## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services is to take action to protect and/or rescue citizens and/or property from threats of health, the effects of natural or man-made disasters, and in particular the risk that a fire, if started, would seriously endanger the health and safety of any person or quality of the natural environment for any use that can be made of it.

## PRIMARY GOALS of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

The primary goal of the Fire Department is to provide fire protection and rescue services through a range of programs designed to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants from the adverse effects of fire, sudden medical emergencies, or exposure to dangerous conditions created by man or nature; second to those Municipalities requiring assistance through authorized emergency fire service plan and program (mutual aid) activities; and third, to those Municipalities which are provided fire protection by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services via authorized agreement.

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVES of the FIRE DEPARTMENT:

In order to achieve the goal of Fire Department, necessary funding must be in place and the following objectives met:

- 1. Reduce the incidence of injury, loss of life, and property damage by providing <u>public education programs</u>, fire cause investigation, and prevention <u>services</u> to secure public safety and code compliance.
- 2. Be responsive to local and global economics so that our service model reflects the needs of the community we serve and the changing technologies that influence cost effective delivery of services to recognized standards.
- 3. Provide a timely response for all services through properly equipped, trained, skilled, and efficient firefighters.
- 4. Identify and review the Fire Department requirements of the Municipality
- 5. Provide an administrative process consistent with the needs of the Department
- 6. Ensure that firefighting equipment and operating personnel are available within the Municipality to provide adequate response to a citizen's call within a reasonable length of time.
- 7. Provide departmental training, to an accepted standard, which will ensure the continuous up-grading of all personnel in the latest technique of fire prevention,

firefighting and control of emergency situations and to co-operate with other Municipal departments with respect to management training and other programs.

- 8. Provide a maintenance program to ensure all fire protection apparatus, involving all equipment, is ready to respond to emergency calls.
- 9. Provide an effective Fire Prevention Program to:
  - (a) Ensure, through plan examination and inspection, that required fire protective equipment is installed and maintained within buildings
  - (b) Reduce and/or eliminate fire hazards
  - (c) Ensure compliance with applicable Municipal, Provincial and Federal fire prevention legislation, statues, codes and regulations in respect to fire safety.
- 10. Develop and maintain an effective public information system and educational program, with particular emphasis on school fire safety programs; and commercial, industrial and institutional staff training.
- 11. Ensure in the event of a major catastrophe in the Municipality, assistance to cope with the situation is available from outside departments and other agencies.
- 12. Develop and maintain a good working relationship with all Federal, Provincial and Municipal departments, utilities and agencies, related to the protection of life and property.
- 13. Interact with other Municipal departments respecting the aspects of fire or any given programs.
- 14. Ensure these objectives are not in conflict with any other Municipal department.