

# CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2023 YEAR-END REPORT

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



## FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 222 emergency calls in 2023, a 1% increase from the previous year. The City of Winkler had 160 emergency calls (4% increase from the previous year). The RM of Stanley had 59 emergency calls (4% decrease from the previous year). There were 3 Mutual Aid calls in 2022 (2 less than in 2022). There were slight increases in CO incidents, MVAs & False Alarms, whereas there were slight decreases in fire incidents, technical rescue incidents and EMS assistance calls.

The summary of emergency calls that Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2023 for all of our areas of response were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2022 are shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	72 (-8)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	61 (+4)
HazMat incidents	3 (0)	EMS Assists	3 (-5)
Carbon Monoxide	17 (+6)	Technical Rescue	2 (-1)
False Alarms	63 (+5)	Police Assists	1 (0)
<u>2023 CALL HOURS</u>	<u>245 (+11)</u>		

Graphs on the following page describe WFD activities for emergency responses in 2023 and the trends observed over the past number of years.

### STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department has 42 total staff as of December 31st, 2023. Operational positions include:

- 1 Fire Chief (full-time)
- 2 Deputy Fire Chiefs (have dual roles including quarter time maintenance and quarter time fire inspector)
- 8 Fire Officers
- 25 Firefighters including 9 new recruits
- 4 Communications/Logistics
- 1 Fire Department Chaplain
- 1 Administrative Assistant (half-time)
- Fire Hall Office Custodian (quarter-time)

The average turnout at emergency calls in 2023 was 14 firefighters and 2 Logistics & communication personnel.

### RESPONSE TIMES

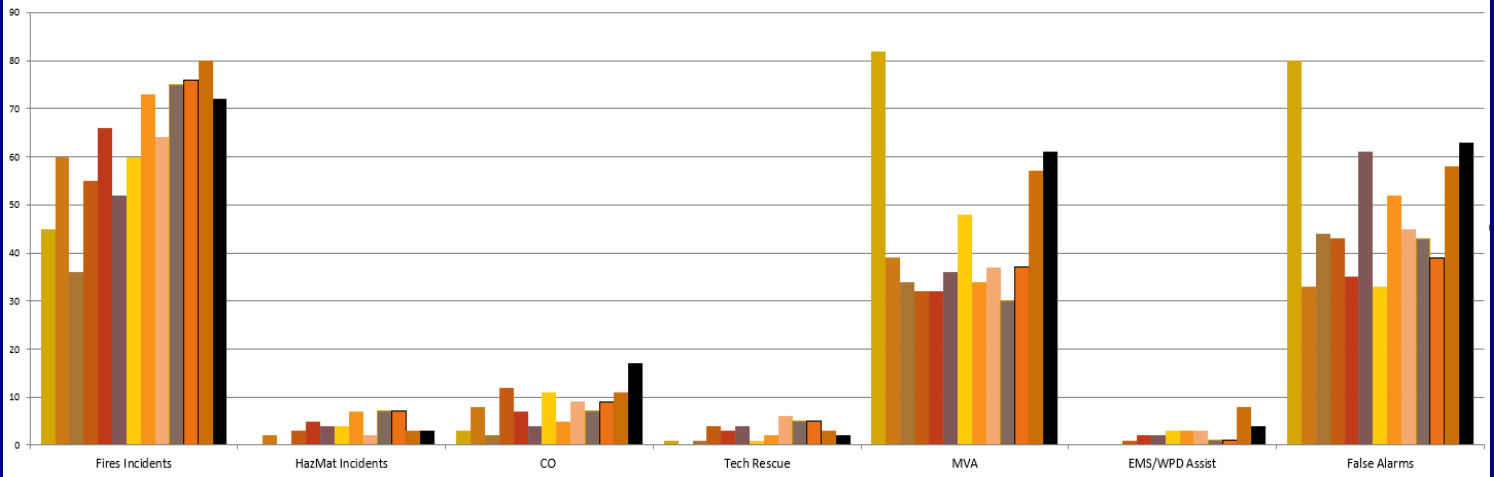
The average response time in 2023 to establish command at incidents from the time of 911 dispatch was 4 minutes and 04 seconds within the City of Winkler and 6 minutes and 26 seconds within the Rural Municipality of Stanley

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

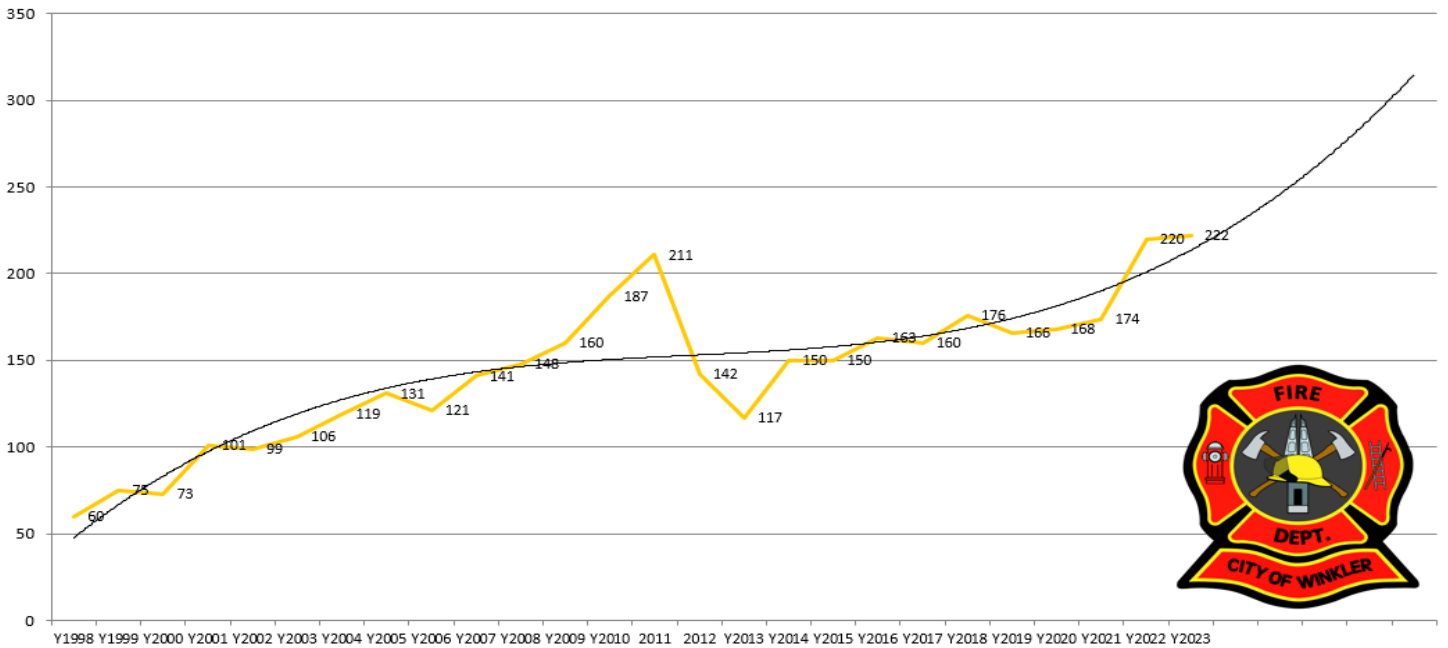
Urban is defined as >1000 people/mi<sup>2</sup>

# 2023 STATISTICAL CHARTS

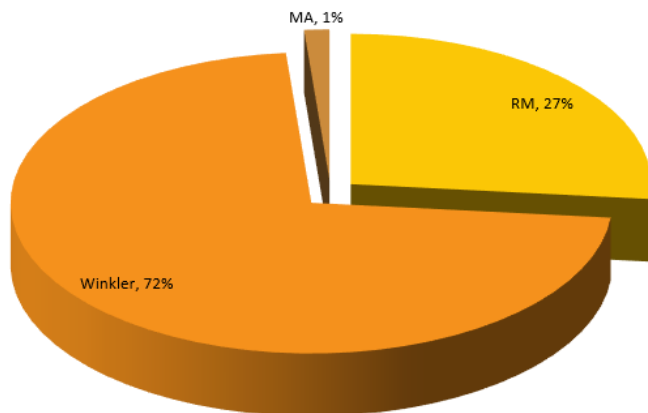
## Incident Comparison 2011 - 2023



## Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Responses (1998 - 2023)



## Call Distribution by Response Area - YTD 2023



## St Jean Elevator fire—Mutual Aid

## TRAINING 2023

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 well prepared!

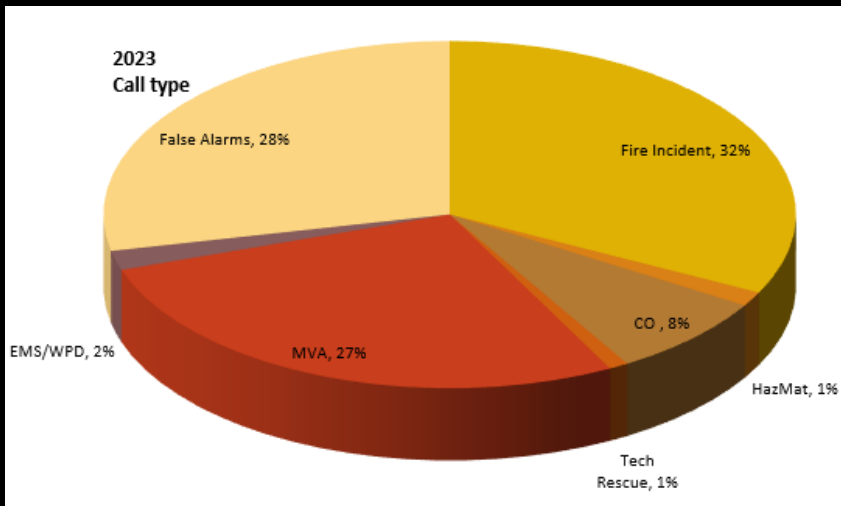


**2022–2023 Recruit Class**

## THANKFUL FOR OUR TRAINING SUPPORTERS

Businesses support the protection of our citizens through financial contributions and materials used for our training site on George Avenue. In 2023 the following businesses & organizations donated to the training site:

- Windy Lane Towing
- Enbridge
- Meridian
- Manitoba Building Fund



### Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

The City of Winkler call summary for 2023 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2022 is shown in brackets (+/-).

Fire incidents:	45 (-8)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	36 (+5)
HazMat incidents	2 (+1)	EMS Assist	2 (-6)
Carbon Monoxide	16 (+8)	Technical Rescue	2 (+1)
False Alarms	56 (+4)	WPS Assists	1 (0)

The RM call summary for 2023 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2022 is shown in brackets (+/-).

Fire incidents:	24 (0)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	25 (-1)
HazMat incidents	1 (+1)	EMS Assists	1 (+1)
Carbon Monoxide	2 (-2)	Technical Rescue	2 (-1)
False Alarms	7 (+1)	RCMP Assists	0 (0)

⇒ There were no outstanding causes of residential fire incidents in 2023

⇒ There were no outstanding causes of commercial occupancy fires incidents in 2023

⇒ Many of the 2023 false alarms were again due to newly constructed buildings coming on-line with their fire detection & sprinkler systems.

Winkler Fire Department conducted fire inspections in 2023 as required by the Manitoba Fire Safety Inspection Regulation. The Manitoba Fire Safety Regulation defines those occupancies which are required to be inspected by local authorities. A quarter time fire inspector was hired to concentrate on catching with F1 occupancies at this time.

Public Education included fire safety presentations at the firehall, fire extinguisher training sessions, PSAs on social media and in local publications in partnership with other Mutual Aid fire departments, and of course with our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House in October.



**Recruit Training**

# 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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| PETER NEUFELD CONSULTING             | KLASSEN TECH             |
| LITTLE MORDEN SERVICE                | ED PENNER CONSTRUCTION   |
| LOADLINE MANUFACTURING               | CITY OF WINKLER          |
| FRIESEN INSURANCE                    | TIMBILT BUILDINGS        |
| PROTEC PLUMBING & HEATING            | GATEWAY RESOURCES        |
| SOUTHERN POTATO                      | WBS                      |
| ARCTIC SPAS                          | DIAMOND DOORS            |
| HEAT INNOVATIONS                     | VALLEY FIBER             |
| DARIN UNRAU MUD & TAPE               | ALL SIZE PERFORATING LTD |
| FIRST RESPONSE OVERHEAD DOOR SERVICE |                          |



St Jean Elevator Fire—Mutual Aid



Janzen Paint Fire

## 2023 W.F.D. MILESTONES

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Sam Klassen

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Albert Dueck

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Kevin Oestreicher
- Terry Fehr
- Brad Friesen

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Chris Kalansky

### 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

- John Klassen

### 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Abe Dueck

The average years of service for WFD in 2023 ... even with 9 new members... is 16 years!



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