



COMMITTEE REPORT

EMO COMMITTEE

DATE: October 6, 2025

ATTENDEES: Evelyn Fidler, Jason Vallis, Steve Johnston (Asst Dep. Fire Chief), Mike Mockler, Samantha Grant, Daniel Dekleva, Area Manager Central NB EMO Terri Parker (EM Coordinator/CAO-Treasurer), Sherri Johnston (staff), Megan Keenan (staff)

ABSENT: John Johnston

Meeting Called to Order- 6:00 pm

Review of Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed with the committee.

New Members:

CAO Terri Parker welcomed new member Samantha Grant. Samantha has an EMO background working for EMO and JPS in the past as well as doing some work with ground search and rescue. She will be a tremendous asset. Welcome Samantha, we look forward to working with you.

Highlight of Fires and Evacuations:

Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Steve Johnston gave a report on the woodland fires Upper Kingsclear Hanwell Fire Department attended to over the last few months.

Route 3 Fire was 2 hectares and suspected to have been started by lightening about 2 weeks prior to it having been reported. It was burning underground. Birddog made 12 drops and tankers were deployed. Day one, 25 personnel from UKFD and DNR were utilized for 4 hours. Day two, 5 DNR and 4 UKHFD personnel were utilized for 12 hours. Day three, 3 DNR personnel were used. Approximately 200-man hours were required to put this fire out. This fire was 2 hectares.

Deerwood Fire was also in the ground. 5 UKHFD personnel plus DNR were required for 3.5 hours totalling approximately 17.5-man hours for UKHFD.

Kitchen Settlement Fire also burned underground. It required 12 UKHFD plus DNR personnel on day one for 4.5 hours and 4 UKHFD and DNR personnel for 9 hours to extinguish. 4 trucks were deployed and 90-man hours were required.

2025 was reported to be the second worst fire season in Canadian History.



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Of note is that there were no major losses or evacuations in Hanwell.

Reported rain fall amounts for Fredericton by month:

	Reported	Past average
September	39.3 mm	94.7 mm
August	13.0 mm	74.6 mm
July	78.4 mm	91.3 mm
June	70.5 mm	84 mm

We expect to see this pattern of dry weather and closed to burning for the foreseeable future.

Fire Prevention week is October 5 to October 11. UKHFD will be hosting their open house on October 18 at Station 1, 22 Mazerolle Settlement Road for anyone who wants to attend.

Hurricane Forecast:

As predicted by Mike Mockler at the last meeting to date this season is less active than in previous years. There are still a few months for the season so we will be monitoring this closely.

Fire Smart:

We had an open house for Fire Smart which was not well attended. We discussed the possibility of hosting another event and it was decided to push it to next year. We will, however, continue to educate the public via social media.

Upcoming training:

Samantha Grant will work on setting up a training exercise for our next meeting in November which will touch on windstorms and power outages which we have seen in the past couple of years.

Meeting Dates:

Our next meeting will be November 25 at 5:00 pm where we will do a training exercise.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm

These meetings are open to the public with a report of the meeting placed on our website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri L Parker CAO/Treasurer EM Coordinator