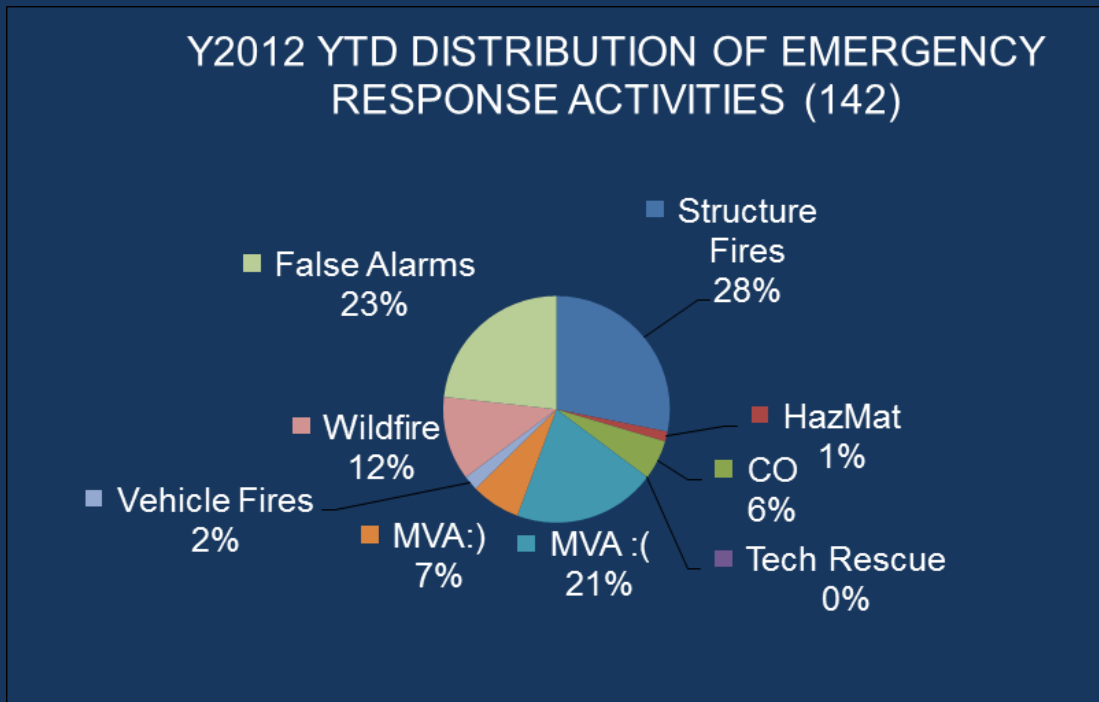


WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Year-End 2012 Fire Report

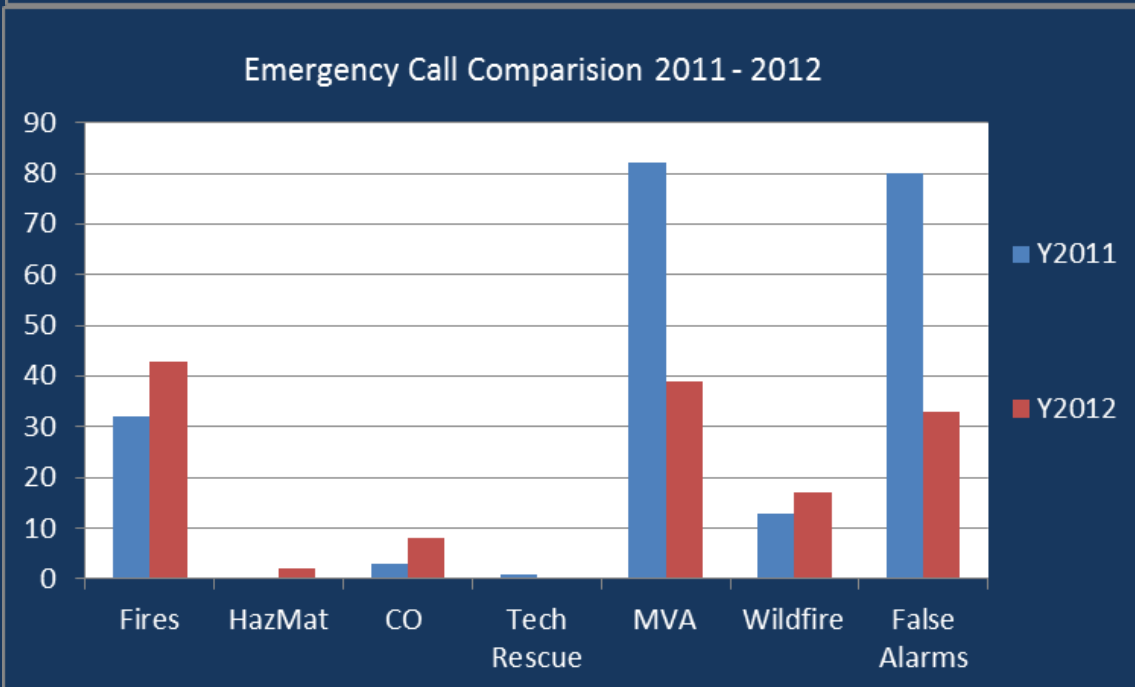
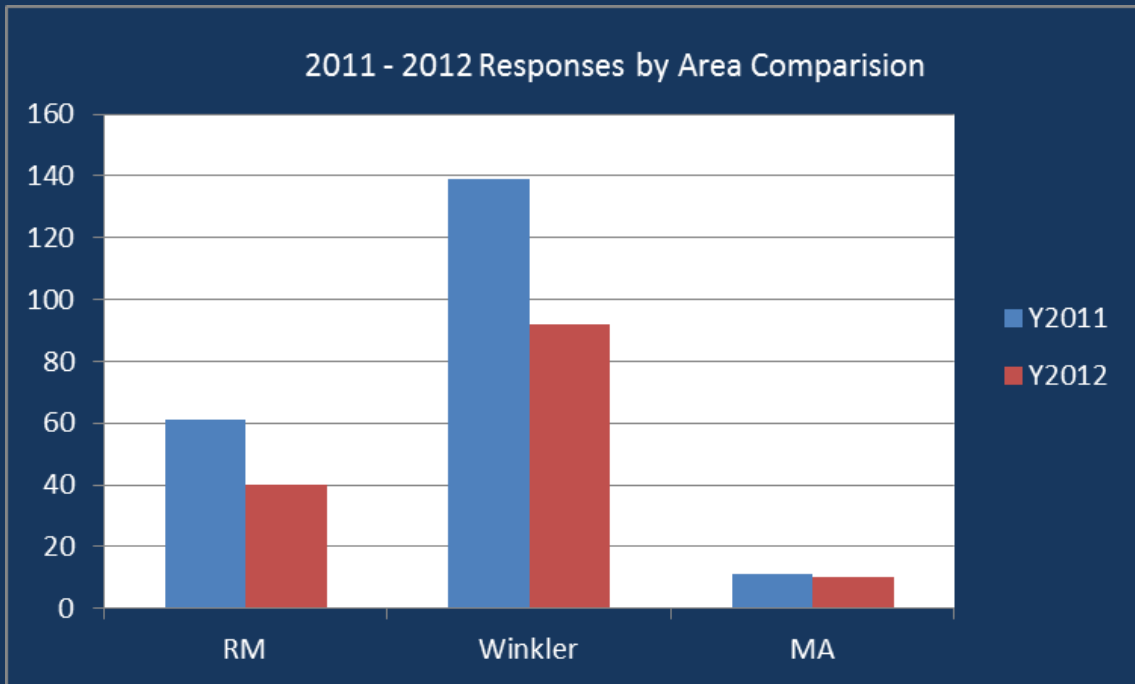
The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 142 emergency calls in 2012, as compared to 211 in 2011. In 2012 there were 92 calls within Winkler, 40 calls to the RM of Stanley and 10 Mutual Aid calls. The following describes the WFD activities for 2012.

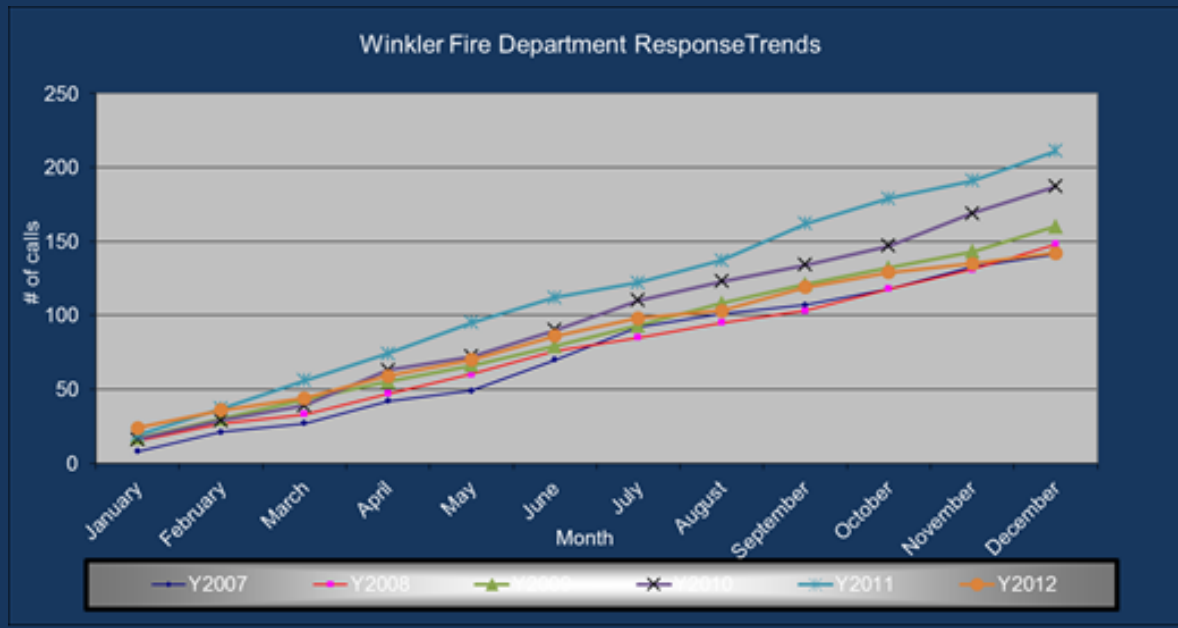


2012 saw a net call reduction of 69 from 2011 which made this year similar to 2007 for number of responses by WFD. All jurisdictions that the WFD were responsible for had a reduction in call volume from the previous year. The City of Winkler saw a reduction of 47 calls (34%) from the previous year. The RM of Stanley also saw a 34% reduction (21). Mutual Aid calls were down only by 1 from the previous year. The reduction in 2012 from 2011 was comprised of 43 MVAs, 47 false alarms, and 1 Tech Rescue call for a total of 91. But on the other hand, there was an increase in 2012 from 2011 of 22 incidents comprised of an additional 4 Wildfires, 2 Hazmat, 11 Structure & Vehicle fires, and 5 Carbon Monoxide calls.

Naturally one likes to analyze the reasons for the reduction. The reduction in MVA calls is most likely in part attributed to the change in policy by City Council that allowed the implementing of specific call out procedures for MVAs. As well a public awareness campaign educating the public on calling in MVA incidents took place. But for false alarms it is hard to tell if the reduction is a direct or indirect result of the false alarm bylaw first being considered and then implemented by City Council this year.

This trend of further call reduction in my opinion will not continue. I believe we have just reset the bar for what the future call volumes the WFD can expect to respond to. Based on the last 2 years we could use the numbers to estimate an increase of approximately 20 calls for fire and hazmat incidents for 2013. But it will take another year to see the trend of MVAs and false alarms, now that the call volume bar has been reset. Call volumes are predicted to rise in the future from the 2012 level in relation to the growth of the population and industry of the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley.





General Operations

Deputy Chief Henry Derkson after serving 28 years with the WFD has retired and Phil Dueck has now assumed the role of Deputy Fire Chief as of January 1st 2013. This role is in addition to his fire prevention, fire inspection, firehall maintenance and equipment maintenance duties.

In addition to the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, and Custodian, we now have roster of 36 members at WFD, a reduction of 6 from a year ago. But with this reduction, our actual attendance at training drills and calls has increased.

This year all the Firefighter Training along with the WFD Fire Prevention & Inspection activities were reported on a monthly basis in reports submitted to the fire committee. Highlighted operational activities were also found in these monthly reports.

The 2012 expenditures fell well within the budget set out last year due to several factors:

1. Call volume reduction
2. Training initiatives not completed (this is not a positive thing!)
3. Lower firehall heating costs due to mild winter
4. No major equipment break-downs
5. Operational efficiencies

Respectively Submitted:

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