

To: Safety and Facilities Services Committee

From: Adam Grant, Commissioner,
Safety and Facilities Services Department

Report Number: SF-25-31

Date of Report: May 7, 2025

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2025

Subject: Community Safety Day

Ward: All Wards

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to raise awareness about Community Safety Day, a collaboration initiative hosted by Oshawa Fire Services in partnership with regional emergency services, local businesses and other City branches to promote community safety and well-being for residents of Oshawa.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-25-31, dated May 7, 2025, concerning Community Safety Day be received for information.

3.0 Input From Other Sources

- Durham Regional Police (DRPS)
- Durham Regional Emergency Medical Services (DREMS)
- Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services (MLELS)
- Ontario Power Generation (OPG)
- Durham Emergency Management Office (DEMO)
- Durham Region Crisis Intervention Stress Support Team (DRCISST)
- Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team (OVERT)

4.0 Analysis

4.1 Background

Within the Province of Ontario, the delivery of fire protection services is guided by the Fire Protection & Prevention Act (FPPA), including the strategic optimization of the three lines of defense, which include:

- Line one: Public fire safety education
- Line two: Fire safety standards and enforcement
- Line three: Emergency response

Community Safety Day, hosted by Oshawa Fire Services, aligns with all three lines of defense. Fire Prevention staff will deliver public fire safety education through interactive demonstrations, handouts, and direct engagement with attendees. Representatives from Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing (MLEL) and other City branches will provide information on fire safety standards, building code requirements, and tenant safety protocols, reinforcing compliance and risk reduction. Additionally, a fire crew with their apparatus will be on-site, showcasing the emergency response capabilities of Oshawa Fire Services.

This event builds on the success of previous Community Safety Days, which have historically provided significant value to the community by raising awareness, fostering collaboration, and promoting proactive safety measures. The 2025 event will feature a range of educational and interactive activities designed to engage residents of all ages, including free handouts on fire and tenant safety, as well as refreshments and food. The inclusion of our community partners such as Durham Regional Police, Durham Region EMS, and local organizations like Camp Bucko and Camp Molly enhances the event's impact by addressing a broad spectrum of safety and emergency preparedness topics.

4.2 Community Safety Day

Community Safety Day, scheduled for June 21, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Fire Hall #5 (1550 Harmony Road North), is a free public event designed to promote safety and emergency preparedness for Oshawa residents. The event will feature a variety of educational displays, interactive demonstrations, and community engagement activities led by Oshawa Fire Services and its partners. Key highlights include:

- **Fire Safety Education:** Fire Prevention staff and Tessa the Fire Dog will engage attendees with fire safety tips, including home escape planning, smoke alarm maintenance, and safe cooking practices. Handouts on fire prevention and tenant safety will be distributed.
- **Emergency Services Demonstrations:** Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) and Durham Region Emergency Medical Services (DREMS) will showcase their equipment and provide insights into their roles in community safety. A fire crew will display a fire apparatus, allowing residents to learn about firefighting tools and techniques.

- **Community Partner Booths:** Organizations such as Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Durham Emergency Management Office (DEMO), Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team (OVERT), Durham Region Crisis Intervention Stress Support Team (DRCISST), Camp Bucko, Camp Molly, and Global Medic will host booths to share information on emergency preparedness, volunteer opportunities, and youth programs.
- **Career Exploration:** The City of Oshawa Human Resources Fire Careers team will provide information on career opportunities within Oshawa Fire Services firefighters.
- **Refreshments and Community Engagement:** A BBQ sponsored by Harvey's, with equipment donated by Sunbelt Rentals and water provided by DKI-CRCS, will offer attendees a chance to connect with first responders and community partners.

The collaborative nature of the event, with participation from regional emergency services, local businesses, and community organizations, underscores Oshawa's commitment to fostering a safe and resilient community. By bringing together diverse partners, Community Safety Day provides a platform for residents to access resources, ask questions, and build stronger connections with those who serve and protect the City of Oshawa.

5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly related to this Report.

6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area "Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment" with the goal to collaborate and advocate for effective services, programs, and community safety and well-being support.



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