

CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 YEAR-END REPORT

Serving the City of Winkler & The RM of Stanley



FIRE CHIEF'S 2017 REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 160 emergency calls in Y2017, an overall decrease of 2% from the previous year. The City of Winkler itself saw a 10% increase in call volume from the previous year to 113. This was attributed to an increase in fire incidents, motor vehicle accidents and carbon monoxide incidents, even though there were significantly fewer false alarms (see page 3). The RM of Stanley emergency call volume decreased 33% to 40 calls. This was attributed to fewer fire incidents and false alarms (see page 3). There were 7 Mutual Aid calls in 2017, the same number as in 2016.

A summary of all 113 emergency calls Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2017 were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2016 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	60 (+8)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	48 (+12)
HazMat incidents	4 (=)	EMS Assists	3 (+1)
Carbon Monoxide	11 (+7)	Technical Rescue	1 (-3)
False Alarms	33 (-28)		

STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department staffing as of December 31, 2017 was:

1 Fire Chief

1 Deputy Fire Chief

4 Captains

5 Lieutenants

22 Firefighters

5 Communications/Support Staff

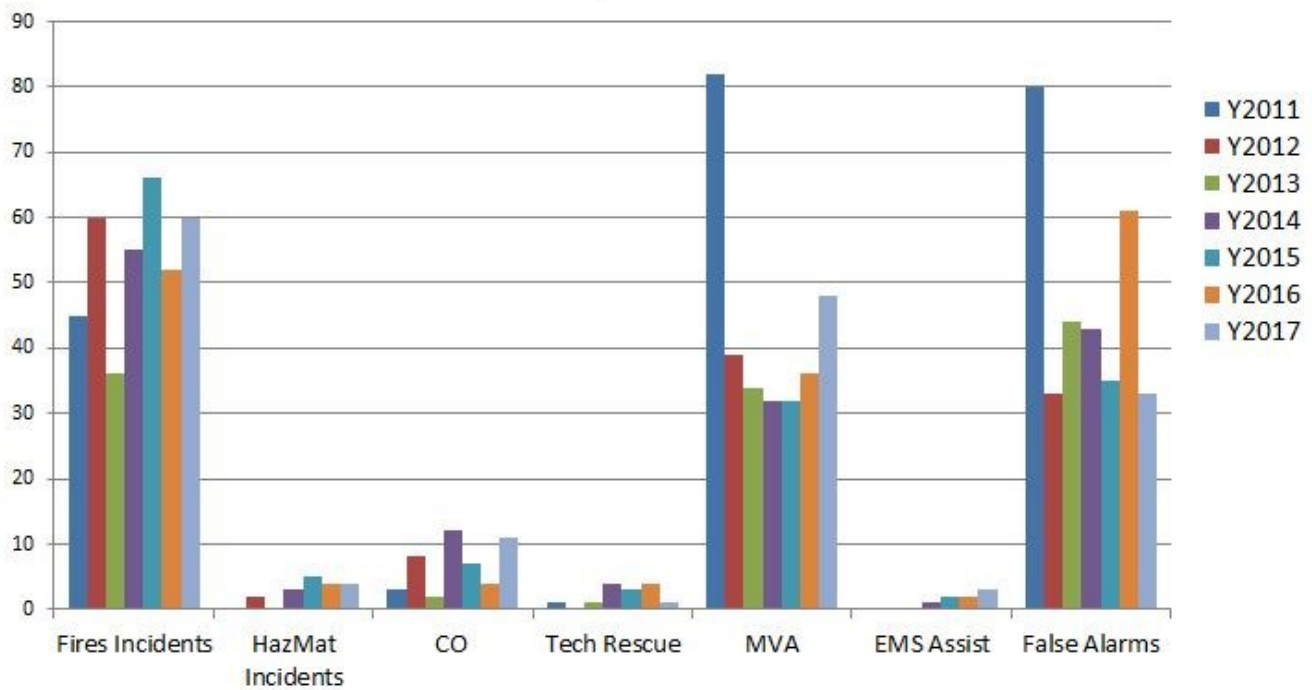
RESPONSE TIMES

Average response time in 2017 for the first arriving fire department unit was 4 minutes and 8 seconds within the City of Winkler and within the Rural Municipality of Stanley it was 6 minutes and 50 seconds.

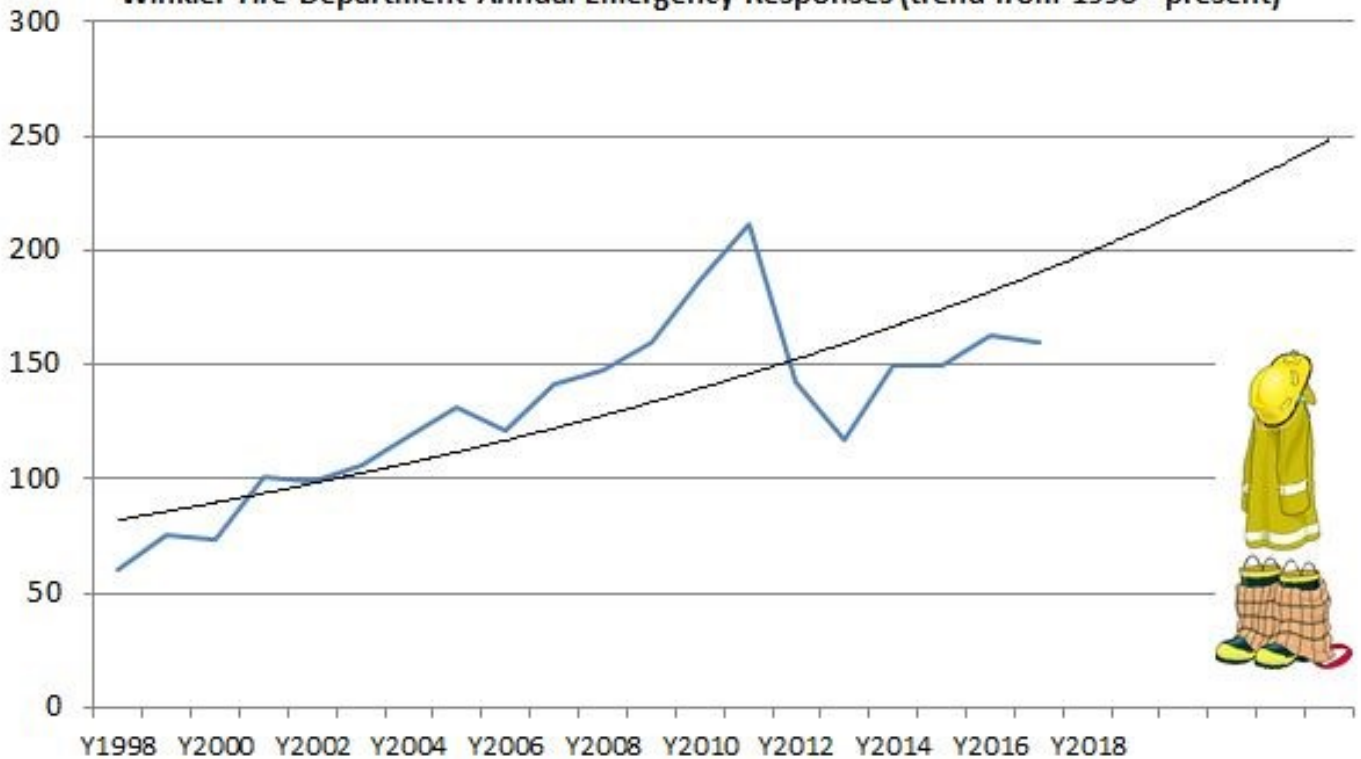
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas. This is based on the population distribution of our two response areas and the composition of our fire department.

2017 STATISTICAL CHARTS

Incident Comparison 2011 - 2017



Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Responses (trend from 1998 - present)





Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

The RM call summary for 2017 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2016 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	15 (-10)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	19 (+1)
HazMat incidents	1 (+1)	EMS Assists	0 (=)
Carbon Monoxide	1 (+1)	Technical Rescue	0 (=)
False Alarms	4 (-5)		

The City of Winkler call summary for 2017 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2016 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	40 (+24)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	27 (+11)
HazMat incidents	2 (-2)	EMS Assists	3 (+2)
Carbon Monoxide	11 (+7)	Technical Rescue	1 (=)
False Alarms	29 (-23)		

The 3 major causes of fires in residential occupancies were cooking (33%), electrical (13%) and heating equipment (10%). Vehicle fires constituted 10% of the fire incidents in 2017. The remaining fire incidents were of various causes.

A recruiting program was completed in 2017. Four Level I trained Firefighters and one Basic Level Firefighter were added to our active roster in 2017.

Continued 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 has now given ways to restart pre-EMS medical care. All but 2 treatment areas have been cleared with documentation covering the department

The Deputy Chief continued to inspect occupancies required by the Manitoba Fire Safety Inspection Regulation. This regulation clearly define those properties which are required to be inspected on a regular basis by the local authorities. Public Education continued also in 2017 to be done by the Deputy Fire Chief in which delivery of education in fire safety was done in various forms such as school tours, Open Houses, Fire drill exercises, and fire extinguisher training.

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 2017 the following businesses donated to the training site in both props and training aids:

- CN
- Enbridge
- 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 was being 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	OPULENT SPAS
SOUTHERN POTATO	HARVAL HOMES
GENERAL METAL	LODEKING
SPENST BROTHERS	EVIRO TECH POWDER COATING
GATEWAY RESOURCES	CITY OF WINKLER
STAPLES	ELITE HOME IMPROVEMENTS



Propane tank prop in action. Construction made possible with donation from Enbridge



Polar 75 used for low-head dam rescue purchased with donation from Enbridge

2017 W.F.D. MILESTONES

WFD Service Awards

10 YEARS

- Tim Guenter
- Frank Loewen

20 YEARS

- Chris Kalansky

25 YEARS

- Alan Derksen

MAFC Long Service Medal (25 yrs.)

- Phil Dueck
- Myron Derksen

Exemplary Service Awards

50 YEARS—3rd Bar

- Ike Dyck

Average Years of Service for the Winkler Fire Department in 2017 is 15 years!



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