

# CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016 YEAR-END REPORT

*Celebrating 110 years of service to our community*



## FIRE CHIEF'S 2016 REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 163 emergency calls in Y2016, an overall increase of 9% from the previous year. The City of Winkler itself saw a 4% increase in call volume from the previous year to 103. The RM of Stanley volume increased 13% to 53 calls. There were 7 Mutual Aid calls in 2016. The increase in calls is attributed to hopefully just a single year occurrence in false alarms. Many of these occurred in newly constructed buildings. We will continue to work on reducing false alarms.

A summary of emergencies Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2016 were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2015 is also shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	52 (-3)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	36 (+4)
HazMat incidents	4 (-1)	Wildfires	1 (-10)
Carbon Monoxide	4 (-3)	EMS Assists	2 (-1)
Technical Rescue	4 (+1)	False Alarms	61 (+26)

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

### STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department staffing as of December 31, 2016 was:

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

The average turnout at emergency calls in 2016 was 14 Firefighters including Chief Officers, and 2 Communications/Support staff.

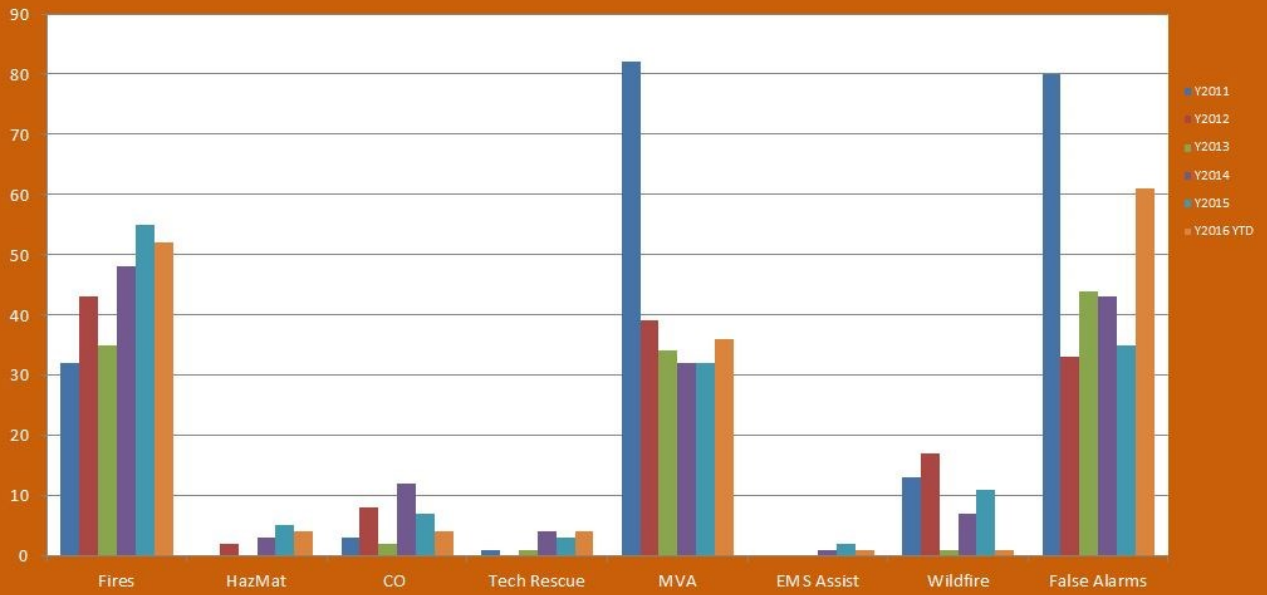
### RESPONSE TIMES

Average response time in 2016 for the first arriving fire department unit was 4 minutes and 13 seconds within the City of Winkler and within the Rural Municipality of Stanley, it was 7 minutes and 8 seconds.

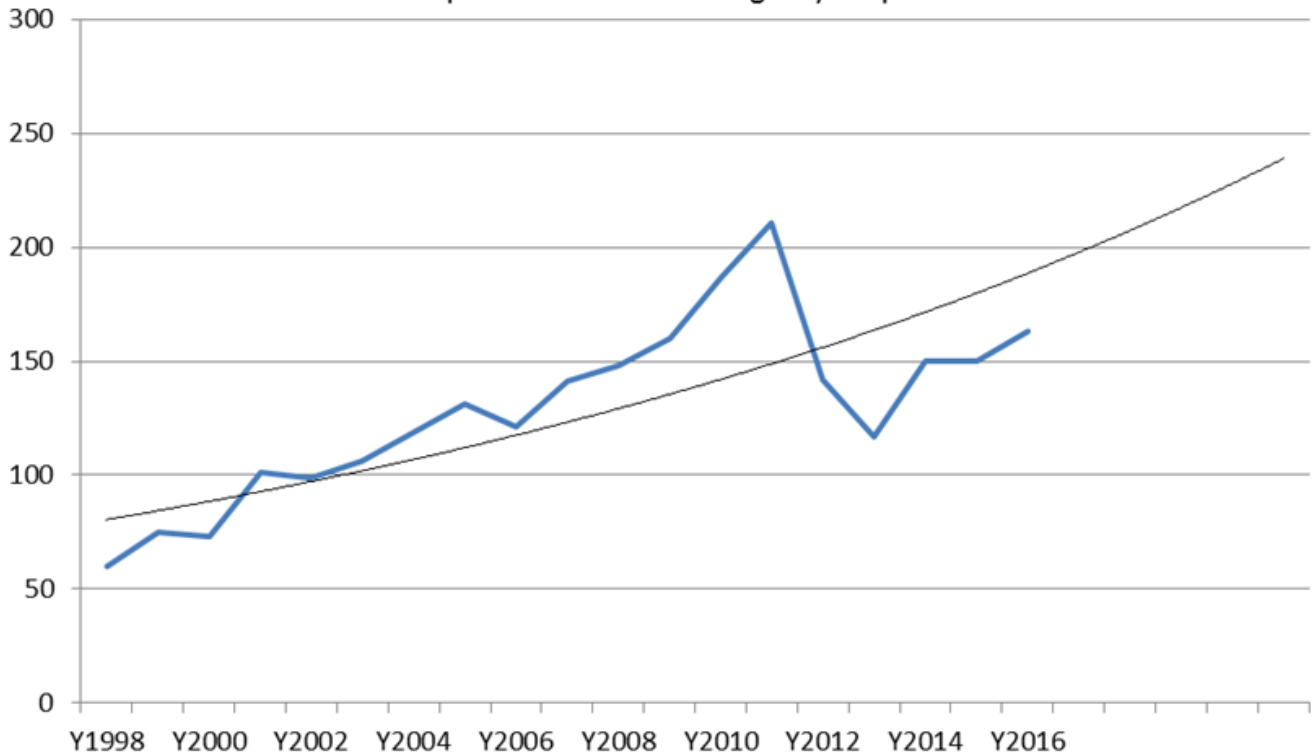
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas. This is based on the population distribution of our two response areas and the composition of our fire department.

# 2016 STATISTICAL CHARTS

Emergency Incident Type Comparison 2011 - 2016



Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Response Trends





December 13th, 2016 house fire in the RM

### Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

A recruiting program was initiated in 2016. Two Level I trained firefighters were added to our active roster in 2016, with five more recruits going through Level I firefighter training in preparation for activation in June 2017.

A successful smoke alarm installation program was completed with all requests being met

The 3 major causes of fires in residential occupancies were cooking, electrical wiring and heating equipment.

There were three confirmed major arson fires in 2016. All three were solved quickly by the Winkler Police Department.

Working on clarifying the authority of our fire department in delivering medical services at incidents we attend. Work on two provincial committees for this issue

## Deputy Fire Chief's 2016 Report

The number of students that came to the fire hall on field trips in May and June was down from 2015. We normally get between 400-500 students, but in 2016 we had only about 100.

We continue to offer fire extinguisher training to businesses in the community. More businesses are taking advantage of this service every year. We trained approximately 200 people this year.

Our annual fire prevention week open house in October was another success with the public coming to the fire hall and meeting the firefighters, enjoying supper, looking at the equipment and dunking the fire chief and the deputy chief in a dunk tank for the Manitoba firefighter burn fund campaign.

The number of fire safety inspections is steadily rising year to year with more group homes and restaurants opening in our community every year. The number of group homes increases approximately 30% in 2016 and will be rising more in 2017. Along with the inspections already being done, the province has brought out new legislation which requires all high risk occupancies (F1) be inspected by the end of 2017. We are still waiting for the OFC to provide clear direction as to what these might be.

I personally spent 5 weeks in school certifying in fire investigation and other courses, composed of many hours of studying preparation both at work and at home.

## 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.

The goal is to make realistic but safe training experiences so our responders will be prepared!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Once again businesses and individuals have stepped forward to support the protection of our citizens in donations of items used to for our training site on George Avenue. In 2016 the following businesses donated to the training site in both props and training aids:

- CN
- Enbridge
- Pembina Valley Scrap
- Skyline Towing
- Windy Lanes Towing

Special thanks go out to our business community members who stepped up to support the fire safety education material program (Community Safety Net) which will be used in 2017 as part of our fire safety & fire prevention programs.



# 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, cost effective service to our communities.

CO-OP	PETER NEUFELD CONSULTING
LITTLE MORDEN SERVICE	WINKLER CANVAS
LOADLINE MANUFACTURING	MSTW
FRIESEN INSURANCE	TIMBILT BUILDINGS
PROTEC PLUMBING & HEATING	BORDERVIEW ELECTRIC
SOUTHERN POTATO	HARVAL HOMES
GENERAL METAL	LEATHERDALE INSURANCE
SPENST BROTHERS	EVIRO TECH POWDER COATING
GATEWAY RESOURCES	CITY OF WINKLER



Sparky & Kids at the FPW Open House



July 2016 Water Rescue incident

## 2016 W.F.D. MILESTONES

### WFD Service Awards

#### 25 YEARS

- Phil Dueck
- Myron Derksen

#### 30 YEARS

- Marvin Plett

#### 35 YEARS

- Peter Neufeld

#### 50 YEARS

- Ike Dyck

### MAFC Long Service Medal (25 yrs.)

- Tina Wolf
- Richard Paetzold

### Exemplary Service Awards

#### 30 YEARS—1st Bar

- Garry Reimer
- Ray Doell—retired in 2016

#### 40 YEARS—2nd Bar

- Garry Klassen—retired in 2012



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