

CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 YEAR-END REPORT



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 150 emergency calls in Y2015. The City of Winkler itself saw no increase in call volume from the previous year of 99 calls. The RM of Stanley volume increased 9% to 47. This was due to a dry spring with more wildfires than the previous year. Mutual Aid calls were down by 50% from the previous year to a total of 4.

The type of calls Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2015 were as follows:

Fire incidents:	55	Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
HazMat incidents	5	Wildfires	11
Carbon Monoxide	7	EMS Assists	2
Technical Rescue	3	False Alarms	35

Graphs on the following page describe the trends observed for WFD activities for those emergency responses over the past number of years.

STAFFING

The Winkler Fire Department staffing for 2015 was as follows:

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Fire Chief
- 27 Firefighters
- 5 Communications/Support Staff

The average turnout at emergency calls in 2015 was 16 firefighters and 2 Communications/Support staff.

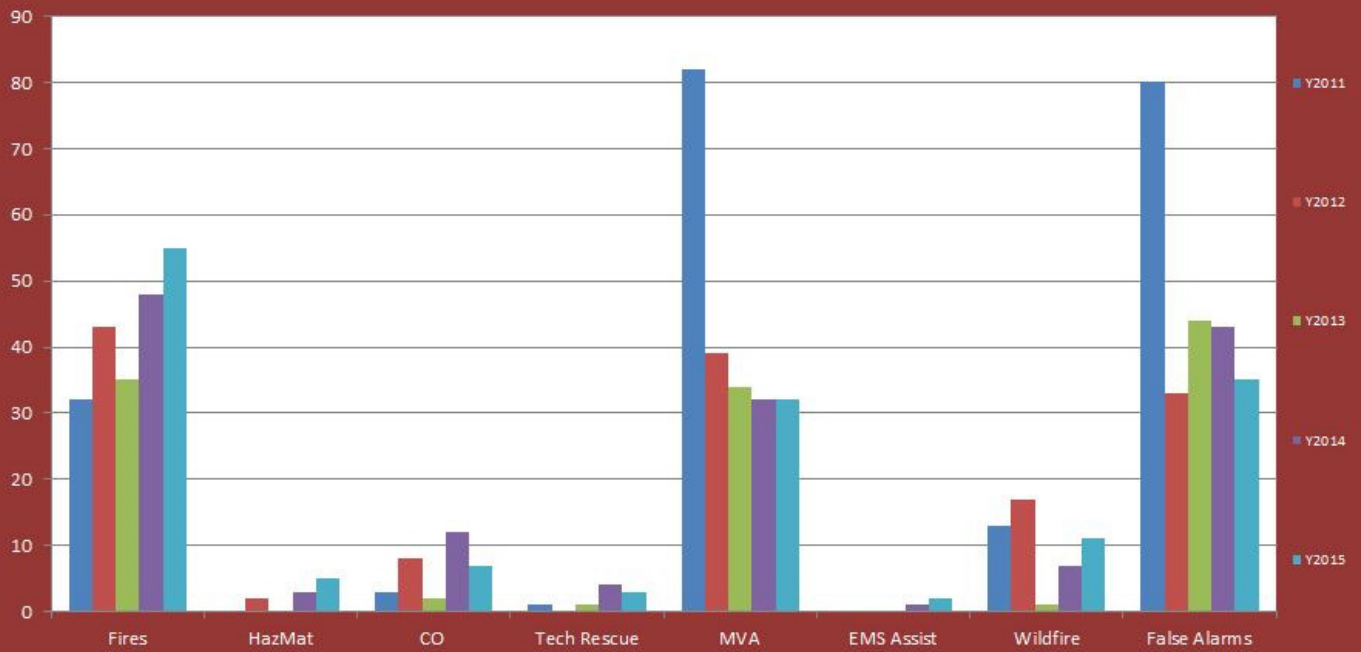
RESPONSE TIMES

Average response time for the first arriving fire department unit was 4 minutes and 55 seconds within the City of Winkler. The average response time in the Rural Municipality of Stanley was 8 minutes and 11 seconds.

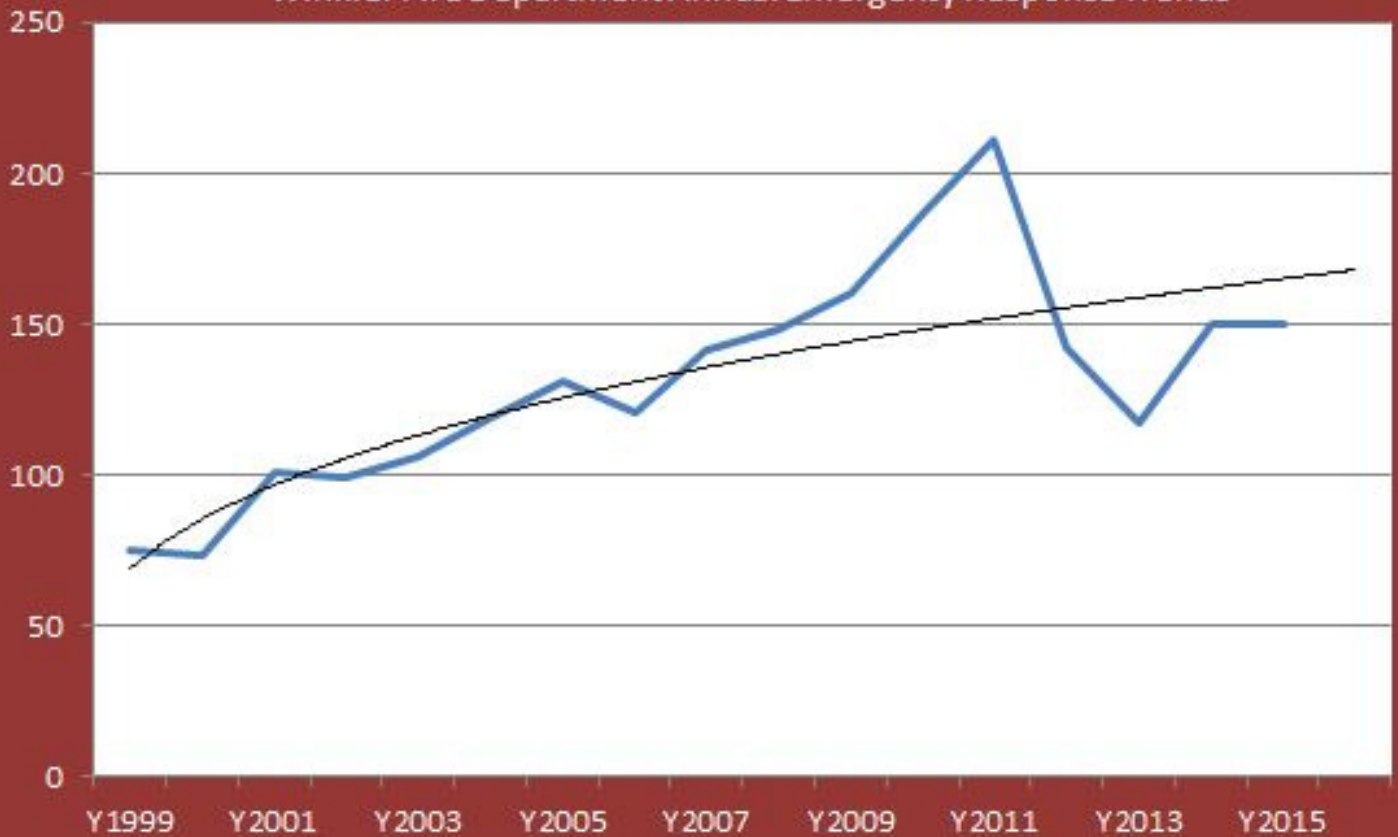
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas. This is based on the demographics of our two areas and the composition of our fire department.

2015 STATISTICAL CHARTS

Emergency Incident Type Comparison 2011 - 2015



Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Response Trends





OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2015

- No loss time injuries
- No major residential fires in 2015.
- False Alarms were down from the previous year
- Leading cause of fires and alarms in residential occupancies was cooking. Second was misplace smoking materials
- Initiated a smoke alarm installation campaign, which was slow starting but will continue into 2016
- Service Awards were given to 11 members for service of 5, 10, 25 30 & 35 years
- Purchased a replacement pumper for unit 242. This was purchased under budget
- Overall operations came in under budget

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

In 2015 we had between 300 and 400 school children come to the fire hall for field trip tours, usually ages from preschool to grade 4. This is a fairly consistent number year to year.

We also held our annual fire prevention week open-house which was well attended and continues to be a great way to meet the public and have them see there hall and equipment.

Fire inspections continue to increase in value and places we inspect are beginning to realize the benefits of have a safer building and documentation to show that they are working to provide a safer environment for their employees and customers. There we approximately 85 inspections done in 2015 and this number continues to rise as the number of businesses move into our area. Currently we inspect occupancies ranging from chemical storage facilities to group homes and many in between. The number of inspections will continue to rise as new legislation is in place to inspect all high hazard occupancies a minimum of every other year.

Phil Dueck

TRAINING

Fire departments have become the go to people to respond to an ever widening range of incidents as required. It is challenging to keep skill sets current on all these response types.

With better fire code and building code requirements , fire departments respond to less frequent but higher risk fires.

No matter the situation the goal is to make realistic but safe training experiences so our responders will be prepared!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Once again businesses and individuals have stepped forward to support the protection of our citizens in donations of items used to construct training props for our training site on George Avenue. In 2015 the following businesses donated to the training site:

- Cobra Cranes
- Petkau Enterprises
- Skyline Towing
- Windy Lanes Towing
- Berdick Windows
- Enbridge
- CN

WFD PURCHASED A NEW PUMPER IN 2015



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE EMPLOYERS OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Please support the employers who release our firefighters to respond to the call. Without this key component, we would not be able to provide the highly skilled, but cost effective service to our communities.

CO-OP

LITTLE MORDEN SERVICE

LOADLINE MANUFACTURING

MSTW

WINKLER FLOOR FASHIONS

TIMBILT BUILDINGS

BORDERVIEW ELECTRIC

GENERAL METAL

SPENST BROTHERS

PETER NEUFELD CONSULTING

WINKLER CANVAS

GVSD

ACKLANDS GRAINGER

FRIESEN INSURANCE

PROTEC PLUMBING & HEATING

SOUTHERN POTATO

HARVAL HOMES

2015 Winkler FD

Service Awards

5 YEARS

- John Wiebe
- James Wiebe
- Henry Giesbrecht
- Warren Gerbrandt
- Judy Penner

10 YEARS

- Rick Schroeder
- Kevin Penner

25 YEARS

- Tina Wolf

30 YEARS

- Ray Doell

35 YEARS

- Ken Wieler



High Angle Rescue Drill at Viterra.



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