

Cohasset Fire Department



2015
Annual Report

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Introduction

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The annual report is prepared each year to keep the City informed of the department activities, call trends, current truck fleet, as well as future needs. A number of these pages from this report will also be displayed on the City's web page to keep the public informed. These reports have been generated for a number of years and can be used to compare year to year. I try to keep the format the same each year for ease of comparison. I will highlight significant changes, trends we are experiencing, new equipment, and turn over within our roster.

The 2015 call total was 275, compared to 227 last year. Our 5 year call average is 220 calls per year with a 10 year average of 211. We average 13 firefighters per call. Later in this report you will find a call analysis and the costs related to our calls. The increase in calls this year seem to be across the board with medicals actually decreasing in the overall percentage.

As reported last year, a truck committee was formed in January to spec out a new Engine. Many different styles from a number of vendors were looked at. We chose one vendor to help us develop specs and settled in on a truck that was quoted to us at 554,791.00. Engine 11 will be sold with an anticipated price of 60,000.00 to help offset the cost. Anticipated delivery will be mid part of first quarter 2017.

We worked hard to present a respectable budget to the City. With the increase in calls we have a number to account for that we do not have control over. The budgeted expenses have been in the neighborhood of 250,000 with the actuals coming in about 15% less. This year we projected expenses of approximately 245,000.00. Income is generated from 2% insurance premiums, budgeted at 32,000 and unorganized township fire levies we receive from the County budgeted at 76,000.

We experienced three resignations this past year. Kris Klev, Matt Beighley, and Brett Mohler. All three were hired in 2007 and gave us 8 good years. I thank these gentlemen for their time and effort. It is a huge commitment to maintain active status on the fire department. These guys had to make the tough choice between careers and/or family and the fire department. It is certainly understandable that the fire department and the activities associated with can't always take priority.

During the summer we hired four new trainees that are currently working towards permanent employment as a firefighter. Two of these individuals have already completed all the entry level training courses required.

2015 was the second year implementing the policy of 33% minimum number of calls to attend. While this may have contributed to decisions of resignations, we have also experienced a number of individuals improving their percentages. We maintained an average of 13 men per call.

We have been evaluating the fairly new policy of hiring trainees before hiring an individual as a fire fighter. That first year gives the department a good indication of the commitment we can expect from an individual. It is also an opportunity for that same individual to gauge if they can meet the expectations of the department while maintaining the commitments of their everyday life.

We can anticipate more retirements and/or resignations in 2016. With a roster that is already short staffed, we plan on testing new applicants in the spring with the hopes of hiring more trainees in the summer. Recruitment and retention is a state wide problem for volunteer fire departments. We are aware of the challenges that face us and keep searching out possible solutions for future rosters.

I report each year that the commitments go way beyond answering the emergency pages. It is a commitment in itself to maintain the level of training needed to be proficient in all aspects of the fire service. Cohasset Fire is also known for the loyalty to the community as well as neighboring cities. We remind the firefighters of the importance of the image they portray to the public. A fire department is an expensive department of the City and it is important to have public support.

We once again take this time to thank the Mayor, the Council, and the City staff for all the support and cooperation we are experiencing. Good working relationships with open communication provide for good outcomes. Our community can be assured and proud of the fact that they are receiving excellent level of service being executed as efficiently and safely as possible.

Sincerely,

Davin Tinquist
Chief, Cohasset Fire / Rescue

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Front row: Duane Kilde, Kurt Werner, Sheldon Johnson, Andy MacDonell, Davin Tinquist, Kevin Tinquist, Ryan Still, Dave Myers, Joe Rabbers

Middle row: Bernie Hillman, Tony Applebee, Devin West, Josh Casper, Jason Tabaka, Joe Kvilvang, Tim Carlson, Matt Carlos, Roy Peterson, Matt Beighley, Brad Shannon

Back row: Jeff Lefebvre, Brett Mohler, Jerry Snetsinger



Active Members 2015

This is the 2015 roster, listing first the officers then the firefighters, per year of service. This list does include those that retired or resigned during the year.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hired</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Employer in 15</u>
Davin Tinquist	Chief	06/03/1992	23	Cohasset Mill and Lumber
Kevin Tinquist	1 st Assistant	06/03/1992	23	Cohasset Mill and Lumber
Andy MacDonell	2 nd Assistant	07/03/2001	14	Itasca Utilities
Sheldon Johnson	Captain	10/01/2002	13	Retired (Paul Bunyan)
Ryan Still	Water Supply	12/28/1995	20	Nelson Wood Shims
Kurt Werner	Safety	08/04/1994	21	Woodland Bank
Dave Myers	Training	07/19/2005	10	Minnesota Power
Joe Rabbers	Secretary	08/09/2011	4	East Range Satellite
Duane Kilde	Treasurer	07/28/1988	27	City of Cohasset
Jerry Snetsinger	Firefighter	02/03/1972	43	Retired (MPL)
Tim Carlson	Firefighter	11/17/1994	21	Carlson's Muffler Shop
Bernie Hillman	Firefighter	11/21/1996	19	City of Cohasset
Joel Kvilvang	Firefighter	07/03/2001	14	K-Med Consulting
Matt Carlos	Firefighter	10/01/2002	13	Blandin Paper
Kris Klev	Secretary	10/02/2007	8	Keller Fence
Matt Beighley	Firefighter	02/06/2007	8	Essar Steel
Brett Mohler	Firefighter	10/02/2007	8	Hammerlund Const
Jason Tabaka	Firefighter	09/02/2008	7	Blandin
Jeff Lefebvre	Firefighter	08/09/2011	4	Johnson Bros Liquor Co
Devin West	Firefighter	10/02/2011	4	Meds-1
Brad Shannon	Firefighter	08/01/2012	3	Itasca County Road/Bridge
Tony Applebee	Firefighter	08/01/2012	3	Blandin Paper
Josh Casper	Firefighter	09/02/2013	2	Casper Insurance
Roy Peterson	Firefighter	01/06/2014	1	Noramco Engineering
Serina Powers	Trainee	07/07/2015		
Brian Olynick	Trainee	07/07/2015		
Chip South	Trainee	07/07/2015		
Jesse Sutherland	Trainee	07/07/2015		



Retired Members

This is a list of members that have served 20 plus years and retired with a full pension.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service years</u>	<u>Total yrs</u>
Jim Avenson	1952-1972	20
Guy Axtell	1952-1972	20
George Baker	1952-1972	20
Claude Jeffers	1952-1972	20
Orin Nimlos	1952-1972	20
Ray Fleming	1952-1974	22
Herb Mortensen	1954-1974	20
Richard "Bud" Payment	1954-1974	20
Walt Johnson	1957-1977	20
Harold Shafer	1957-1977	20
Joe Stejskal	1956-1978	22
Russ Vanatta	1958-1978	20
Wayne Schumacher	1957-1983	26
Ted Tinquist Jr	1967-1988	21
Dennis Nix	1969-1989	20
Dale Anderson	1968-1991	23
L. "Pee Wee" Topper	1960-1991	31
Denny Magner	1971-1991	20
Jerry Randall	1974-1994	20
Mike Virkus	1972-1994	22
V. "Butch" Witherill	1971-1997	26
Dan Toewe	1977-1998	21
Glen Payment	1974-1999	25
Terry Thompson	1976-1999	23
Alan Barse	1977-2002	25
Richard Kortekaas	1975-2002	27
Larry Jeffers	1974-2006	32
Denny Lemler	1976-2006	30
Greg Hagy	1987-2007	20
Steve Lavalier	1985-2007	22
Mike Stejskal	1983-2008	25
Pat Smith	1989-2011	21
Dave Kasper	1993-2013	20
Tom Linser	1981-2013	32

COHASSET FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER POSITIONS

YEAR	CHIEF	1ST ASST.	2ND ASST.	CAPTAIN	WATER	SAFETY	TRAINING	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Term	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015	2014-2015
2015	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	A MacDonnell	S. Johnson	R. Still	K. Werner	D. Myers	J. Rabbers	D. Kilde
2014	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	A MacDonnell	S. Johnson	R. Still	K. Werner	D. Myers	J. Rabbers	D. Kilde
2013	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	A. MacDonell	S. Johnson	R. Still	Linser/Werner	D. Myers	K. Klev	D. Kilde
2012	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	A. MacDonell	S. Johnson	R. Still	T. Linser	D. Myers	K. Klev	D. Kilde
2011	D. Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Tinquist	A. MacDonell	J Snetsinger	T. Linser	S. Johnson	K. Klev	D. Kilde
2010	D. Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Tinquist	A MacDonell	J.Snetsinger	T. Linser	S. Johnson	K. Klev	D. Kilde
2009	D. Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	J.Snetsinger	T. Linser	B. Hillman	S. Johnson	D. Kilde
2008	D. Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	J.Snetsinger	T. Linser	B. Hillman	S. Johnson	D. Kilde
2007	D. Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	J.Snetsinger	T. Linser	B. Hillman	S. Johnson	D. Kilde
2006	D. Lemler	D.Tinquist	P. Smith	K. Werner	L. Jeffers	K. Tinquist	B. Hillman	G. Hagy	D. Kilde
2005	D. Lemler	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	L. Jeffers	T. Linser	K. Werner	G. Hagy	D. Kilde
2004	D. Lemler	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	L. Jeffers	T. Linser	K. Werner	G. Hagy	D. Kilde
2003	D. Lemler	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	T. Linser	J.Snetsinger	K. Werner	G. Hagy	D. Kilde
2002	D. Lemler	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	K. Tinquist	D. Kasper	J.Snetsinger	K. Werner	G. Hagy	D. Kilde
2001	D. Lemler	T. Linser	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	D. Kasper	R.Kortekaas	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	D. Kilde
2000	D. Lemler	T. Linser	P. Smith	D. Tinquist	D. Kasper	R.Kortekaas	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	D. Kilde
1999	D. Lemler	T. Linser	P. Smith	J. Snetsinger	D. Kasper	R.Kortekaas	K. Tinquist	K. Werner	D. Tinquist
1998	D. Lemler	T. Linser	M. Stejskal	A. Barse	G. Payment	R. Evenson	K. Tinquist	P. Smith	D. Tinquist
1997	D. Lemler	T. Linser	M. Stejskal	A. Barse	G. Payment	R. Evenson	K. Tinquist	P. Smith	D. Tinquist
1996	D. Lemler	T. Linser	M. Stejskal	A. Barse	G. Payment	R. Evenson	P. Smith	D. Toewe	D. Tinquist
1995	D. Lemler	J. Snetsinger	M. Stejskal	A. Barse		R. Evenson	P. Smith	D. Toewe	T. Linser
1994	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse		R. Evenson		D. Lemler	T. Linser
1993	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse		R. Evenson		D. Lemler	T. Linser
1992	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse		R. Evenson		D. Lemler	T. Linser
1991	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse		R. Evenson		D. Lemler	T. Linser
1990	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse				D. Lemler	T. Linser
1989	V. Witherill	J. Snetsinger	L. Jeffers	A. Barse				D. Lemler	T. Linser
1988	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				T. Linser	R. Evenson
1987	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				T. Linser	R. Evenson
1986	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				J. Randall	R. Evenson
1985	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				J. Randall	R. Evenson
1984	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				J. Randall	R. Evenson

YEAR	CHIEF	1 ST ASST	2 ND ASST	CAPTAIN	WATER	SAFETY	TRAINING	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1983	L. Topper	V. Witherill	D. Anderson	J. Snetsinger				J. Randall	A. Barse
1982	W.Schumacher	L. Topper	D. Anderson	V. Witherill				J. Randall	A. Barse
1981	W.Schumacher	L. Topper	D. Anderson	V. Witherill				J. Randall	A. Barse
1980	W.Schumacher	L. Topper	D. Anderson	V. Witherill				J. Randall	A. Barse
1979	W.Schumacher	L. Topper	D. Anderson	V. Witherill				J. Randall	A. Barse
1978	W.Schumacher	L. Topper	D. Anderson	R. Vanatta				J. Randall	A. Barse
1977	W.Schumacher	G. Crandall	D. Anderson	R. Vanatta				J. Randall	V. Witherill
1976	W. Johnson	G. Crandall	D. Anderson	R. Vanatta				T. Tinquist JR	V. Witherill
1975	W. Johnson	G. Crandall	D. Anderson	R. Vanatta				T. Tinquist JR	V. Witherill
1974	W. Johnson	B. Payment	W.Schumacher					T. Tinquist JR	V. Witherill
1973	W. Johnson	B. Payment	W.Schumacher					T. Tinquist JR	V. Witherill
1972	W. Johnson	B. Payment	W.Schumacher					F. Slagel	V. Witherill
1971	W. Johnson	D. Anderson	W.Schumacher					F. Slagel	
1970	R. Vanatta	L. Topper	W.Schumacher	W. Johnson				M. Tinquist	
1969	R. Vanatta	L. Topper	W.Schumacher	W. Johnson				T. Tinquist JR	
1968	G. Carter	L. Topper	R. Vanatta	W. Johnson				T. Tinquist JR	
1967	W.Schumacher	G. Carter		R. Vanatta				H. Lafrenier	J. Avenson
1966	W.Schumacher	G. Carter		R. Vanatta				H. Lafrenier	J. Avenson
1965	W.Schumacher	C. Jeffers		R. Vanatta				C. Howg	J. Avenson
1964	W.Schumacher	C. Jeffers		R. Vanatta				C. Howg	J. Avenson
1963	G. Carter	C. Jeffers		M.Splitstoesser				T. Soular	J. Avenson
1962	G. Carter	C. Jeffers		M.Splitstoesser				T. Soular	
1961	G. Carter			M.Splitstoesser				W.Schumacher	
1960	G. Carter			M. Monson				W.Schumacher	
1959	C. Jeffers			G. Carter					T. Soular
1958	C. Jeffers			G. Carter					T. Soular
1957	C. Jeffers			G. Carter					T. Soular
1956	C. Jeffers			G. Carter					T. Soular
1955	H. Avenson								T. Soular
1954	A. Fulton	M. Horner							J. Avenson
1953	A. Fulton	M. Staeger							J. Avenson
1952	A. Fulton	M. Staeger						A. Fulton	J. Avenson



Fire Truck and Rescue Equipment Replacement Schedule

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>projected yrs of service</u>	<u>year to replace</u>	<u>City depreciation scale</u>
10	Class A engine	2008	20	2028	20
11	Class A engine	2000	20	2027	20
12	Wild land / rescue	2007	15	2022	10 --- 15
13	Water Tanker	1997	20	2020	20
14	Grass / utility	1993	15	2008	10
15	Medical / rescue	2013	15	2028	10---15
299	Chief's squad	2008	10	2018	0
Rescue II	Ice / water rescue	2014	15	2029	15
Zodiac	Water rescue	1995	20	2015	15
RDC	Water rescue	2005	15	2020	10
Ranger	Off road rescue	2006	15	2021	10
snowmobile	Off road rescue	19(95)			0
Orion sled	Off road rescue	2004	15	2019	10
Floe trailer	Off road rescue	2014	15	2029	5
Portable pump	Water Supply	2002	20	2022	0

This is the backbone of the fire department showing an anticipated depreciation schedule and projected life span for each piece of equipment. The first six items the City has purchased. The remainder of the fleet has either been donated to the fire department or we have purchased through funds acquired by Cohasset Hook and Ladder. We are well over \$200,000 of donated equipment that has not been a part of our budget and tax levy.

There were two slight changes to the fleet in 2015. In April we down sized the rescue equipment trailer to allow for more room in the hall. We also returned the Polaris snowmobile to the Sheriff's office. The City owned a snowmobile they used to maintain the ski trails which they are no longer using. It is a better machine for rescue as it has a wide track, high/low gear, and reverse.

The truck committee was busy through-out the year specking a new engine to replace Engine 11. It is anticipate the City Council will approve this truck in the first quarter of 2016 with an anticipated delivery date in the first quarter of 2017.

The next major piece of equipment to consider will be the Tanker. We will look at forming a truck committee in 2018, order in 2019, with a delivery in 2020.

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Engine 10



2008 Pierce Puc
Class A engine
425 hp Cummins
1500 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank
6 man cab, 5 SCBA seats
2350' hose
TNT extrication tools

Engine 10 is first out on structure fires and car accidents. This truck also carries the "RIT" equipment so is the go to engine on Mutual Aid calls.

Engine 11



2000 Freightliner
Class A Engine
300 ISC Diesel
1500 gpm pump, 1250 gallon tank
6 man cab, 4 SCBA seats
1900' hose

Engine 11 is our 2nd out on structure fires and is equipped as such. This is also used for Mutual Aid calls.

Tanker 13



1997 International
500 gpm pump, 3000 gallon tank
2 --- 3000 gallon drop tanks
2 man cab, carries 4 SCBA spares
900' hose

The tanker is 2nd or 3rd out on structure fires, depending on location. It rolls on most Mutual Aid calls and wild land fires.

Support vehicles and equipment

Engine 12



2007 Ford F550 Super Duty 4x4
6.0 Diesel
95 gpm pump w/18 hp Briggs engine
300 gallon tank, 300' hose
Foam capabilities
5 man cab
3 SCBA's
Ice / water rescue equipment

Engine 12 is the first out on grass and wild land fires. This is also designed as our rescue vehicle. This truck pulls Rescue II and carries most of the needed equipment for any water related rescue. This can also be used for medical calls as a second out.

Unit 299

2008 Dodge Durango 4x4



1st responder medical equipment
AED
Nebulas inflatable floatation device
Frisbous Rescue Disc

This unit is the Chief's squad. It rolls to all calls, including medicals, with the intentions of being the first on scene to size the situation up. This was acquired through an intergovernmental transfer with the Itasca County Sheriff's department.



Training Classes by Category

<u>Class description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
ARSON		
IAAI State Conference	3/27-3/28	17
Fire Investigation team	1/12	12
	6/16	<u>6</u>
	Total	35
 ADMIN / OFFICER		
Itasca County Chief's Assc	1/5	3
	4/6	3
	7/6	2
	10/5	2
Arrowhead Regional		
Relief Association	4/20	2
	8/17	2
	10/13	1
National Night Out	8/6	3
Officers	10 total	10
Business	12 total	<u>36</u>
		64
 FIRE/EMERGENCY		
State Schools		
Leadership – Incident Command	5/30	8
Policies, Procedures, and Practices	1/20	3
Blood borne	2/21	7.5
Fire ground practical skills	9/22	3
Vehicle extrication	2/24	3.5
Pumps	6/23	3.5
Pre-plan Incident plans	3/17	2.5
Pre-plan incident plans	7/21	3
Work drill / station clean-up	7/28	3

	11/24	3
Fire ground communications	3/24	2.5
Search and rescue @ MP	5/19	3
Ventilation	8/25	<u>3</u>
		48.5
Fire Fighter I	Sept -	
Fire Fighter II	Dec	146 (per guy)
HAZ MAT		
Haz Mat annual	2/17	<u>6</u>
		6
HOSE TESTING		
Large Diameter	6/16	<u>3</u>
		3
LIVE BURNS		
Live burn, State instructors	3/07	10
Live burn, Structure	10/27	3
	11/17	<u>3</u>
		16
MEDICAL		
1 st Responder refresher	1/27	3
	9/15	3
	10/20	<u>4</u>
		10
1 st Responder/EMR, EMT	July - Dec	<u>68 (per guy)</u>
SCBA		
Air Consumption	4/28	3
	8/18	3
	12/22	3
Confined Space	5/26	<u>3</u>
		12
ICE/COLD WATER RESCUE		
Ice rescue with dive team	1/31	7
Ice rescue	12/15	3
Water rescue drill	4/17	<u>3</u>
		13

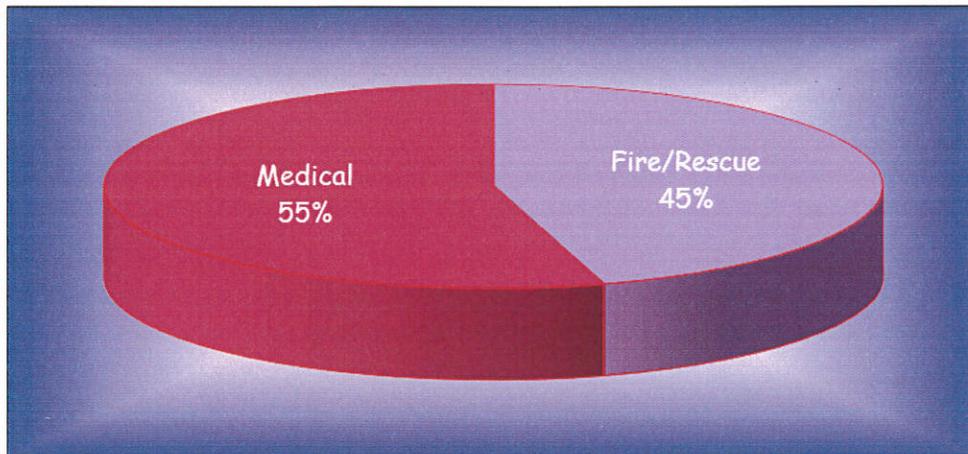
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Call Summary

2015 Cohasset Fire Department was dispatched to 275 calls which is a record high, far surpassing the 2014 number of 225 which set the previous record. Each year I separate the calls into 2 categories for year to year comparisons. The following charts will show two different types of information. The pie chart shows the percentage of man hours paid in the two separate categories. The bar chart which follows depicts the call volume broken down into 5 categories for better analysis

The pie chart is significant in the fact that it more accurately shows the actual cost to the City of our incidents. While 187/275 calls were medicals, which is 68% of the incidents, they actually account for 55% of the hours paid. Last year medicals were 74% of our runs.

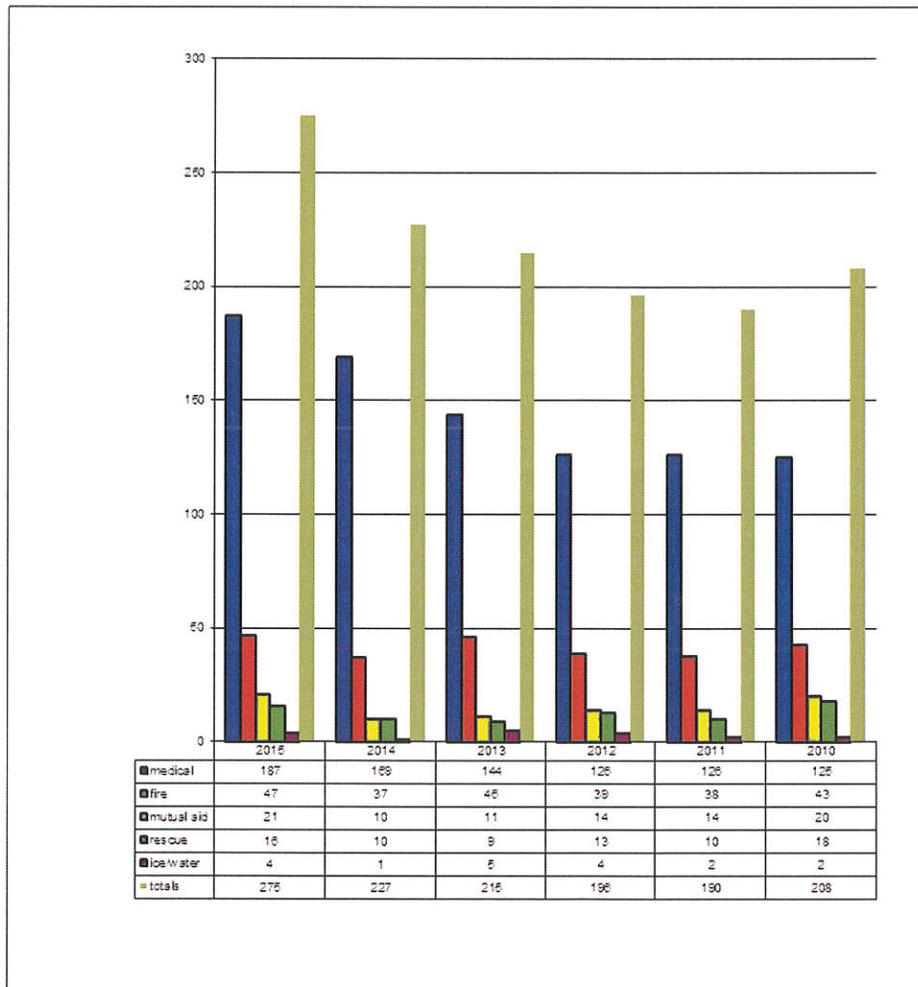


Fire/Rescue --- 88 calls 1910 man hrs / total payroll \$27,162
\$308.65 / call average

Medical ----- 187 calls 2295 man hrs / total payroll \$31,753
\$170 / call average

The average turn out this year per call was 13 fire fighters which is no change from 2014.

This graph illustrates the number of calls per category for the past six years.



Our 5 year call average is 220 calls. As reported each year, there is consistency in each category. This is also data that supports the concerns of an increase in age of our demographics. Medicals continue to increase, something out of our control but important to realize in budgets and our trainings.

We had a total of 68 calls in the Fire category. This category broken down even further is 20 building fires, 20 grass/brush fires, 4 vehicle fires, 3 gas line leaks, 2 downed power lines, and 19 that are either alarms, CO calls, false alarms, public assists, or cancelled in route.

There are 20 calls in the Recue category broken down as follows; 17 motor vehicle accidents, 1 search for person on land, and 2 water/ice calls/

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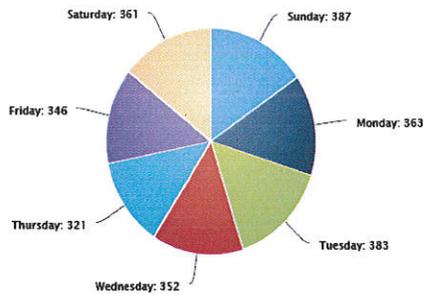
Runs by day of week

<u>Day</u>	<u>count</u>
Sunday	42
Monday	38
Tuesday	40
Wednesday	24
Thursday	35
Friday	43
Saturday	<u>53</u>
	275

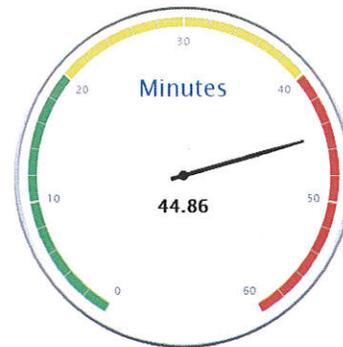
Average turnout per incident

# of incidents	275
total personnel	3596
average per call	13

Incidents by Day of Week



Average Apparatus Arrival to Clear Time (Minutes)



Basic - Incident Day of Week

■ Sunday
 ■ Monday
 ■ Tuesday
 ■ Wednesday
 ■ Thursday
 ■ Friday
 ■ Saturday

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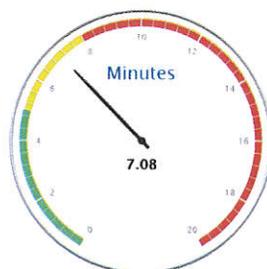
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Average response time

Under 5 minutes	105	38%
6-10 minutes	113	41%
Greater than 10 min	57	21%

Average Incident Alarm to First Unit Arrival Time (Minutes)



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Commitments throughout the year

Throughout this report I have spoken to the commitment level of our firefighters. Weekly they have to give up family commitments in order to maintain their active status and support a growing number of fire department functions throughout the year. When firefighters retire they can truly say they, and indirectly their families, have supported and given back to the community. Here I will show some examples of the commitments we speak of with a majority of these being truly volunteer, no pay.

In addition to the:

12 business meetings per year ---- 1st Tues of the month

24 scheduled trainings per year --- 3rd and 4th Tues of the month

Administrative meetings:

9 Officer meetings

5 Relief Association meetings

4 Itasca County Chief's Association meetings

2 Arrowhead Regional meetings

6 Radio Board meetings of which the Chief and 2nd Asst attend

Every member is required to be a part of two committees each year, which typically take a number of meetings to accomplish the task. These coordinate our annual events like Bingo, Fire prevention, etc. There are also a number of adhoc committees that may be required such as new truck and new member. These in particular require numerous meetings over the course of the year. There are also Council meetings that the Chief or supporting officers and Relief Association president might be required to attend.

Specialized trainings:

State schools associated with MNSCU

IAAI Conference in St Cloud, arson training

Joint trainings with neighboring departments

Search and Rescue at MP

Ice Rescue with Itasca County Dive Team



Live house burns



Minnesota Power coal fire training, " hybrid of a live call turned training"



Public appearances:

Children's 1st Fair at the Grand Rapids Civic Center



Deer River parade at Wild Rice Festival

National Night Out sponsored by the Grand Rapids Police Department

Minnesota Power Family Safety Days

Golf outings: Cohasset, Deer River

Tall Timber Day parade

Bovey Farmer's Day parade

911 Memorial Service @ St Joe's

Shop with a Hero, coordinated by GRP

Fundraisers and dinners:

Eagle's Extravaganza coordinated with Itasca County Fire Chiefs Association

DARE spaghetti feed coordinated with Sheriff's Dept

GRFD retirement banquet

CFD Retirement banquet



Eagle's Fish Fry

Bisch Bash held at Portage Park

Eagle's booth at Annual Car Swap

GRFD Venison Feed

City of Cohasset Volunteer Appreciation dinner

Events specific to CFD:

Fishing Opener standby

(Guaranteed response for a weekend of known absenteeism's)

Mandatory annual medical evaluations --- fire fighter health is number one

Fire Prevention week, Cohasset Elementary and Little Lambs Pre-School

Cohasset Hook and Ladder annual Bingo



Deer Hunting Opener standby

(Guaranteed response for a weekend of known absenteeism's)

And we end the year with the Chief's annual Christmas party

