



Gillies Emergency Services Annual Report 2010

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Chief's Summary

2010 was another great year for Gillies Emergency Services.

2010 also set the record for the lowest call volumes ever. We had the least number of calls since CACC has been recording call volumes. 2010 saw only 5 fires with the most significant being a fire in a barnyard which destroyed an outbuilding and various pieces of equipment.

The greatest highlight of 2010 was the tendering of a replacement for Pumper 135. Holland Enterprises in Connee Township was the successful bidder to replace our pumper with a newer, larger volume pumper with superior storage due to be in service in early 2011. Continued improvement of our training programs and further efforts to recruit more dedicated volunteers will, as always, remain a focus for the department.

Highlights of 2010

January: 2010 started off quiet with only one call but plenty of work on the skating rink at the community centre in South Gillies.

February: Things stayed quiet in February with more training and no calls.

March: March was busy with training and calls, including our earliest grass fire in memory. The First Response Team had two calls this month.

April: April was busy with a mutual aid fire call and several training sessions including a Company Officer 301, Search and Rescue (with Nolalu), and wildfire training. In-house we held three separate training exercises concentrating on medical calls, radio communication protocols, and portable pump usage.

May: May was busy with both calls and training. The two calls in May were for a motor vehicle collision and a medical call. The First Response team was re-certified. Fire training included a Company Officer course, and several in-house sessions on pumper operations and portable equipment operation (pumps, generators, chainsaws, etc.).

June: As usual, June was again our busiest month; fortunately, there was far more training and work sessions than calls. There was a single medical call, three nights of First Response certification, four nights of in-house fire training, and two firefighters attended a Mod-A course put on by the Fire College.

July: July was quiet. We only had one call – a motor vehicle collision - but several fire training sessions. Holland enterprises gave a presentation to the team on their proposed pumper truck.

August: August was quiet; only one call and one training event.

September: The highlight of September, as usual was our display of fire and rescue equipment and fire prevention materials at the Hymers Fall Fair. Approximately 10,000 people passed through the gates, many of them stopping to view our display hosted once again by the Zone One Mutual Aid Association. Our members made an extra effort this year to be visible to the crowds and organizers, helping to ensure that the fair was as safe as possible. September also

saw several members attend FireCon. There were two calls in September – one medical call and one fire call.

October: Once again we hosted our Halloween Open House. It was attended by about 70 children and youth. This year we again focused on health issues by providing our guests with health related brochures, pamphlets, paraphernalia, and treats. We received donations of information products and give-aways from many kind donors. The fireworks display was provided in part by the Fire Association and resident’s donations. The display was once again the highlight of the evening with many people planning their evening around it. October also saw several training events but no responses.

November: November was quiet – no calls but three training nights and several work sessions to prepare the vehicles and equipment for winter operations.

December: The year ended quietly.

Respectfully Submitted

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Gillies Township



Call-Outs for 2010

This year we had 25 responses. Of these, 20 were medical calls and 5 were fires. Of the 5 fire calls, 2 were for downed Hydro lines and one was for a dump fire (hot ashes in the pit). We had an average of 4 responders and 2 emergency vehicles attend calls.

Response Summary 2010

➤ Property Fires	
○ Structure	2
○ Chimney Fire.....	0
○ Vehicle Fire.....	0
○ Mutual Aid.....	1
○ Grass Fire.....	1
○ Dump Fire.....	0
➤ False Alarms.....	1
➤ Rescue/Medical	
○ Motor Vehicle Collisions.....	1
○ Medical.....	10
➤ Other Responses	
○ Trees on Wire.....	1
Total responses.....	17

Total Saved Summary

The total property saved through our efforts is difficult to estimate. The risks to structures in Gillies Township were minimal. Losses in Gillies included one vehicle and one unoccupied residence. The structure fire in the spring of 2010 in the farm yard had the potential to destroy a barn full of animals and feed plus a residence.

Department Members

Senior Officers

- Scott Hole: Fire Chief
- Doug Golding: Deputy Fire Chief
- Chris Lawrence: Safety Officer
- Judy Hole: First Response Coordinator
- Barbara Turk: Fire Training Officer
- Kathy Cook: EFR Training Officer
- Corey Santorelli: Fire Prevention Officer

First Response / Firefighters

- Bill Groenheide
- Jenny Groenheide
- Dayle Lankinen
- Judy Hole
- Rob Groenheide
- Scott McLaren
- Kevin Robins
- Tom Groenheide
- Dan Cooke
- Kyle Piche
- Ben Groenheide
- Nathan Beasley
- Judy Fink
- Leonard Cole
- Wendy Wright

Years of Service, 2010

Kathy Cook.....	23 Years
Bill Groenheide.....	22 Years
Dayle Lankinen.....	18 Years
Rob Groenheide.....	11 Years
Jenny Groenheide.....	10 Years
Judy Hole.....	09 Years
Scott Hole.....	09 Years
Scott McLaren.....	06 Years
Kevin Robins.....	06 Years
Tom Groenheide.....	04 Years
Doug Golding.....	04 Years
Chris Lawrence.....	03 Years
Barb Turk.....	03 Years
Corey Santorelli.....	02 Years

2010 Budget

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
5601 . Wages from other Depts.	2,000	1,608
5602 . VFD-Fire Chief Per Diem	2,923	2,952
5603 . VFD - EHT	50	49
5608 . VFD-WSIB	2,472	2,472
5609 . VFD- mileage	400	156
5610 . VFD - Training & Officers Per Diem	5,000	5,671
5612 . VFD - Memberships	200	200
5615 . VFD-Vehicle Fuel	1,500	1,444
5620 . VFD - Equipment Purchases	500	500
5625 . VFD - Equipment Repairs	1,500	1,405
5630 . VFD-Vehicle Repairs	3,000	1,803
5632 . VFD - Communications	3,000	3,230
5633 . VFD - Safety Supplies	2,000	2,197
5635 . VFD-Other	800	342
5637 . VFD-Honorariums	3,694	3,622
5638 . Public Education/Fire Prevention	150	143
5640 . VFD-Insurance	3,926	3,957
5643 . VFD - Hydro	800	844
5644 . VFD - Heating	2,400	1,606
5651 . Firehall Repair & Maintenance	500	98
5652 . VFD - Helipad	8,200	5,187
5662 . VFD - Capital Fire Truck	200,000	35,524
5663 . VFD - transfer to reserve	0	0
TOTAL VFD	\$245,015	\$75,010

Fire Prevention and Education Services

Our Department was involved in several activities, which involved the public this past year.



Visitors to the Halloween Open House

- Presence and support at the Gillies Community Centre Canada Day celebrations
- Firefighting equipment/support to the Hymers fall fair as part of the Zone display.
- Ninth annual Halloween open house with fire works, including first annual Scarecrow Competition.
- Relevant articles on fire safety and prevention inserted into and distributed with the quarterly issues of *Gillies Community News*

Training

This year the team participated in several training sessions for fire and first response. These courses included Ontario Fire College courses, Zone 1 Mutual Aid Association, and regular internal training.

- **Ontario Fire College**
 - Company Officer 301 - Fire Prevention (1 Firefighter)
 - FireCon (5 Firefighters)
 - Module A (2 Firefighters)
- **In-house Training in Gillies**
 - EFR: 17 sessions
 - Fire: 27 sessions
 - Interoperability: 3



Fire Prevention and Education Program



Fire Prevention Display at Hymers Fall Fair
September 2010

In keeping with our prevention policy and mission statement the following event took place.

Our team, through our participation with the Zone 1 Mutual Aid Association, utilised the Hymers Fall Fair to distribute fire prevention material for this year's fire prevention week, and as a volunteer recruiting initiative. During the 2 days of the fair, our display gave away many items for both youth and adults alike, answering many questions and showing off Pumper #135 and its equipment to over 10,000 spectators. Again this year the OMNR provided a display of wildland firefighting gear. As well, we participated in the Exhibitor Hunt, during which spectators were able to win two backpack pumps and other wildland gear donated by the OMNR. Smokey the Bear made an appearance as well.

Prevention materials and items distributed:

- 500+ fire helmets
- 600 stickers
- 150 Sparky magnets
- 300+ Activity books
- 300+ Colouring books
- 250 Sparky tattoos
- 150 Sparky rulers
- 350 pencils
- 2 Sparky Dolls
- 2 Safe home kits
- several smoke alarms
- Various other posters, pamphlets and brochures

Summary:

More than 2 complete fire prevention kits were distributed in addition to many pieces of information provided by various other departments, including Gillies, Neebing, Nolalu, and Upsala.



Halloween Open House
October 2010

In keeping with our prevention policy and mission statement, the following event took place.

This year we held our ninth annual Halloween Open House. The purpose of the event is three fold:

- To raise the awareness of the team and to allow the residents to meet the members of the department
- To provide fire prevention, health information – dental, physical, mental and to raise the awareness of the ramifications of drinking and driving
- To provide treats and entertainment – fireworks

The First Response Trainer Kathy Cook once again spearheaded the coordination of the event. Our efforts were also aided by the kind donations by many and varied organizations and individuals. During the event, members of the team were present to meet and talk with the guests and hand out goodies and information packages to the children. The fireworks were provided by the Association and coordinated by Scott Hole. Approximately 70 children and their associated adults attended the event with many either staying to the end or returning for the fireworks.

In addition to the Annual Halloween Open House, the Gillies Volunteer Firefighter's Association co-hosted with the Gillies Community Centre, the 1st Annual Gillies Scarecrow Competition. Fire Team members were the judges for scarecrows made by families in the Township. The scarecrow theme was *Old Man/Woman Gillies*, to help celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Township of Gillies. Winners of the contest were announced at the Halloween Open House.

This event proves to be a crowd pleaser every year. Thanks to all who made this event a great success.



Gillies Community News Articles
March/April, June, September and December 2010

In 2010, the Township continued to distribute a quarterly newsletter – *Gillies Community News*.

Each issue has a section reserved for fire and safety prevention messages – *From the Desk of the Fire Chief*.

March/April Issue – Open Burning Safety Tips

June Issue – Fire Permit Regulations

September Issue – Keeping yards free of hazardous materials and obstacles, including keeping driveways clear of snow, so that emergency workers can safely access home and property.

December Issue – Have a fire-safe holiday by testing smoke alarms and reviewing fire escape plans. Suggested was made for smoke alarms or portable fire extinguishers as gifts for family and friends.



Sign Boards

Gillies Fire Hall and Dump Site – Year round

In keeping with the fire prevention policy, the department has posted fire prevention messages on the sign board at the fire hall and dump.

Messages included the following:

- Burning permits are required. Follow burning rules;
- Seasonal permits available for incinerators;
- Cooking and alcohol consumption is a dangerous mix;
- Install a carbon dioxide detector;
- Have heating system inspected yearly by qualified technician;
- Use a fire screen around your fireplace.

Special messages regarding burning restrictions and when burning permits are required were also posted.



Canada Day Celebrations: Gillies Community Centre
July 2010

In keeping with the fire prevention policy, the department attended the Canada Day Celebrations at the Gillies Community Centre. The department provided a static equipment display as well as participated in the activities of the day. The department also assisted with the fireworks display.

Approximately 200 people attended the celebrations.

Appendix A
Equipment Inventory

Inventory - 2010

Item	Qty.	Description	Location
Radio Motorola portable	1	mounted in R-132	R-132
Booster Cables	1		R-132
Flashlights - orange	2		R-132
Flashlights - metal	1		R-132
Gloves - firefighter	1		R-132
gloves - waterproof	1	Rechargeable	R-132
Coveralls	3	white	R-132
Wheel chock	2	black rubber	R-132
SCBA bottles - Scott	8	back up	R-132
Snow shovel	1		R-132
Spade	1		R-132
Picaroon	1		R-132
Pry-bar	1		R-132
Extension cord	1	300 feet	R-132
Crow bar	1		R-132
Fire Axe	1		R-132
Rescue Axe	1		R-132
Hacksaw	1		R-132
Bolt cutter	1		R-132
Reciprocating saw	1	DeWalt- 18 v battery	R-132
Reciprocating saw	1	Makita - corded	R-132
Come-a-long	1		R-132
Vehicle Blocking	4	in backpacks	R-132
Stretcher - #9	3		R-132
Water Jug	1	5 gallon	R-132
Ladder	1	6' step ladder	R-132
Warning signs	2	Stop/Yield	R-132
Warning cones	7		R-132
Warning signs	2	roadside "men at work"	R-132
Flares	XX		R-132
Generator	1	Honda 700cc	R-132
Rope		Hemp	R-132
Warning tape		Fire scene tape	R-132
Dry Chemical Extinguishers	1	5 lbs	R-132
Dry Chemical Extinguishers	1	10 lbs	R-132
Dry Chemical Extinguishers	2	20 lbs	R-132

Dominion Auto Siren	1	Mounted in P-135	P-135
Motorola Portable Radio	1	Mounted in P-135	P-135
Booster Cables	1		P-135
Warning cones	4		P-135
Dry Chemical Extinguisher	4	20 lbs	P-135
Hose wrenches	4		P-135
Pike pole	1		P-135
Ladder	1	Extension	P-135
Ladder	1	Roof	P-135
Ladder	1	6' step ladder	P-135
Portable pond	1		P-135
Safety vests			P-135
Safety glasses			P-135
Flashlight		lantern	P-135
Battery		lantern	P-135
Burn kit	1		P-135
Splints			P-135
Cervical collars			P-135
Trauma bag	1		P-135
Fire axe	2		P-135
Pry-bar	1		P-135
Propane torch	1		P-135
Floating dock	1		P-135
Wheel chock	2	black rubber	P-135
Flashlights	2	plastic	P-135
Flashlights	2	lantern	P-135
Primer oil		part bottle	P-135
Bottle jack	1	4-ton	P-135
Chimney bombs	2		P-135
Hand cleaner			P-135
Lumber crayon			P-135
Permanent markers			P-135
SCBA - Scott	4		P-135
SCBA bottles - Scott	4		P-135
PASS alarms	4		P-135
Chainsaw	1		P-135
Gas can	1	straight gas	P-135
Gas can	1	mixed gas for chainsaw	P-135
Chainsaw bar oil	1		P-135
Generator	1	Honda 1200 cc	P-135
Lights	3	Halogen single lights	P-135
Light standard	1	two light halogen	P-135
Extension cord			P-135

Spade	3		P-135
Snow shovel	1		P-135
Chimney sweep kit	1	18' kit	P-135
Suction hose - 38mm	1	15' black	P-135
Suction hose - 38mm	2	10' green	P-135
Suction hose - 6"	2	6' black	P-135
Gated wye 65 - 2 38mm	1		P-135
Nozzle – 65mm	1	Pistol grip	P-135
Gated wye 38mm with water thief	1		P-135
Nozzle – 38mm	2	Pistol grip	P-135
Portable pond	1	1000 gallons	P-135
Foam Eductor	1	with 65 - 38 mm reducer	P-135
AAA Foam concentrate	1	3 gallons	P-135
Radio Motorola portable	1	Mounted in T-134	T-134
Safety vests	2		T-134
Suction hose - 65mm	3	10' hard suction	T-134
Hose wrenches	2		T-134
Portable pump - high volume	1		T-134
Suction hose - wajax	1	6' hard suction	T-134
Gas can - safety	2	5 gallon	T-134
Gas can - wajax	1	10 gallon	T-134
Portable pump - wajax	1		T-134
Portable pump - forestry	1		T-134
Suction hose - forestry	1		T-134
Gas can - forestry	1		T-134
Wheel chock	2	black rubber	T-134
Ice auger	1	6"	T-134
Pump - portable high volume	1	water supply for tanker	T-134
Portable pond	1	1000 gallons	T-134
Hose - 65 mm supply	5	50' each	T-134
Ladder	1	extension - 12'	T-134
Fire Axe	1		T-134
Pry-bar	1		T-134
Fan - PPV	1	Honda engine	T-134
AAA Foam concentrate	1	3 gallons	T-134
Portable pump - forestry	2	backup	
Suction hose - forestry	2	backup	
Gas can - forestry	2	backup	
Suction hose - 38mm	2	backup	
High Volume Pump (B&S)	1	backup	
Suction hose - 65mm	1	20'	
Snow shovel	2		
Hose Roller	2		

Backpack pumps - rigid	11		
Mechanic's toolbox	1	full	
Firefighter helmet	4	on shelf	
Hose packs - forestry	3	1200 feet in packs	
Firefighter helmet	13	in service	
Hardhats	15	in service	
Handheld radios	15	in service	
Firefighter boots	17		
Bunker gear - pants	17		
Bunker gear - jacket	16		
Coveralls	25		
Gloves	10		
Balaclavas	9	nomex	
Flashlights	2	Rechargeable	
Dry Chemical Extinguishers	1	5lbs	
Dry Chemical Extinguishers	3	20lbs	
Hose - 65 mm supply	7	Old - backup	
AAA Foam concentrate	2	55 gallon drums	
SCBA bottles - Survivair	2	out of service	
SCBA - Survivair	2	out of service	

Appendix B
Annual Plans

Plans for 2011

1. To put into service the new pumper truck to maximize efficient and effective protection of the residents.
2. To ensure that all vehicles and equipment are available and in acceptable condition for use.
3. To update and fully implement the Gillies Operating Guidelines.
4. To ensure that all department members continue to be trained to the standards set for firefighting and emergency first response.
5. To continue our interdepartmental training of both Fire and First Response personnel.
6. To continue to be involved with and support the Mutual Aid Zone 1 Association towards the end of improving the delivery of emergency services to our community and the effective and efficient training of our Zone partners and us.
7. To ensure that, through our regular operations and activities, we maintain our compliant status with the office of the OFM.
8. To continue to evaluate the wants and needs of the department and community to ensure that we are delivering the most effective and efficient emergency services possible.
9. To continue to recruit and train new members to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the department.

Appendix C
Equipment Needs

Equipment Needs

During 2010 the most significant purchase was the tendering of the new pumper truck. An assessment by the Thunder Bay Fire Department provided that the current pumper was unfit for safe firefighting and that repairs would not be cost effective. The new pumper truck will be put into service in mid 2011. It continues to be department policy that one set of new bunker gear are purchased every year. This policy would ensure that all active firefighters have safe, certified personal protective equipment which meets current standards.

The following listing is presented in no particular order as priorities change. All items on the list are necessary to meet the requirements of the *Fire Prevention and Protection Act*, the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the Zone 1 Mutual Aid membership agreement, and the findings of our Municipal Fire Protection Information Survey (MFPIS), as well as meeting the needs of maintaining our hall and equipment.

New regulations regarding self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) mean that our current sets are not up to standard. The increasing number of active members outnumbers the current SCBA's (4). Without additional apparatus, increasing our firefighting capabilities is not possible. Grant opportunities should be sought out to purchase six new, compliant sets of SCBA.

- One set bunker gear (minimum)
- SCBA – 6 sets
- Twenty-foot storage container
- Wildland Firefighting Equipment
 - Backpack water pumps
 - Root rakes
 - Fire Brooms
- Scene Identification Vests
 - Incident Commander
 - Safety Officer
 - Triage / EMS / First Response
 - Entry Control Officer