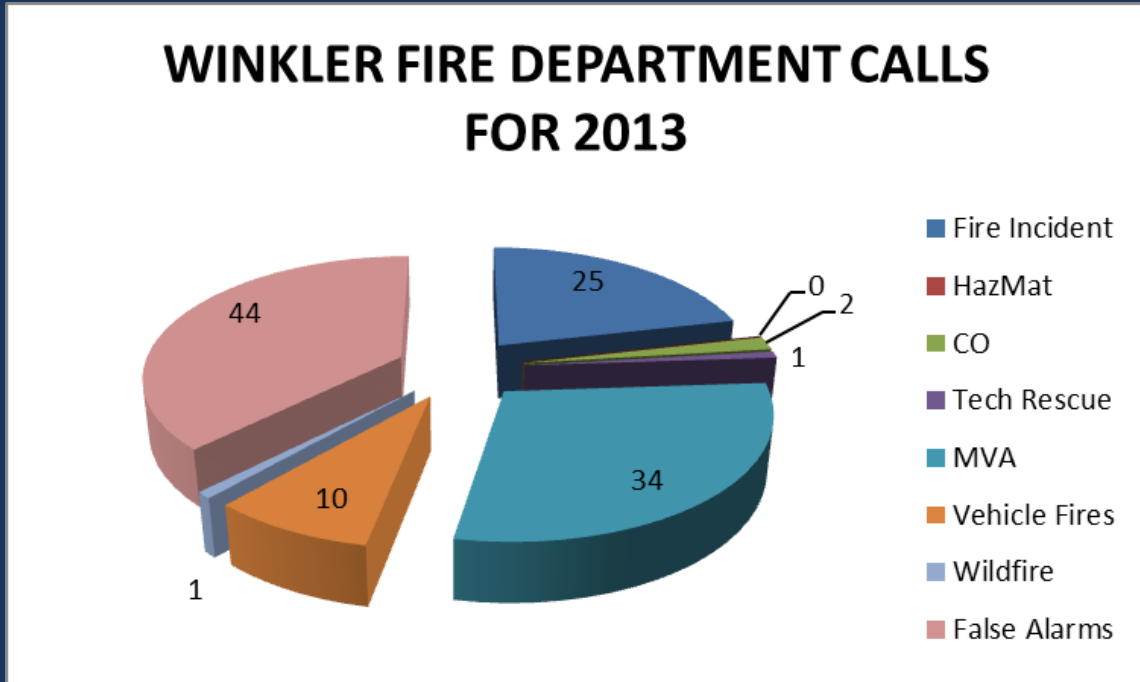


## WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2013 Year-End Summary

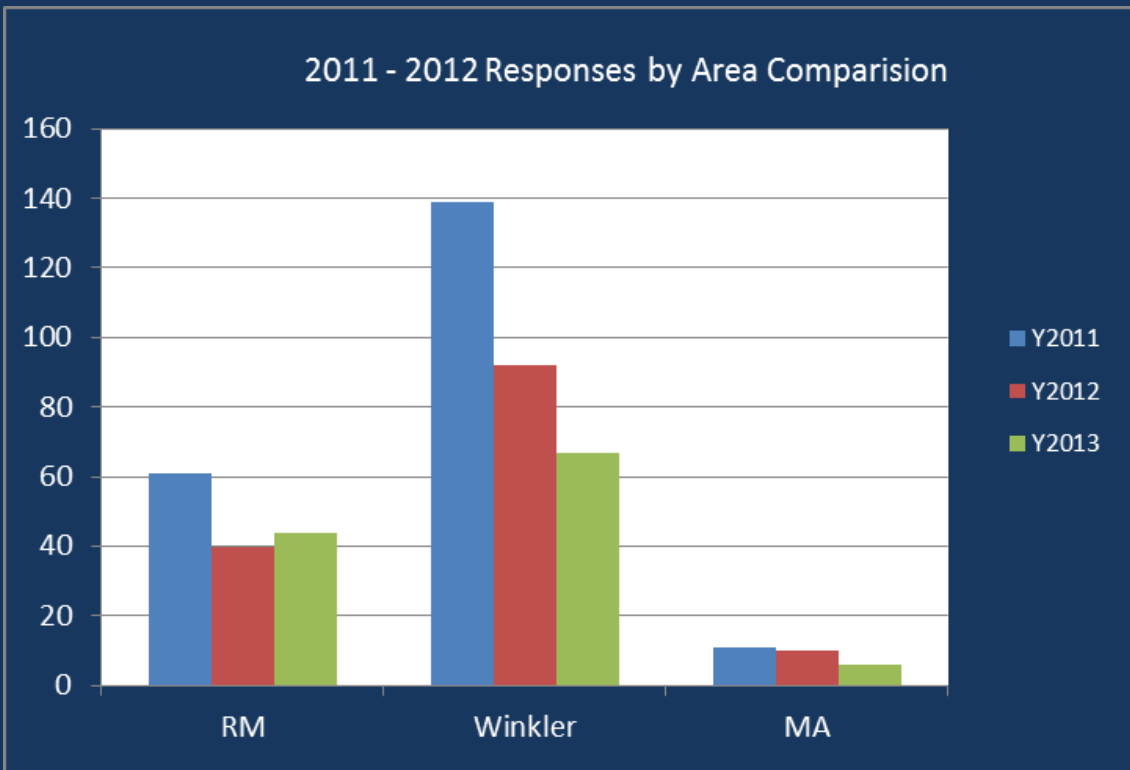
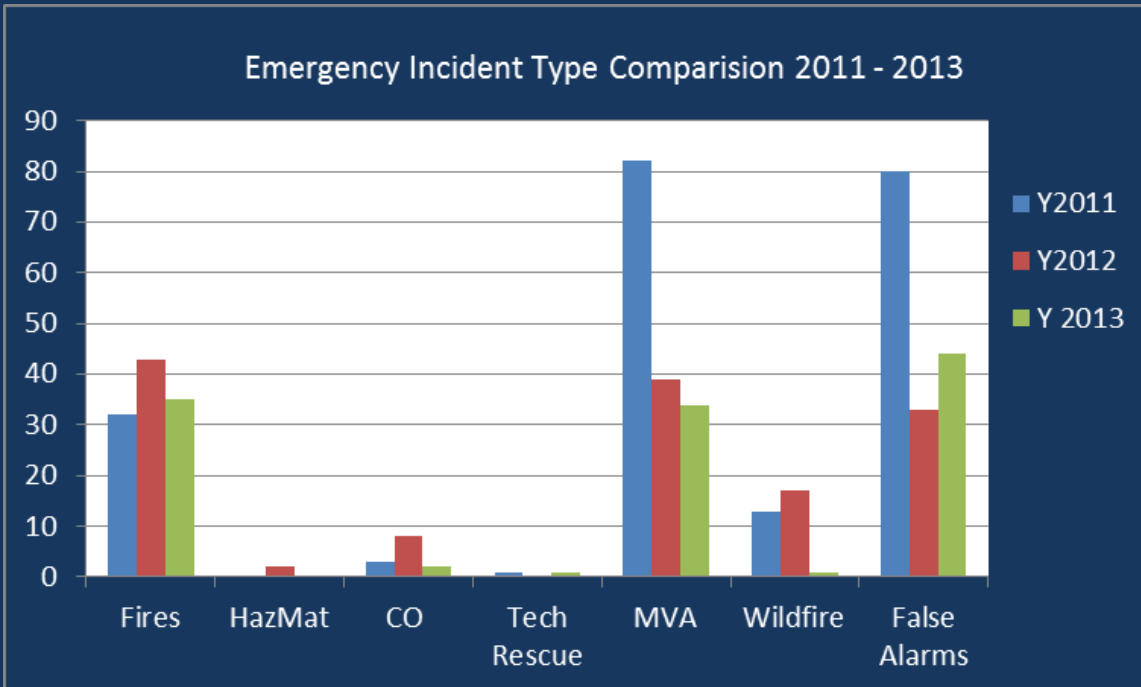
The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 117 emergency calls in 2013, as compared to 142 in 2012. In 2013 there were 65 calls within the City of Winkler, 45 calls to the RM of Stanley and 7 Mutual Aid calls. The following graph describes the WFD activities for those emergency responses in 2013.



2013 saw a net call reduction of 25 from 2012 and down 94 from 2011 which made this year similar to 2004 for number of responses by WFD.

The City of Winkler itself saw a reduction of 29 calls from the previous year. The RM of Stanley held steady at 45. Mutual Aid calls were down by 4 from the previous year. The reduction in 2013 from 2012 was comprised of 10 less structure & vehicle fires, 16 less wildfires, 5 less MVAs, 2 less hazmat calls, 6 less CO calls. The only increase in 2013 from 2012 was of 1 Technical Rescue call and 10 false alarms. (First time offenders of the controllable false alarms were given notices of the new false alarm bylaw, as part of the education process) The graphs on the following page give a visual comparison of the trends. Last year I predicted an additional 20 calls for 2013, but that did not happen. So it will take another year (or two!) to see the trends.

Call volumes are predicted to increase in the future relation to population growth and industrial growth of the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley.



## General Operations High-Lites

- Phil Dueck promoted to Deputy Fire Chief as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.
- Hazardous Materials Technician Team formed
- Acquired many new training props for the training grounds
- Emergency Warning System implemented in the City
- Employer who let firefighters go to calls during work hours recognized at firefighter awards banquet
- Fire department budget has a surplus for 2013

The Firefighter Training, Fire Prevention & Inspection activities were reported on a monthly basis in reports submitted to the fire committee. Other highlighted operational activities were also found in these monthly reports.

The 2013 expenditures fell well within the budget set out last year due to several factors:

1. Additional Call volume reduction
2. Operational efficiencies

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013, the Winkler Fire Department roster is composed of 2 full-time staff, 1 half-time staff and 34 part-time firefighters including a part-time custodian, for a total of 37 which is a reduction of 3 positions from last year. But our average attendance per call has remained constant at nearly 20. No further recruiting is planned until that average attendance is closer to the NFPA 1720 recommendation of 15.

Respectively Submitted:

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