



Hamilton

HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Hamilton Fire Department

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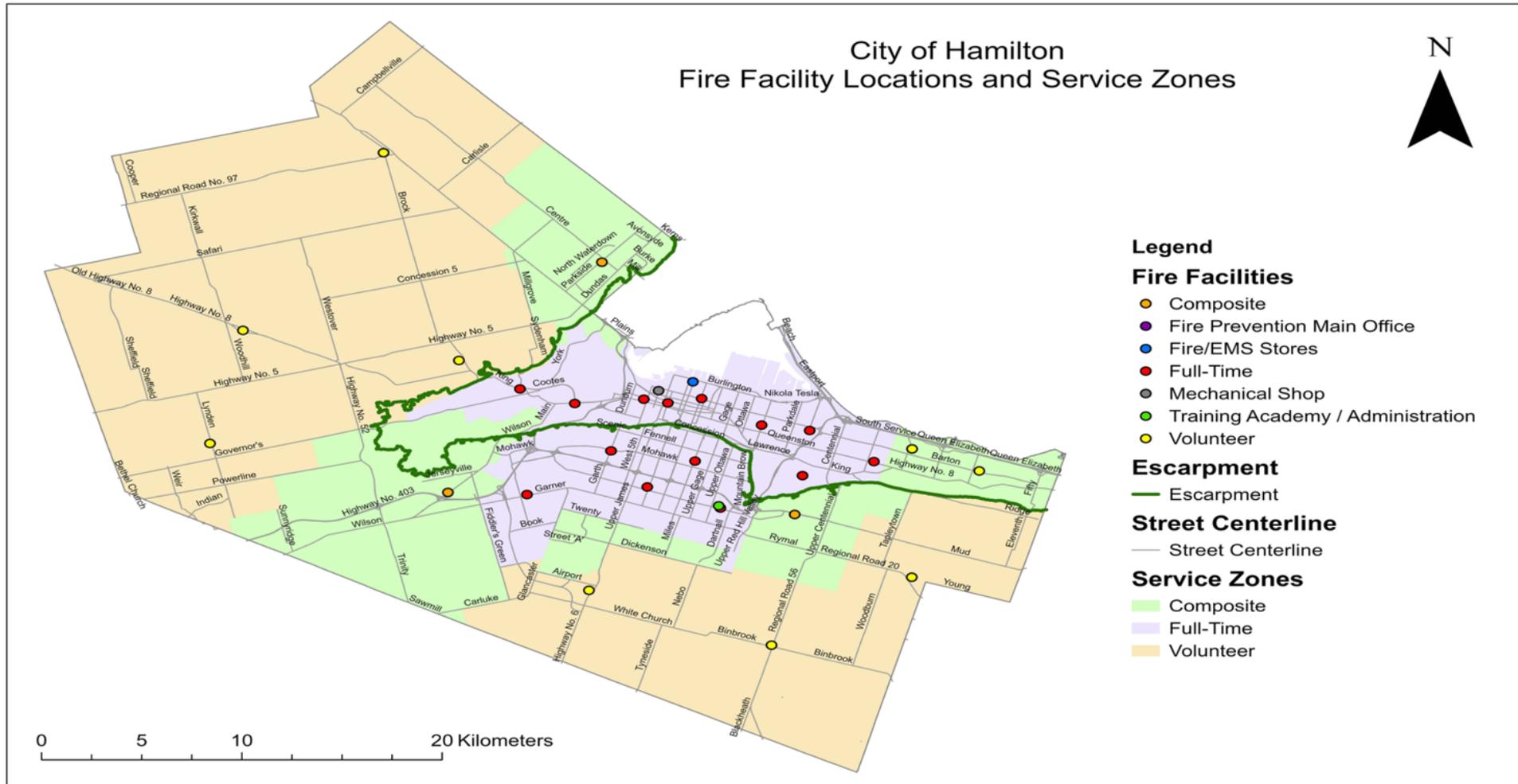
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People



Highlights

Divisions

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Mechanical, Stores & Facilities

Fire Prevention

Training

Leadership Team

Outcomes & Results

21,160 Incidents Dispatched



513 Fires



Maintained 220+ apparatus



7% increase in Fire Prevention activity



Increased efficiencies by Stores



100% compliance for large event emergency response plans



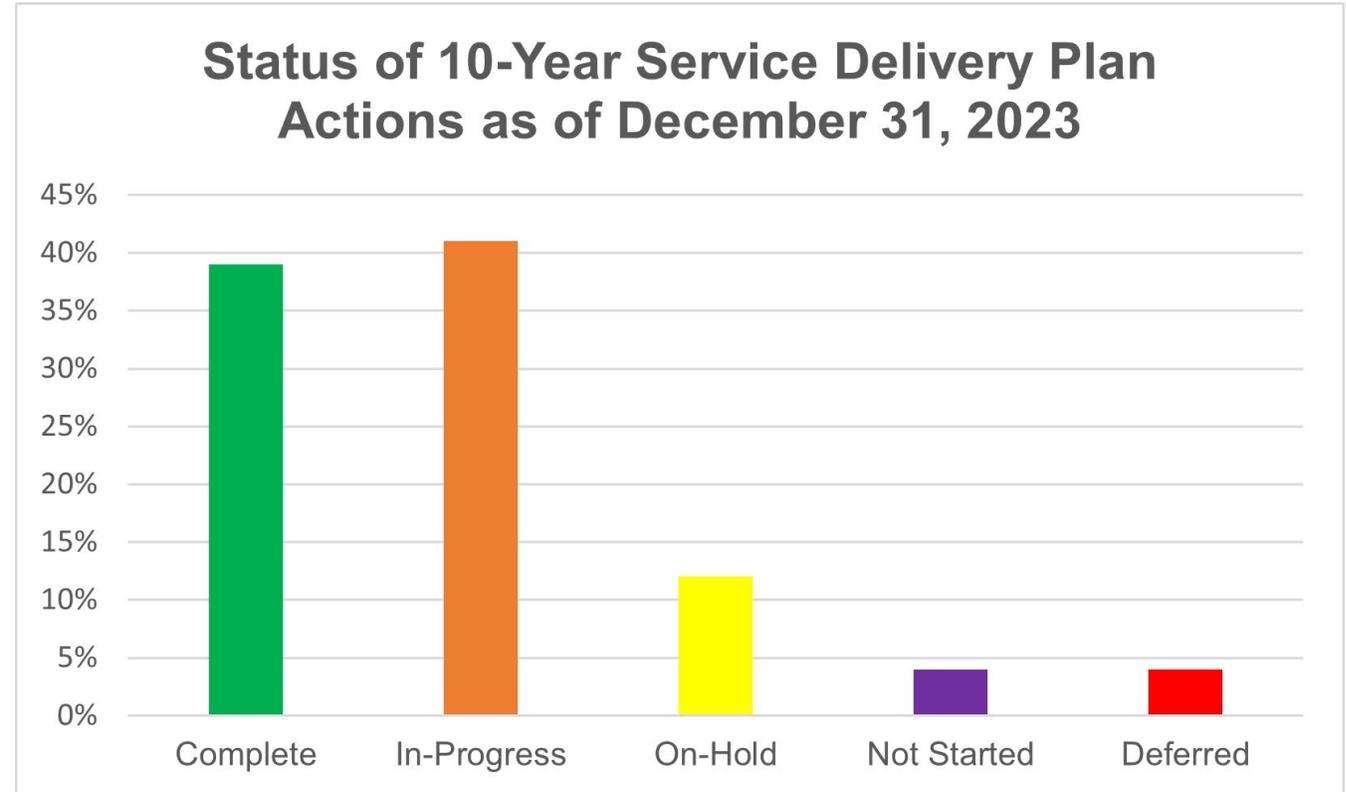
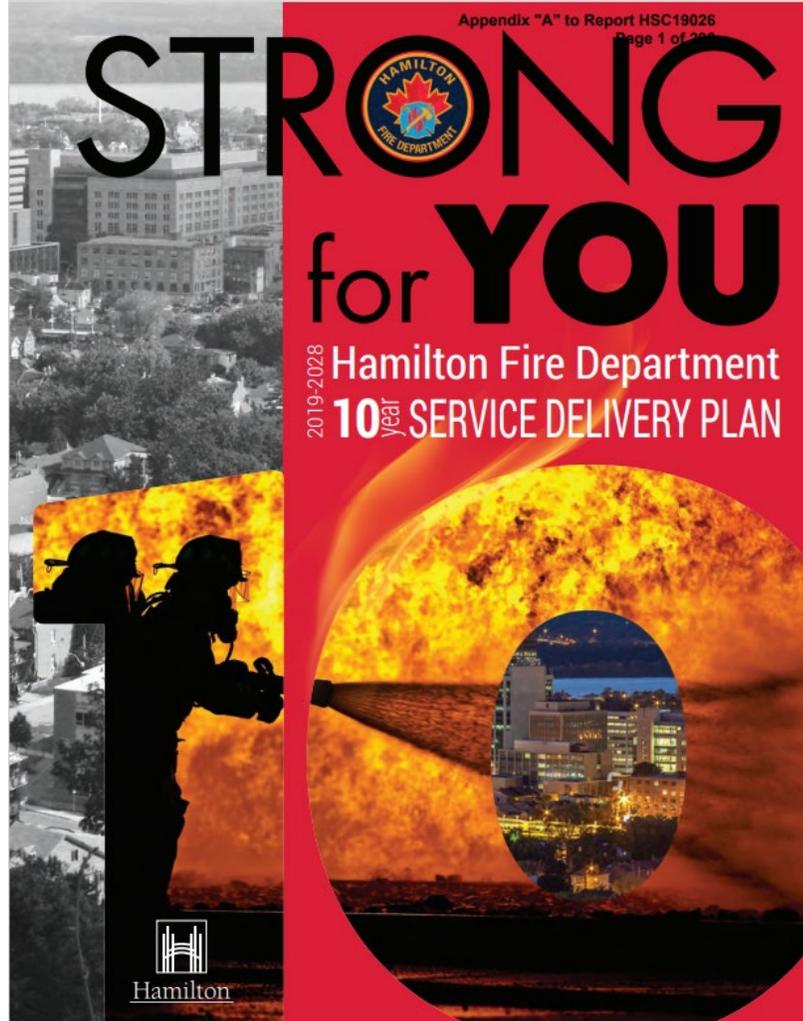
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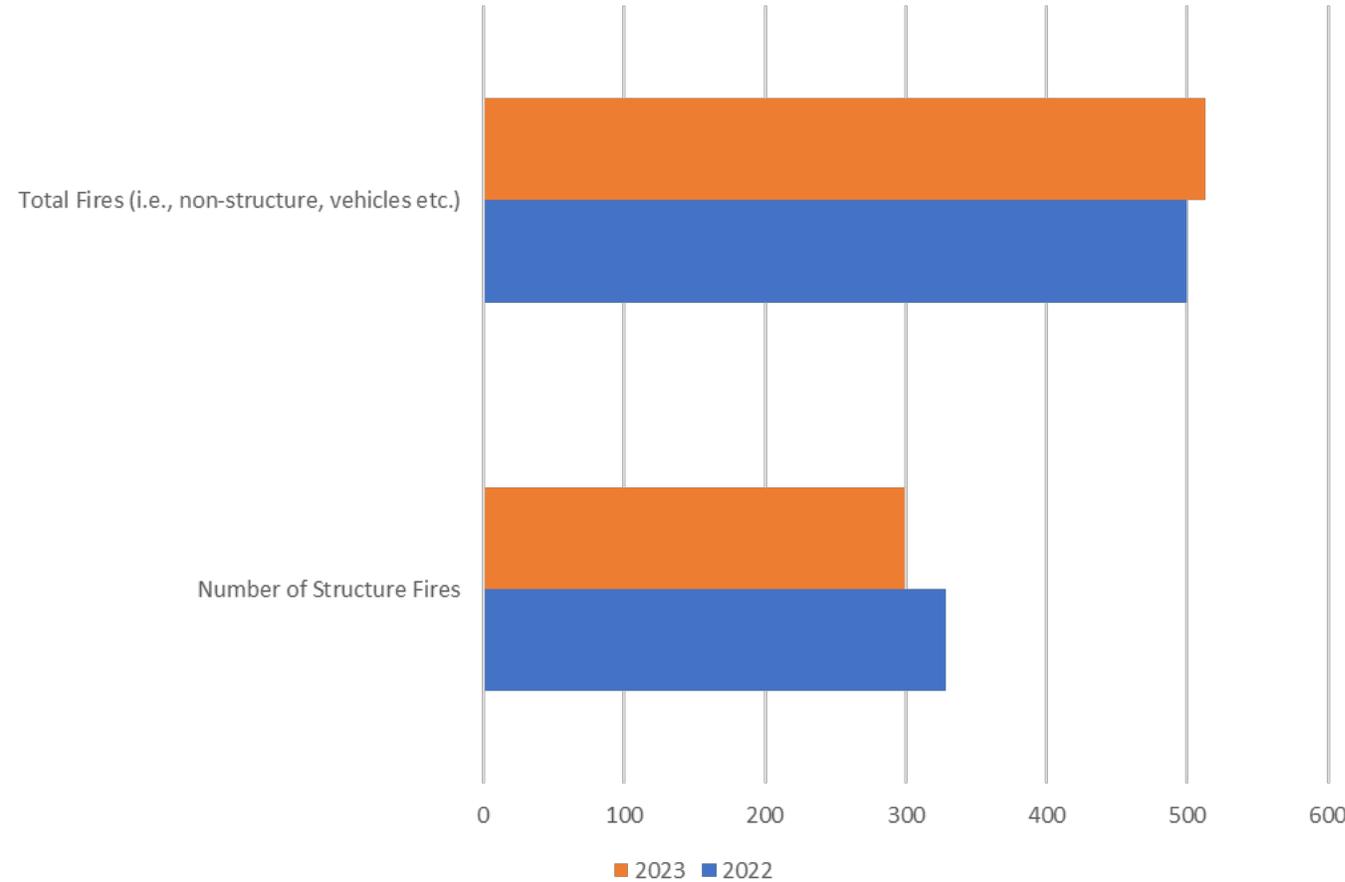


Status of 10-Year Service Delivery Plan



Trends

Total Fires and Structure Fire in 2022 vs 2023



Non-Structure Fires (i.e. grass fires, open fields, vehicles etc.)	
2022	172
2023	214

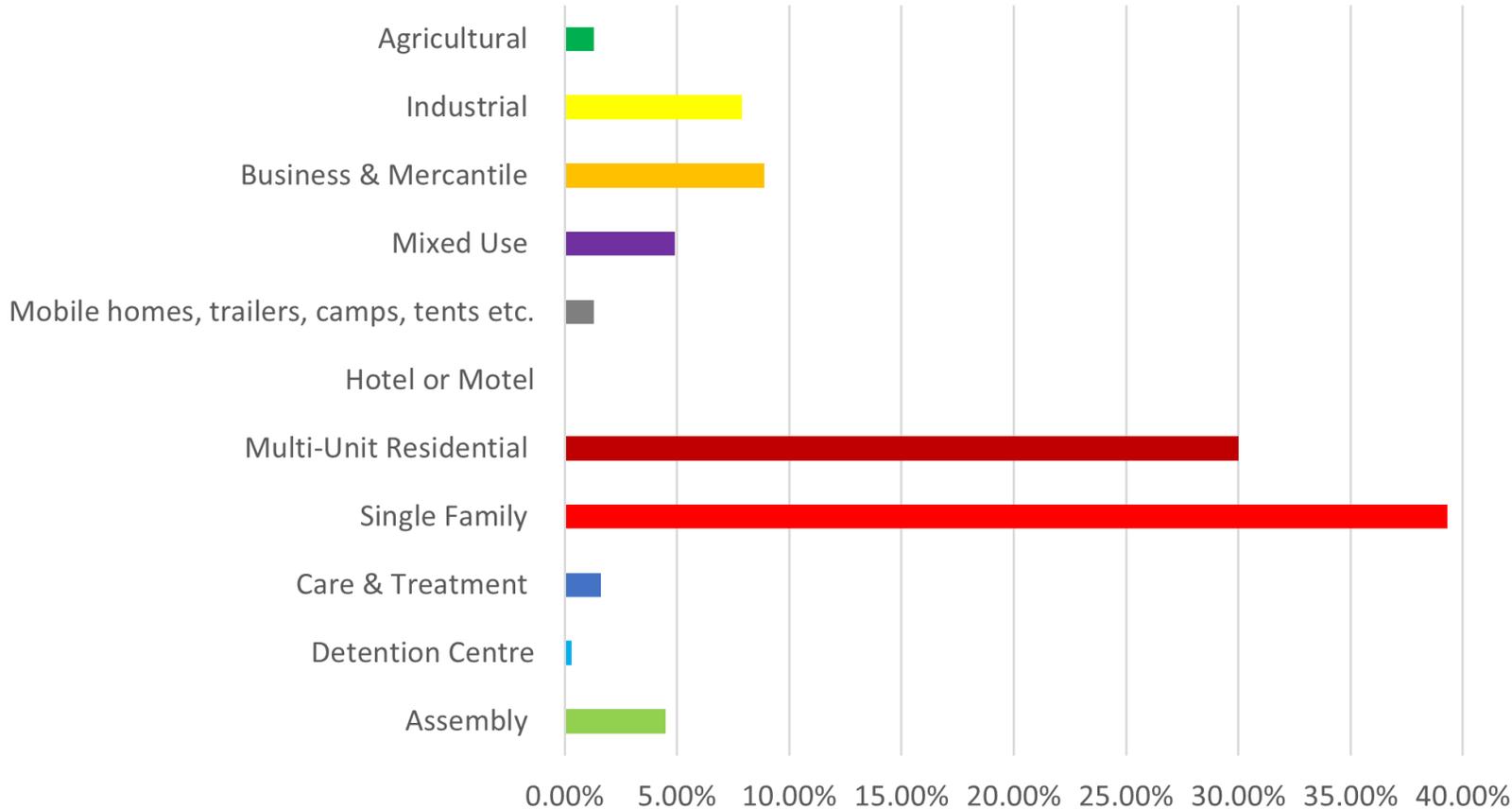
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2023 Ward Data

Ward	Number of Structure Fires	Percentage of Fires
1	22	7%
2	54	18%
3	70	23%
4	33	11%
5	12	4%
6	9	3%
7	12	4%
8	14	5%
9	7	2%
10	6	2%
11	14	5%
12	18	6%
13	13	4%
14	9	3%
15	10	3%
Total	303	100%

Fires by Building Type

Percentage of Fires by Building Type in 2023



2022 Top Six (6) by Building Type

Type	Change from 2022
Single Family	 136 in 2022 vs 119 in 2023
Multi-Residential	 84 in 2022 vs 90 in 2023
Industrial	 32 in 2022 vs 24 in 2023
Business & Mercantile	 30 in 2022 vs 27 in 2023
Assembly	 No change: 14 in 2022 vs 14 in 2023
Mixed Use (commercial & residential)	 13 in 2022 vs 15 in 2023

Losses

Dollar Loss, Injuries, and Deaths in 2023 vs 2022

Type of Loss	2023	2022
Dollar loss	\$39.2M 	\$49.8M
Injuries	46 civilian and firefighters 	41 civilian and firefighter
Deaths	3 civilian deaths 	8 civilian deaths

Fire Causes

Top Five (5) Causes of Fire in 2023

Cause of Fire	Percentage of Fires & Change from 2022 to 2023
Electrical/Mechanical Failure	16% 
Arson	15% 
Carless Smoking	9% 
Unattended Cooking	5% 
*Misuse of Ignition Source	5% 

**Misuse of Ignition Source: accidents involving the source of ignition such as inadequate control of open fires, playing with a source of ignition, welding, or using a torch too close to a flammable object, etc.*

Top Five (5) Causes of Fire in 2022

Cause of Fire	Percentage of Fires
Electrical/Mechanical Failure	15%
Arson	14%
Carless Smoking	12%
Unattended Cooking	5%
*Misuse of Ignition Source	4%

Incidents Dispatched in 2023

Type of Call	Number of Calls/Responses
Burning (Controlled) i.e., open air burning complaints	899
CO False Calls	770
False Fire Calls	4548
Medical Calls	9466
Other Responses	977
Overpressure Rupture (no fire)	6
Pre-fire Conditions (no fire)	890
Property Fires/Explosions	1262
Public Hazard	732
Rescue (i.e., rope, ice, water, elevator, RPAS etc.)	1611
TOTAL	21,160



Incidents Dispatched in 2022
14,593

Firefighting Operations Response Times

Improved times compared to 2022.



Time for the convergence of an Effective Firefighting and Rescue Force (EFRF)			
		2022	2023
Response Type	90th % Approved Target	90th % Actuals	90th % Actuals
Full-Time	10 mins 54 secs	9 mins 47 secs	9 mins 38 secs
Composite	18 mins 51 secs	15 mins 52 secs	13 mins 46 secs
Volunteer	20 mins 45 secs	20 mins 31 secs	15 mins 39 secs

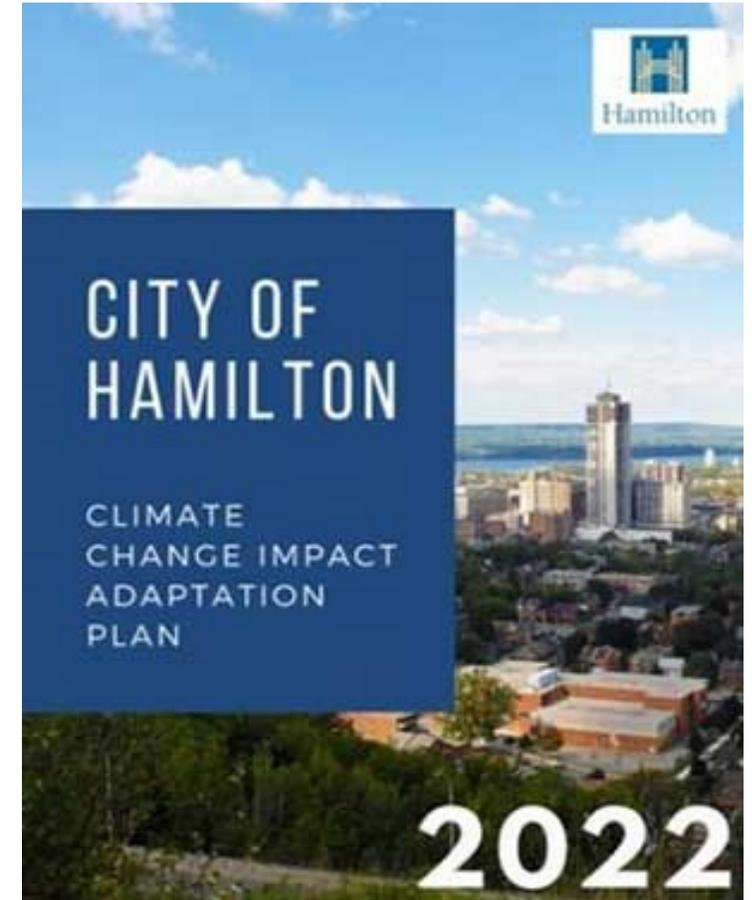
Technology

New Equipment & Apparatus



Technology

Efficiencies and Savings



Collaboration, Engagement & Communication



Connecting with the community

461 events attended

300+ media inquiries

Hamilton Fire Department Services & Assets Survey



CLOSED: This discussion has concluded.

Survey Closed October 10. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

\$50K in funding and in-kind donations for smoke and CO2 alarms



HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

Fire Safety Tips to Help Keep You Safe

For Fire Emergencies call 9-1-1

- Keep tents/shelters at least 3 big steps away from other tents, structures, etc.
- Have a sober buddy to help with fire safety.
- Remove clutter and garbage from areas close to your tent and the site.
- Keep your items away from open flames.
- If burning something, do it outside, keep it small, keep it away from tents, and always watch it.

Tent openings (inside & outside) should be kept clear so you can leave quickly.

Share this information with others and stay safe.





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THANK YOU