

CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2018 YEAR-END REPORT

Serving the City of Winkler & The RM of Stanley



FIRE CHIEF'S 2018 REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 176 emergency calls in Y2018, an overall increase of 10% from the previous year. The City of Winkler itself saw a 6% increase in call volume from the previous year to 120. This was attributed to a small increase in all incident types except for motor vehicle accidents and CO calls which both dropped in 2018 (see page 3). The RM of Stanley emergency call volume in 2018 increased 28% to 51 calls. This was attributed to increased fire incidents and false alarms (see page 3). There were 5 Mutual Aid calls in 2018, 2 fewer than in 2017.

A summary of all emergency calls Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2018 were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2017 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	73 (+13)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	34 (-14)
HazMat incidents	7 (+3)	EMS Assists	3 (=)
Carbon Monoxide	5 (-6)	Technical Rescue	2 (+1)
False Alarms	52 (+19)		

STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department staffing as of December 31, 2018 was:

- 1 Fire Chief
- 1 Deputy Fire Chief
- 3 Captains
- 5 Lieutenants
- 22 Firefighters
- 4 Communications/Support Staff

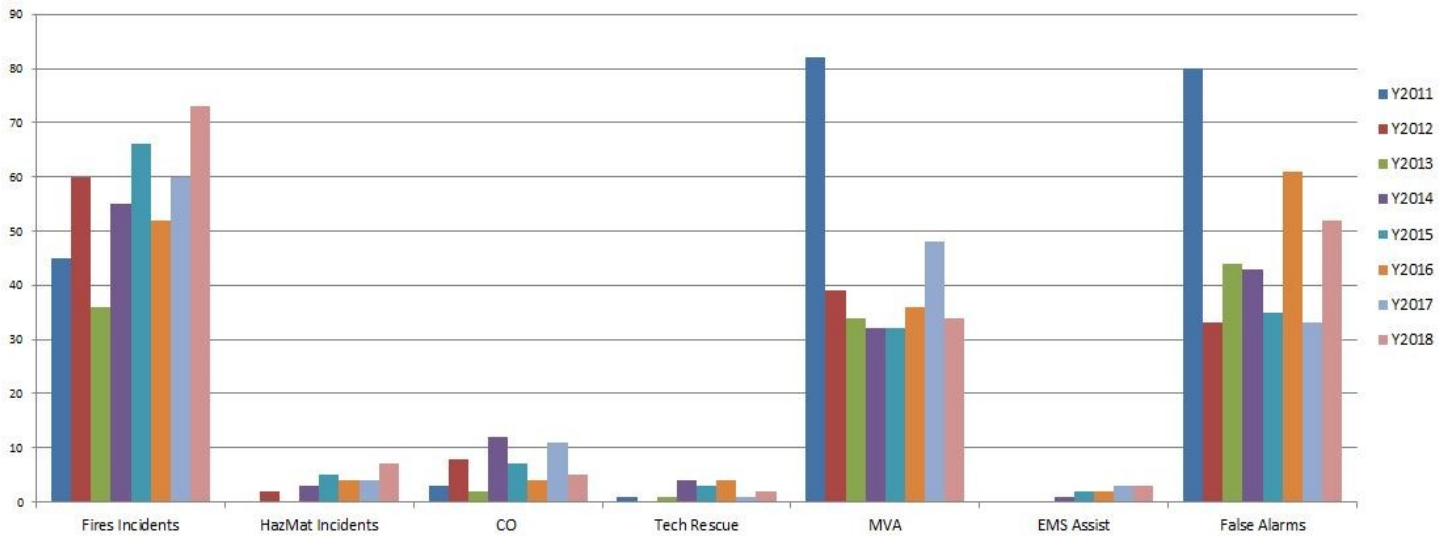
RESPONSE TIMES

Average response time in 2018 for the first arriving fire department unit was 3 minutes and 37 seconds within the City of Winkler and within the Rural Municipality of Stanley, the average response time was 6 minutes and 49 seconds.

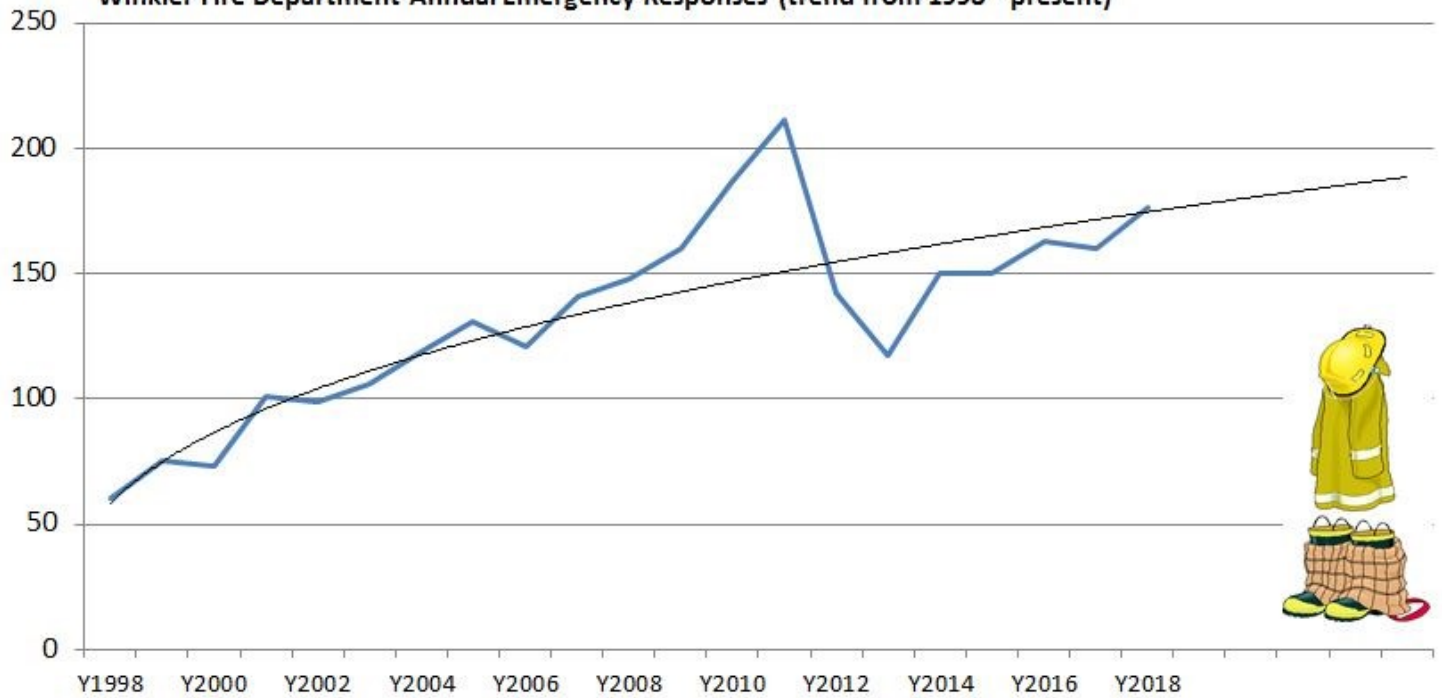
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas. This is based on the population distribution of our two response areas and the composition of our fire department.

2018 STATISTICAL CHARTS

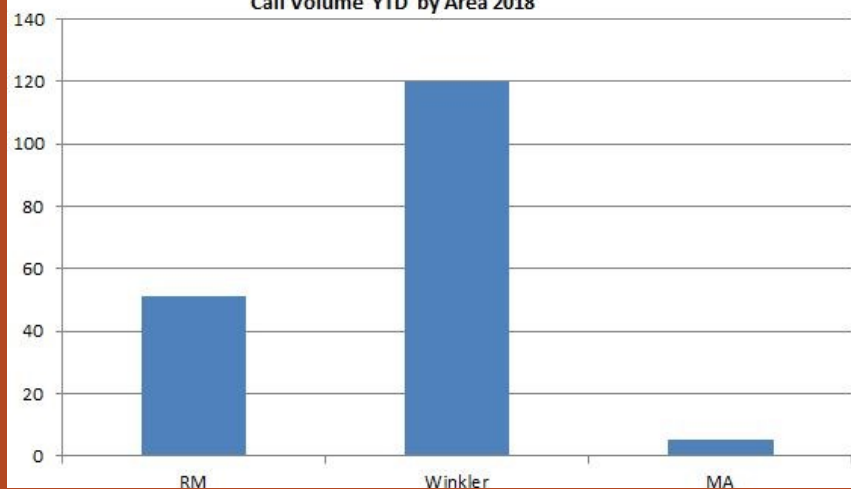
Incident Comparison 2011 - 2018



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



Call Volume YTD by Area 2018





Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

The RM call summary for 2018 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2017 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	28 (+13)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	12 (-7)
HazMat incidents	1 (+1)	EMS Assists	0 (=)
Carbon Monoxide	1 (=)	Technical Rescue	0 (=)
False Alarms	10 (+6)		

The City of Winkler call summary for 2018 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2017 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	41 (+1)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	22 (-5)
HazMat incidents	7 (+5)	EMS Assists	3 (=)
Carbon Monoxide	4 (-7)	Technical Rescue	2 (+1)
False Alarms	41 (+11)		

There was only one major structure fire in 2018. A garage fire. It could have been a much busier structure fire year if not for the actions of alert employees or home owners with fire extinguishers, or a businesses with sprinkler systems. These other fire incidents could have become large fires if early detection and fire prevention were not the name of the game in this year. There were no major outstanding causes of fires. There was a little of everything in 2018.

Clarifying the authority of our fire department has to deliver medical services at incidents we attend has finally been completed after 4 years. We worked on two provincial committees for this issue has now given way to us delivering pre-EMS medical care as a level service once again.

The Deputy Chief continued to inspect occupancies required by the Manitoba Fire Safety Inspection Regulation. This regulation clearly defines those properties which are required to be inspected on a regular basis by the local authorities. Public Education continued also in 2018 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 TRAINING SUPPORTS

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 2018 the following businesses donated to the training site in both props and training aids:

- CN
- Enbridge
- Skyline Towing

Special thanks go out again to our business community members who stepped up to support the fire safety education material program (Community Safety Net) which was still being used in 2018 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

LITTLE MORDEN SERVICE

LOADLINE MANUFACTURING

FRIESEN INSURANCE

PROTEC PLUMBING & HEATING

SOUTHERN POTATO

OPULENT SPAS

SPENST BROTHERS

KLASSEN TECH

PETER NEUFELD CONSULTING

ED PENNER CONSTRUCTION

EVIRO TECH POWDER COATING

TIMBILT BUILDINGS

OPULENT SPAS

HARVAL HOMES

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GATEWAY RESOURCES



WFD assisted the OFC at the Ashern Wildfires



WFD at a scene on Linden Drive

2018 W.F.D. MILESTONES

WFD Service Awards

10 YEARS

- Albert Dueck
- Jonathan Wall

15 YEARS

- Brad Friesen
- Kevin Oestreicher
- Terry Fehr

25 YEARS

- John Klassen

30 YEARS

- Abe Dueck
- Ernie Froese

MAFC Long Service Medal (25 yrs.)

- Al Derksen

MAFC Long Service Bar

- Peter Neufeld (35 yrs)
- Ken Wieler (35 yrs)
- Ike Dyck (45 yrs)

Exemplary Service Awards

20 YEARS—medal

- Chris Kalansky



112 years of service to our community

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