

Community Safety Division



***Fort William
First Nation***

Mission Statement:

“The Community Safety Division is committed to protecting and enhancing the well-being of our community through a unified approach to safety and security. We provide responsive animal control, fair and consistent bylaw enforcement, timely medical first response, vigilant community surveillance, professional security services, and effective emergency response/mitigation. By working collaboratively with residents and partners, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and resilient environment for all.”



Medical First Response

- Provide pre-ambulance arrival medical care.
- Provide first-aid services during community functions.
- We employ two fulltime and 9 parttime first responders.
- Jan 2023 to present MFR was dispatched to 645 calls.
- FWFN call volume is higher than the entire Thunder Bay district (excluding the City of Thunder Bay).



By-Law Enforcement

- Enforce Fort William First Nation By-Laws.



Emergency Preparedness & Response

- 911 address signs to be installed in the spring/summer 2026 at every residence and business in the community. This will allow for faster emergency response.
- All street signs will be replaced with larger more visible signs.
- Asses various hazards that may affect the community. Such as forest fires, localized flooding, power outages etc.
- Implement measures to eliminate hazards and or mitigate the effects that hazards may have in the community.



Property/Community Surveillance

- State-of-the-Art video surveillance system installed on all FWFN Building assets as well as the James St / City intersection. With more intersections to come online soon.
- Liaison directly with police agencies to provide access to video recordings during investigations.



Animal Control

- We are currently in the process of obtaining an impound service agreement with a local organization to house captured at large dogs in the community.
- Once finalized, all at large dogs will be captured and impounded when required.
- Provide community members with information regarding the Dog Control By-Law, Dog owners liability Act and the Provincial Animal Services Act.
- Liaison and attend all site visits with Provincial Animal Services Inspectors.
- Problem black Bear management / relocation.



Security

- Provide security services at various community functions, regular community patrols.



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