

# WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 YEAR END REPORT



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## The Call Numbers

The Winkler Fire Department responded to an even 150 emergency calls in 2014, as compared to 117 in 2013. 99 calls were within the City of Winkler, 43 calls were to the RM of Stanley including mutual aid calls to assist Morden FD within the RM. There were 8 Mutual Aid calls outside of this area.

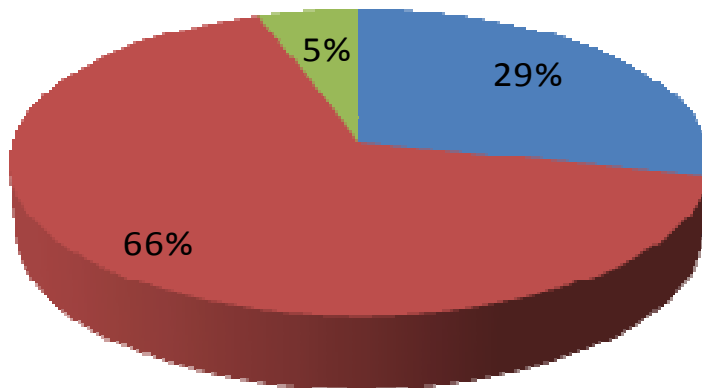
The City of Winkler was up 34 calls from the previous year

The RM of Stanley call numbers were par from the previous year

There was 1 less mutual aid call outside our immediate response areas from the previous year



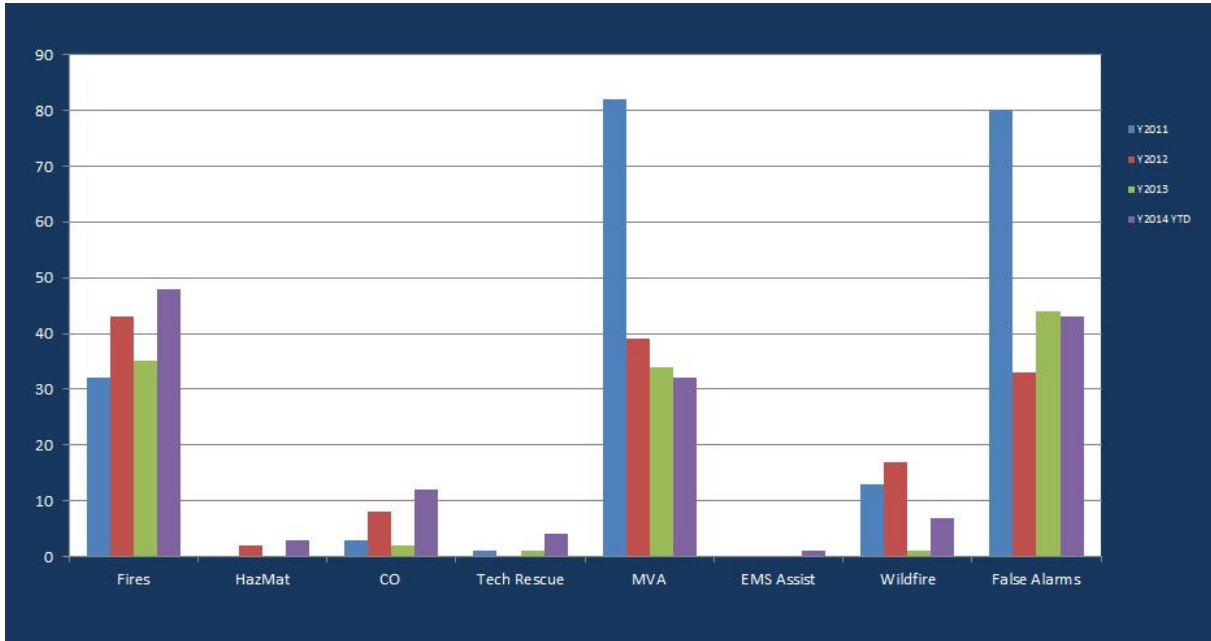
### Winkler Fire Department Call Distribution by Area



- RM - inc. M.A. Morden
- City of Winkler
- Mutual Aid - outside RM



### Emergency Incident Type Comparison 2011 - 2014



**“The leading cause of residential fires in 2014 was cooking fires!”**

As illustrated on the graph above the numbers of fire incidents, CO incidents, Technical Rescue, Wildfire incidents, and HazMat incidents rose in 2014 as compared to 2013. Motor Vehicle Accidents and false alarms decreased in 2014 from 2013.



Submitted by Garl Busckert

### Breakdown of WFD 2014 Emergency Response

- 48 fire incidents including residential, commercial and vehicle fires
- 43 false alarms of which most were not malicious in nature
- 32 motor vehicle accidents
- 12 Carbon Monoxide incidents in which there a number that CO was detected which usually sourced from vehicles running in the garage
- 7 wildfires of which most were left unattended and got away
- 4 technical rescues which included industrial and confined space incidents
- 3 hazmat incidents which included a train derailment, gas release, and a suspected meth lab
- 1 incident where the fire department was called upon to assist Emergency Medical Services with a difficult situation.



## Training

The Winkler Fire Department members participated in 53 training sessions covering such skills as Fire Suppression, High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Water

Rescue, Wildfires Vehicle Extrication, and Hazardous Materials response. Some members took additional training at the Manitoba Emergency Services College in Brandon and with other

agencies as opportunities arose. We also hosted another successful Conference Weekend where firefighters from all over the province came to learn about 3D firefighting techniques



## Inspections & Fire Prevention

-The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act was amended in June, 2006. The amended Act clearly defined the responsibility for local authorities to enforce the Manitoba Fire Code within its boundaries by inspecting prescribed buildings and ensuring that a record of inspections is maintained.

-In April, 2007 the Fire Safety Inspection Regulation – MB 73/2007 was enacted to clearly define those properties which were required to be inspected on a regular basis by both the local authorities and the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Often inspections are requested by industry and other organizations for their own compliance regulations.

-New regulations came in 2014 that will require a fire safety inspection of high-hazard industrial occupancies within its boundaries starting in June 2015 at 2 year intervals.



## Public Education

The Winkler Fire Department continued to deliver public education in various forms such as school tours, Fire drill exercises, fire extinguisher training, driver education presentations, Facebook articles and postings, requested

group presentations, Open Houses, Career symposium participation, and of course the annual fire prevention week activities. We delivered these service to residents of the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley.



Table	
Column 1 Inspection Period	Column 2 Building Use
12 months	Elderly persons' housing unit or hostel, as defined in <i>The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act</i>
12 months	Child care centre licensed under <i>The Community Child Care Standards Act</i>
12 months	Personal care home, as defined in <i>The Health Services Insurance Act</i>
12 months	Residential care facility, as defined in the <i>Manitoba Fire Code, Manitoba Regulation 155/2011</i>
12 months	Hospital
36 months	Licensed premises, as defined in <i>The Liquor and Gaming Control Act</i>
36 months	Public or private school, as defined in <i>The Education Administration Act</i>
36 months	Recreation centre, including without limitation, an arena, curling rink and community club
36 months	Hotel or motel
36 months	Restaurant located in a building that contains one or more dwelling units

**Public Information on Motor Vehicle Collisions**

October 7, 2011  
NEV11P0001 FOR REPORTING TRAFFIC COLLISION DAMAGE DOES INTO EFFECT OCT. 11  
Changes Will Free Up Officers To Better Focus Resources

Under changes to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) that take effect tomorrow, Oct. 10, motorists will no longer be required to report collisions involving property damage to police, except under certain circumstances, including General Under-Drive, vehicle responsible for the collision (Public Insurance Act), involved party.

"These changes respond to a request from the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police to streamline the accident reporting process so they can better utilize their resources," said Brian "Lair" enforcement officers have lost as their resources could be directed to other areas, such as to best serve the public."

Manitoba drivers will only be required to report to police if a collision involves:

- a fatality;
- a serious injury;
- a licensed driver or vehicle;
- an unlicensed vehicle (for example, a land run, failure to change particulars); or
- the suspected use of drugs or alcohol.

"Vehicle damage resulting from suspected vandalism, attempted theft and theft must also still be reported to police," said Brian "Lair" driver has seven days to make a police report from the time he or she was made aware the accident and criteria which require the reported to police."

If a driver or vehicle owner fails to make a police report when required, a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the accident must make the report.

To assist its online customers in complying with the new reporting requirements, MPI staff will inform those reporting online if they are required to file a police report.

**Manitoba**

Information link: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=12384>



# Winkler Fire Department

To Protect & Preserve Life, Property & Environment.

## Operational Highlights for 2014

These are some of the highlights from 2014:

- No loss time injuries
- Under budget
- Regional HazMat team established and equipment supplied by the Office of the Fire Commissioner. The team went into action 3 times since.
- Successfully awarded to FGFT the tender for building a new pumper for 2015 within budget set out
- Cost recovery fees for delivering MVA services basically equaled expenses
- Successful Winkler Fire Conference
- Took delivery of 20 new SCOTT SCBA
- Long Service awards were given to 7 members for 20, 30 & 40 years on the department
- Successful EMD Exercise conducted with SERC and Morden Fire Department
- Numerous other highlights also made this year a successful one for the Winkler Fire Department

Special Thanks to our Partners of the fire department for their contributions in delivering professional level of service to our city and surrounding area in 2014

### **Employers of our firefighters who let them go during working hours.**

**There would be no fire department during the day without them!**

- CO-OP
- Little Morden Service
- Loadline Manufacturing
- MSTW
- Winkler Floor Fashions
- TimBilt Buildings
- Friesen Insurance
- Acklands
- GVDS
- Signature Plumbing & Heating

### **The Donators to our training facilities.**

- Load Line Manufacturing—semi truck
- Miller Environmental—class B fuel
- Enbridge—pipeline valves
- Skyline Autobody—burn vehicle
- Stittco Energy—propane tank
- Harval Homes—training house
- WBS—training house
- Sperling Industries—hydro tower
- Manitoba Hydro—guy wire protection
- Meridian Manufacturing—grain bin
- Pembina Valley Scrap—vehicles
- Timbilt Buildings—general labor
- BB Wiebe & Sons Ltd—move house
- Borderview Electric—electrical wiring
- Wentworth Ag—rescue tube
- Diamond Doors—steel beams
- Froese Enterprises—burn house
- Cleartech—chlorine cylinders
- National Container & Recycling—tanker