Winnipeg | Fire Paramedic Service
Incendie et soins paramédicaux

April 4, 2019

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Your Request for Access to Information under Part 2 of
The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Our File No.: 19 03 204

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On March 11, 2019, the City Clerk's Department received your request for access to the following records:

> *Please provide the number of incidents pertaining to suspected carbon monoxide exposure that the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service responded to between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Please do not include incidents in which a faulty detector was the cause of alarm. If possible, I would also like to know the total number of poisoning/overdose calls and how many of these pertained to carbon monoxide as the source. Thank you!*

On March 18, 2019 Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) Data Analyst Paige Dimayuga advised you of the following:

1. Identifying the CO fire responses resulting from a faulty detector would entail running through each report individually. This task would take a significant amount of time and result in the application of a fee under FIPPA. You agreed to revise your request to include incidents where a faulty detector was the cause of alarm providing a caveat is included with the data.

2. WFPS does not test for actual CO poisoning and therefore the medical responses will be based on chief complaint and/or primary or secondary impressions.

In addition, please note that poisoning and overdose is broken down into several categories. For a meaningful comparison, we can only provide the Poisoning/OD totals relating to toxins and inhalation.

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I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in full and is provided in the table below.

WFPS Carbon Monoxide (CO) Responses	**2018**
Number of CO Fire Responses *	709
Number of CO Medical Responses **	35
Number of Poisoning/Overdose Inhalation Calls	97
* Fire CO response is based on fire reporting data and includes events resulting from faculty detectors.	
** Medical response is based on patient care reports where CO is identified as either a chief complaint, primary impression or secondary impression.	

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 – 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3X1
Telephone: 204-982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please contact me at aberard@winnipeg.ca or 204-986-8397.

Yours truly,

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