1)

MVC 0 (2)

Little Brook 71 (84)

Fire 61 (72)

MVC 10 (12)

Meteghan 286 (254)

Fire 98 (96)

Medical 168 (135)

MVC 20 (23)

Saint Bernard 144 (190)

Fire 46 (74)

Medical 86 (105)

MVC 12 (11)

Salmon River 64 (61)

Fire 17 (27)

Medical 38 (28)

MVC 9 (6)

Southville 61 (51)

Fire 19 (24)

Medical 37 (23)

MVC 5 (4)

***2024 totals in brackets

September - December Call Totals 190 (710)

Fire 89 (275)

Medical 83 (371)

MVC 15 (54)

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Fire 5 (29)

Medical 6 (41)

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Fire 4 (19)

Medical 6 (37)

MVC 2 (5)

***2025 year to date in brackets

The Clare Firefighters Association is pleased to provide this report to Clare Municipality Council outlining key activities undertaken by the Clare Fire Service between September and December, as well as reflections on our operations throughout 2025. This period marked the conclusion of a demanding year that required continued commitment to training, preparedness, and community safety.

Between September and December, departments focused on maintaining operational readiness as seasonal conditions shifted. Regular training sessions were conducted to ensure members remained proficient in core firefighting techniques, emergency response protocols, and equipment handling. These sessions included live-fire simulations, pump operations, and refresher courses on interior and exterior fire suppression operations. In addition, members participated in joint exercises with neighbouring departments to strengthen regional coordination and interoperability during multi-agency responses.

Operationally, the Clare Fire Service responded to a number of incidents during this period, including structure fires, motor vehicle collisions, and weather-related calls. Preventative maintenance of apparatus and equipment was prioritized to ensure reliability during winter conditions.

Community engagement remained an important component of our work. Department members participated in local safety initiatives and public awareness efforts, reinforcing fire prevention messaging and emergency preparedness within the municipality during Fire Prevention Week in October. These activities continue to strengthen public trust and highlight the essential role of volunteer and composite fire services in Clare. These initiatives included visiting local schools.

Reflecting on 2025 as a whole, the year was characterized by increasing operational complexity and rising costs. Advances in firefighting equipment, enhanced safety standards, and evolving training requirements have significantly increased the financial demands placed on departments. Essential equipment such as personal protective gear, self-contained breathing apparatus components, and vehicle maintenance now carries substantially higher costs than in previous years. Similarly, training expenses—including certification courses, instructor fees, and specialized skills development—continue to rise as standards evolve.

We asked departments to share the shortfalls between what they received in operational funding this past year and the actual operational costs. With five out of seven departments reporting, the shortfall is approximately \$84,000. As a result, the Clare Firefighters Association must emphasize the growing need for increased operational funding to sustain effective service delivery. Adequate funding is critical to ensure that firefighters are properly equipped, well-trained, and able to respond safely and efficiently to emergencies. Investment in these areas directly supports firefighter safety, operational reliability, and the continued protection of the community.

The Association would like to express its sincere appreciation to Clare Municipality Council for its ongoing support throughout 2025. Council's commitment to public safety and its collaboration with the fire service are deeply valued. This support has enabled the Association to meet operational demands and continue serving residents with professionalism and dedication.

We look forward to continued partnership with Council in the coming year and remain committed to working collaboratively to address future challenges while maintaining the high standard of fire protection the community expects and deserves.

Respectfully Submitted,

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