

# CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

*Serving the City of Winkler & The RM of Stanley*



## FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 174 emergency calls in 2021, an overall increase of 6% from the previous year. The City of Winkler had 118 emergency calls (1% increase from the previous year). The RM of Stanley had 52 emergency calls (1% increase from the previous year). There were 4 Mutual Aid calls in 2021 (1 less than in 2020). False alarms were down for a third year in a row. The main area of increased calls from the previous year was MVAs.

With COVID 19 still an on-going issue, WFD continued to have precautions in place, to ensure that we could continue to remain operational in case of an outbreak. Three WFD firefighters did get ill from COVID19 in 2021, but all recovered.

An overall summary of emergency calls Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2021 in all of our response areas were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2020 are shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	76 (+1)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	37 (+7)
HazMat incidents	7 (0)	EMS Assists	1 (0)
Carbon Monoxide	9 (+2)	Technical Rescue	5 (0)
False Alarms	39 (-4)	<u>2021 CALL HOURS</u>	<u>417 (-196)</u>

### STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department has 34 total staff as of December 31st. 1 full-time, 1 half-time, 1 quarter-time and 31 part-time/paid-on-call. Our staff fill the following operational positions.

- 1 Fire Chief
- 2 Deputy Fire Chiefs
- 4 Captains
- 4 Lieutenants
- 19 Firefighters
- 4 Communications/Logistics

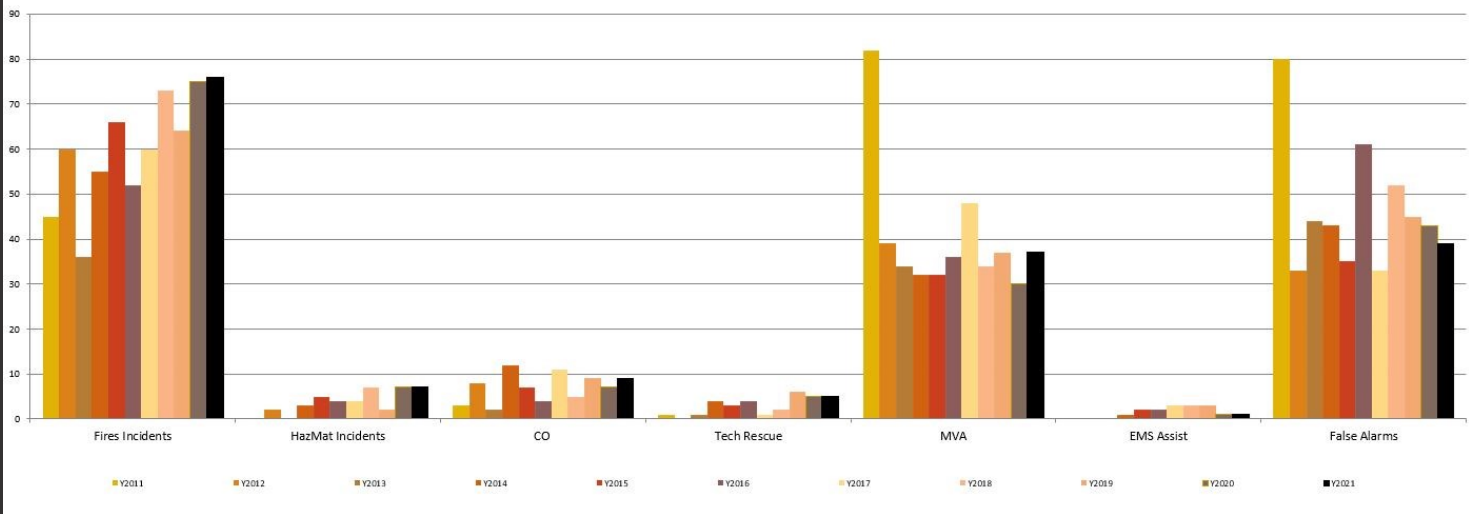
### RESPONSE TIMES

The average response time in 2021 for the first arriving fire department apparatus to establish incident command from the time of 911 dispatch was 4 minutes and 09 seconds within the City of Winkler and 7 minutes and 52 seconds within the Rural Municipality of Stanley

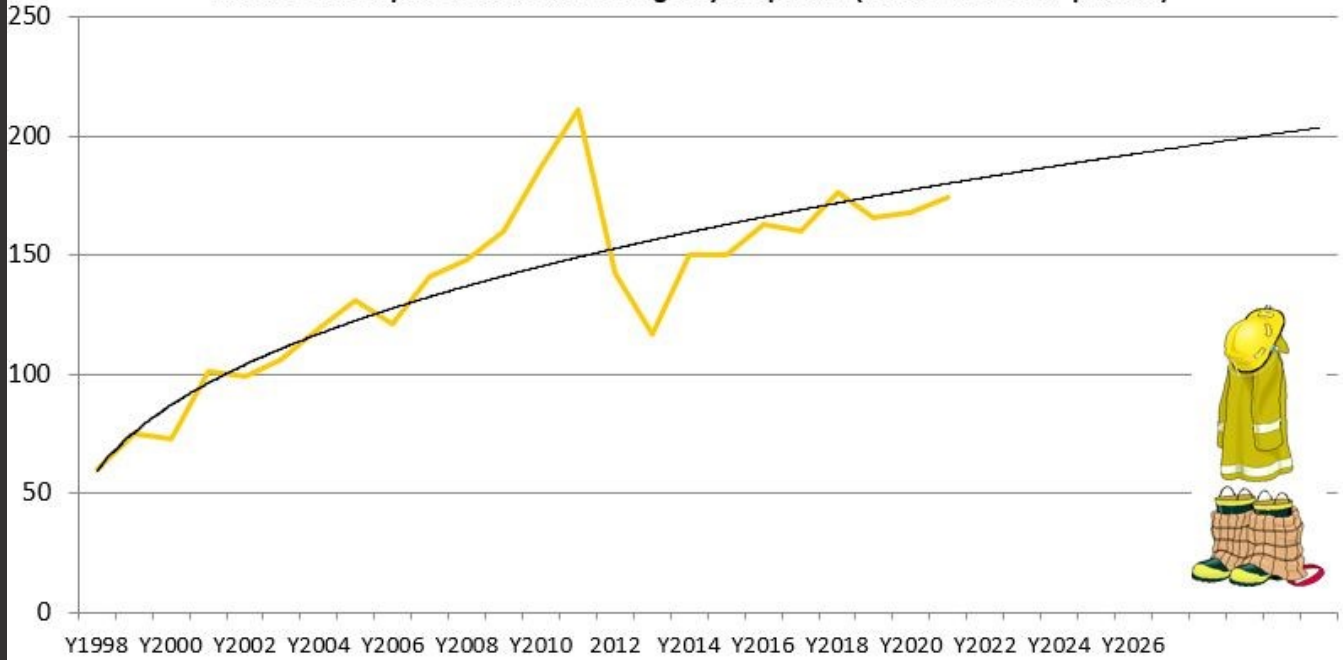
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard for a paid-on-call department of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas.

# 2021 STATISTICAL CHARTS

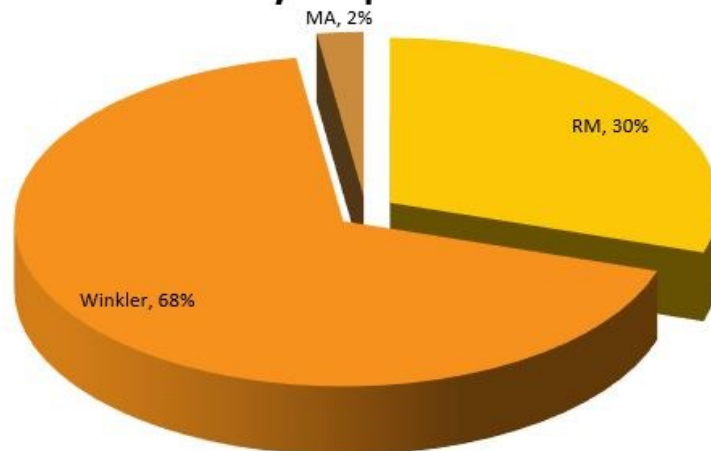
## Incident Comparison 2011 - 2021

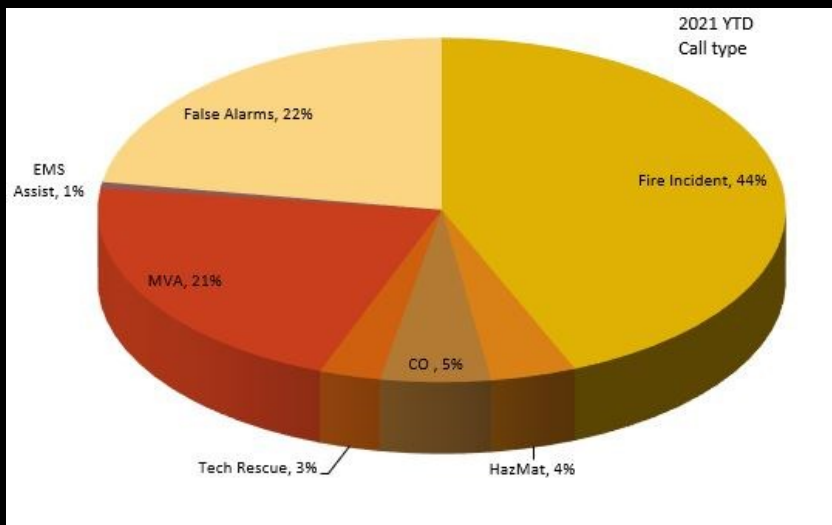


## Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Responses (trend from 1998 - present)



## Call Distribution by Response Area - YTD 2021





### Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

The RM call summary for 2021 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2020 is shown in brackets (+-).

Fire incidents:	36 (+4)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	6 (-3)
HazMat incidents	1 (-1)	EMS Assists	0 (0)
Carbon Monoxide	3 (+2)	Technical Rescue	3 (+2)
False Alarms	3 (-3)		

The City of Winkler call summary for 2021 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2020 is shown in brackets (+-).

Fire incidents:	37 (-1)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	31 (+10)
HazMat incidents	5 (0)	EMS Assists	1 (0)
Carbon Monoxide	6 (0)	Technical Rescue	2 (-2)
False Alarms	36 (-1)		

- Winkler saw only one area of increased calls from the previous year, and that was MVAs.

- The main cause of residential fire incidents in 2021 was unattended cooking.

- There were no outstanding causes of fires in commercial occupancies.

Winkler Fire Department continued to inspect occupancies in 2021 as required by the Manitoba Fire Safety Inspection Regulation between the waves of COVID 19 precaution pauses. The Manitoba Fire Safety Regulation clearly defines those properties which are required to be inspected on a regular basis by the local authorities.

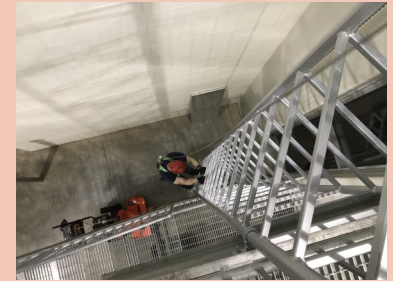
Public Education was put mostly put on pause in 2021 due to the pandemic except for PSAs on social media and local publications in partnership with other Mutual Aid fire departments. Some fire extinguisher training did take place between COVID19 precaution pauses.

### TRAINING 2021

Fire departments have become expected to be all hazard responders. It is challenging to keep skill sets current on all these response types.

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

In 2021, continued to adapted training to keep the risk of COVID 19 to a minimum.



### THANKFUL FOR OUR TRAINING SUPPORTS

Once again businesses have stepped forward to support the protection of our citizens in donations of items used to for our training site on George Avenue. In 2021 the following businesses donated to the training site in both props and training aids:

- Skyline Towing
- Winkler Forklift



Call #158—SWAMP fire

# 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 skilled, cost effective emergency service to our communities.

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KLASSEN TECH

ED PENNER CONSTRUCTION

EVIRO TECH POWDER COATING

TIMBILT BUILDINGS

GATEWAY RESOURCES

HARVAL HOMES

CITY OF WINKLER

## 2021 W.F.D. MILESTONES

### 5 YEARS

- Corey Thiessen
- Marcus Paetzold
- Ryan Paetzold
- Alvin Dueck
- Trent Krahn

### 35 YEARS

- Marvin Plett

### 40 YEARS

- Peter Neufeld

Average Years of Service for the Winkler Fire Department in 2021 was 18 years!



Call #121—Gateway Fire



Call #146 –Grain Bin Rescue



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