



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR IN REVIEW

Summary of Emergency Responses, Training, Achievements, Success and Investments that have been accomplished in 2020. Review of the status of Stations, Apparatus & Equipment.

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services (WFES), it is my pleasure to present the 2020 Annual Fire & Emergency Services Report. Despite the challenges that the Covid-19 Pandemic has presented, 2020 has been another incredibly busy and productive year. The members of WFES continue to deliver professional and excellent service to the community. I am incredibly proud of their dedication to excellence, knowledge, skills and teamwork to serve Wainfleet 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

WFES accomplished a number of items in 2020.

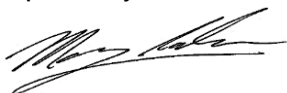
- Responded to 144 calls for service
- Maintained an average response time of 8.5 minutes from time of dispatch to time first units on scene
- Completed a total of 1,521 hours (0.83FTE) of personnel time responding to calls for service
- Over 7,100 hours (3.9FTE) of personnel time conducting training, apparatus, equipment & station maintenance and attending meetings
- Despite Covid-19 restrictions and the cancellation of many events, personnel were able to deliver more than 155 hours (0.09FTE) of Public Education & Fire Prevention
- Approved a new Open Air-Burning By-law and implemented an Online Burn Permit System
- Conducted a Concept Study for the new Central Fire Station Project
- Conducted evaluations and completed the SCBA replacement project inclusive of new Compressor, Fill Station, & Fit Tester.

In 2020, firefighters attended a number of training events focused on further developing the skills and knowledge required to meet the needs of the community and the levels of service set by Council. Firefighters remained resilient and flexible while learning opportunities transitioned from in person to virtual. Personnel were eager to return to in-person practical training despite the additional precautions and safety measures that had been implemented.

Regardless of the uncertainty, increased stress that many personnel faced, all personnel met challenges head on and accomplished many of the goals set throughout the year. Their dedication, professionalism and community spirit ensures that the Township of Wainfleet continues to receive the fire & emergency services that they have come to expect and deserve.

Without a doubt, more changes and challenges will occur in 2021, and I am confident that WFES will handle these with Compassion, Integrity & Excellence.

Respectfully submitted,



Morgan Alcock
Fire Chief/CEMC



CORE VALUES, MISSION & VISION

CORE VALUES

Compassion

Caring for the community as if they are family

Integrity

Honesty, Trustworthy, Steadfast and True

Excellence

Dedicated to excellence and professionalism, in the delivery of the services our community expects and deserves.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Wainfleet Fire Department is to take action to protect and/or rescue citizens and/or property from threats of health, the effects of natural or man-made disaster, 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

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; secondly to those Municipalities requiring assistance through authorized emergency fire service plan and program (mutual aid) activities; and thirdly, 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 public education programs, fire cause investigation, and prevention services 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.



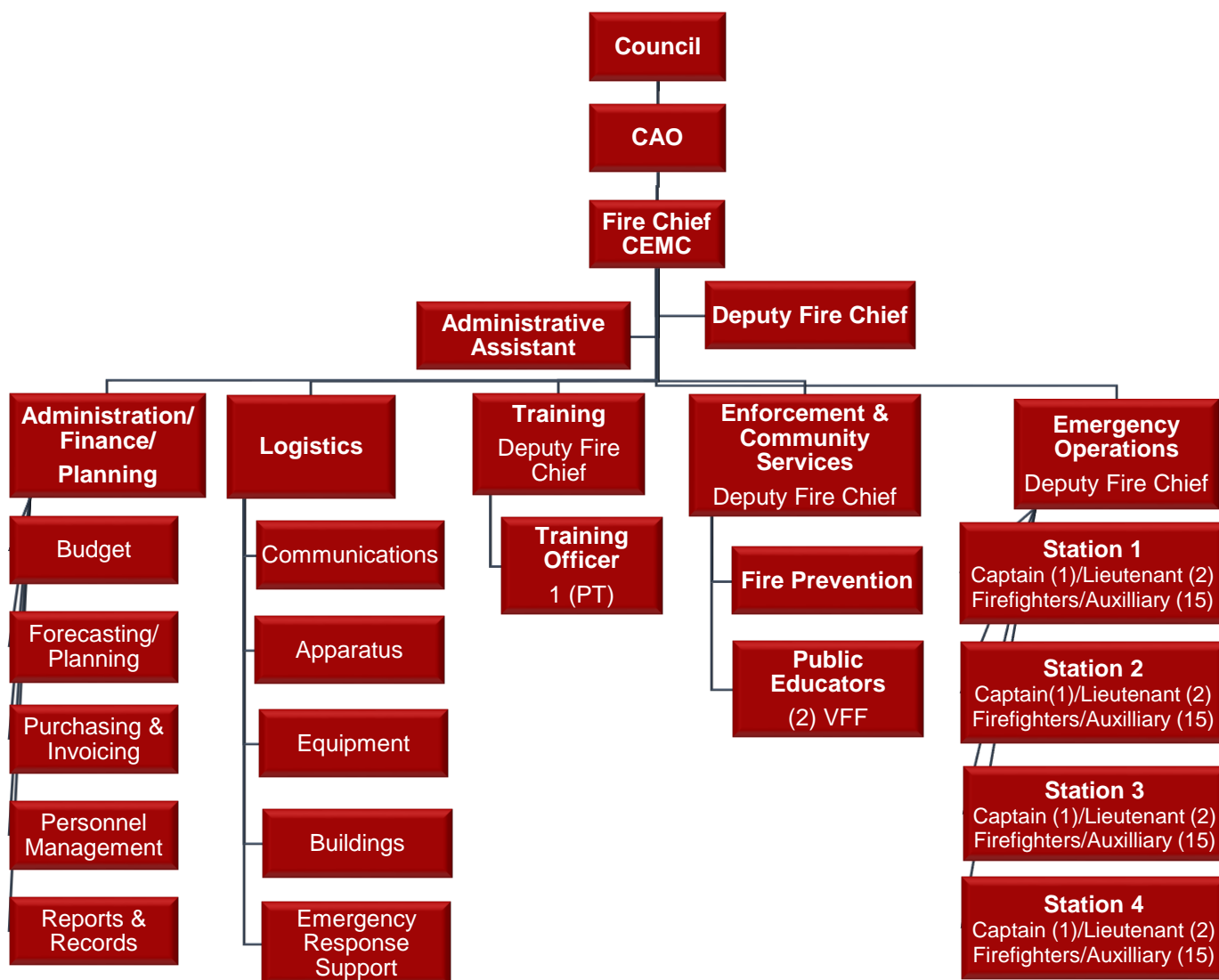
- 7.** Provide departmental training, to an accepted standard, which will ensure the continuous up-grading of all personnel in the latest technique of fire prevention, firefighting and control of emergency situations and to co-operate with other Municipal departments with respect to management training 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, statutes, 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.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services Organizational Chart

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services has more than 40 active volunteer firefighters, supported by Administrative Assistant Tara McLachlan, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Schutten and Fire Chief Morgan Alcock.



DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL (As Of December 31st, 2020)

CHIEF OFFICERS	
Fire Chief,	Morgan Alcock
Deputy Fire Chief	Shawn Schutten
COMPANY OFFICERS	
Acting Captain Station 1	Drew Robins
Acting Captain Station 2	Chad Rumsby
Captain Station 3	Conrad Beckingham
Captain Station 4	Jason Mous
Lieutenant Station 1	Vacant
Lieutenant Station 2	Chris Whiteford
Lieutenant Station 3	Aaron Tedesco
Lieutenant Station 4	Vacant
Training Officer	Vacant
FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION	
Fire & Life Safety Educator	Charles Farkas
FIRST CLASS FIREFIGHTERS	
1 st Class Firefighter	Leanne Johnson
1 st Class Firefighter	Matthew Holinaty
1 st Class Firefighter	John Mallon
1 st Class Firefighter	Trevor Airhardt
1 st Class Firefighter	Brendan Fang
1 st Class Firefighter	Ben Benson
1 st Class Firefighter	Bruce Vandelaar
1 st Class Firefighter	Nick Carter-Flagg
SECOND CLASS FIREFIGHTERS	
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jerry Vriend
2 nd Class Firefighter	John Vandelaar
2 nd Class Firefighter	Mark Tardif
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jeremy Worrall
2 nd Class Firefighter	Sean Barker
2 nd Class Firefighter	Michael Mascitelli
2 nd Class Firefighter	Robert (Ben) Shoalts
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jason Hoskin
2 nd Class Firefighter	Scott Walls
THIRD CLASS FIREFIGHTER	
3 rd Class Firefighter	Ted Hessels
3 rd Class Firefighter	Jeremy Schneider
3 rd Class Firefighter	Taylor Bouwers
3 rd Class Firefighter	Jeff Grondin
3 rd Class Firefighter	Tom Staton
3 rd Class Firefighter	Dawson Ethier
3 rd Class Firefighter	Stephen Neudorf
3 rd Class Firefighter	Tyson Sider
3 rd Class Firefighter	Mark Snippe
3 rd Class Firefighter	Ian Whitehall
PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS	
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Jonathan Aarts
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Joseph Bos
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Scott Duff
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Gregory England
2020 Probationary Firefighter	James Graef
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Chris Karpinchik
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Jay Myers
2020 Probationary Firefighter	Rachel Vangeel



RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS, RECOGNITION

2019 Retirements, Resignations & Returns

Firefighter Keith Stonier resigned after 2 years of service

Firefighter Doug Smith retired after 4 years of service

Firefighter Nick Vandermeer retired after 6 years of service

Firefighter Chris Karpinchick joined WFES in Q3 after retiring from Port Colborne Fire Dept.

Firefighter Nick Carter-Flagg returned to service.

Promotions and Appointments

- 4 members of the class of 2019 Recruits completed their probationary period and became 2nd Class Firefighters on January 1st 2020.
- Conrad Beckingham was promoted to Station 3 Captain on August 6th, 2019.
- Drew Robins was promoted to Station 1 Acting Captain on August 6th, 2019.
- Chad Rumsby was promoted to Station 2 Acting Captain on August 6th, 2019.

Recognition & Awards

On January 6, 2020, a Probationary Firefighter Graduation, Community and Firefighter Recognition event was held in Council Chambers. Firefighters, families, Council and community partners were invited to celebrate the achievements of 2019.

- 4 - Probationary Firefighters promoted to 3rd Class firefighter
- 1 - 20 year Service Medal presented
- 2 - 30 year Service Medal presented
- 12 - NFPA 1001 – Firefighter Level 1 & 2 certifications presented
- 6 - NFPA 102 – Pump Operator certifications presented
- 13 - NFPA 1072 – Hazardous Materials - Awareness, Operations & Mission Specific certifications presented
- 2 - NFPA 1021 - Fire Officer Level 1 certifications presented
- 1 - NFPA 1031 – Fire Inspector Level 1 certification presented
- 2 - NFPA 1035 – Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1 certifications presented
- 2 - NFPA 1521 – Incident Safety Officer certifications presented



PUBLIC EDUCATION & FIRE PREVENTION

PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS

February 22, 2020 - Public CPR Class

Members of WFES conducted a free public CPR and Public Access Defibrillator orientation and training. Approximately 15 members of the public participated in this event.



March 2020 – Fire Safety Video Series

In partnership with the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association (OMFPOA), a series of fire safety videos were produced and shared through various social media venues.

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| March 10, 2020 | “Dawn of Fire” - | https://youtu.be/iEqxGvsEXf4 |
| March 17, 2020 | “Power What’s Important” - | https://youtu.be/2i-K4wkGnfl |
| March 24, 2020 | “Hazardous Routines” - | https://youtu.be/yMdfGuNYmIY |

July-September 2020 – Wainfleet Farmers Market

Members of the WFES attended some of the Wainfleet Farmers Markets and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to people of various age groups.

Messages included:

Farm Safety, Escape Planning, Safe Cooking, Working Alarms Save Lives.

October 4-10, 2020 - Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week 2020 theme was.

“Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen”

Information was made available at the municipal office and was also advertised in the local newspaper, on Facebook and on the municipal website. Residents were encouraged to practice fire safety in the kitchen.

Members of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services were not permitted to attend all of the Schools within the township, however materials were delivered with Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 600 students.

Messages included:

Escape Planning and Drills, Working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives,
What to do in the event of an Alarm, Do Not hide or be afraid of Firefighters.

November 1-7, 2020 – Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week took place November 1st – 7th. Information was made available at the municipal office and was also posted on Social Media and on the municipal website. Residents were encouraged to properly install and maintain their carbon monoxide alarms.



November 15, 22, 29 & December 6, 2020 – Wainfleet Christmas Vendors Market

Members of the WFES attended the Wainfleet Christmas Vendors Market and delivered Fire & Life Safety messaging. Messaging included:

- Home Escape Planning,
- Smoke and CO Alarm Requirements,
- Seasonal Fire Safety,
- Emergency Preparedness (72 hour kits)

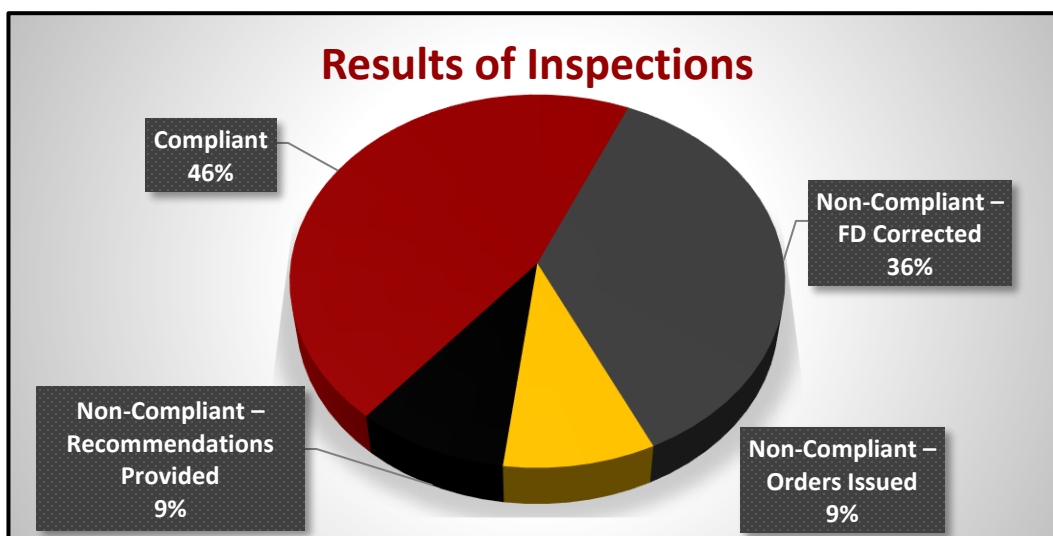
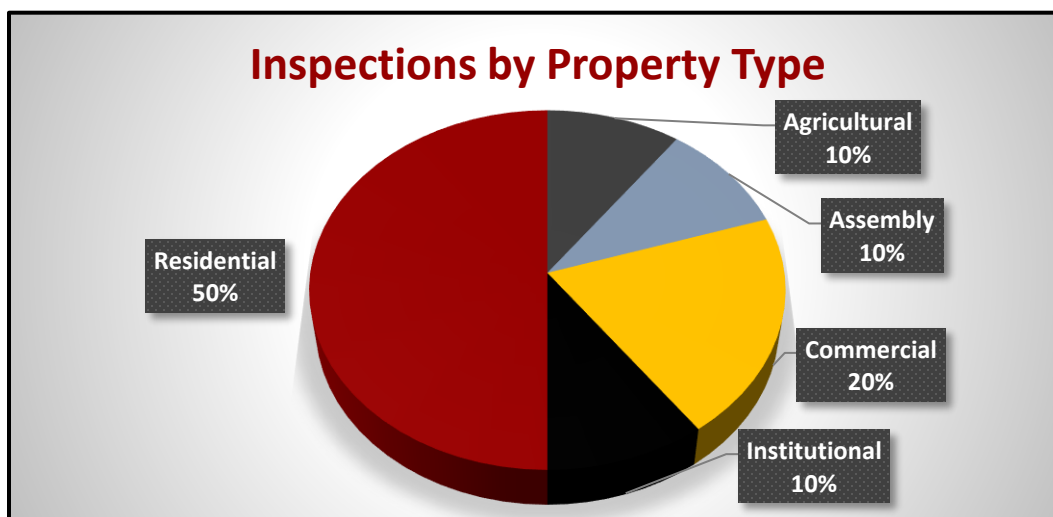
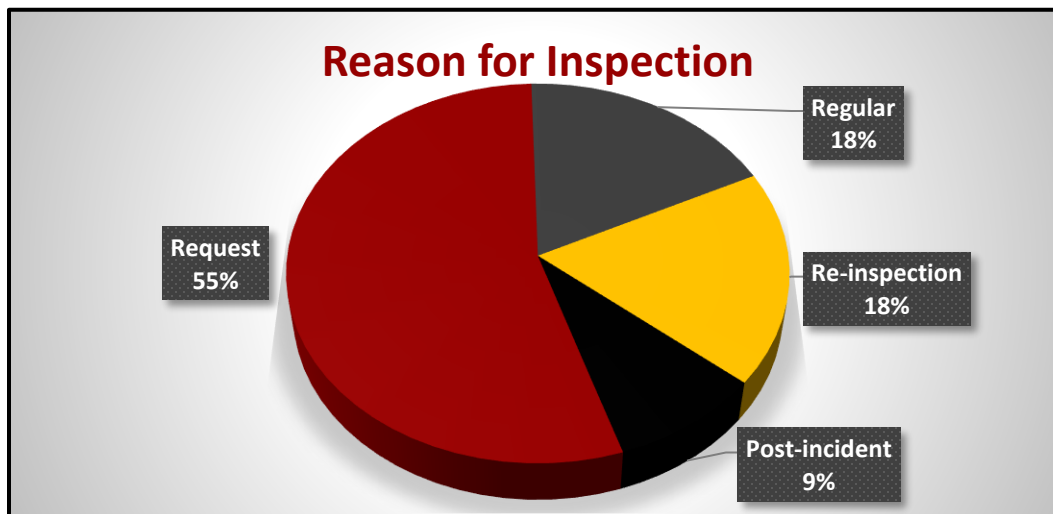
December 2020- Holiday Fire Safety Campaign

In partnership with the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association (OMFPOA), a Holiday Fire Safety video was produced and shared through various social media venues.

Holiday Safety Message - <https://youtu.be/qiPECiDcqqY>

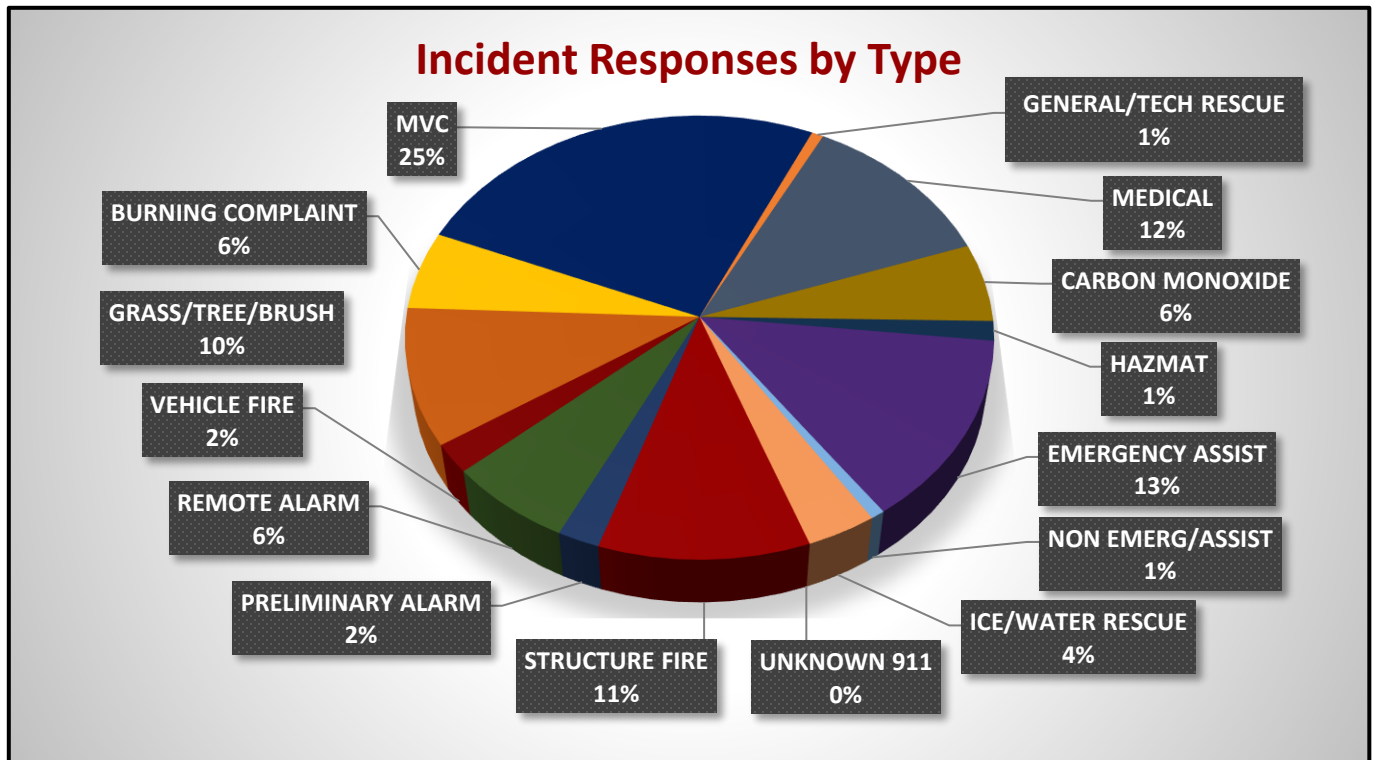
FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

In 2020, 11 Fire Inspections were conducted as a result of either requests, complaints or post incident follow up. No inspections resulted in Provincial Offence Notices (Tickets) being issued, one inspection resulted in Orders to Correct being issued, and all others were either compliant or required minor changes for compliance.



EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services responded to a total of 144 incidents in 2020, which is approximately a 32% decrease from 211 incidents the previous year. WFES responds to many different types of incidents.



Structure Fires/Explosion calls totaled 11% (15 incidents) of emergencies in 2020 for WFES. This is a slight increase from the 13 incidents in 2019.

Due to global Personal Protective Equipment shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Niagara EMS and regional fire departments changed the criteria required for FD response to medical calls. This resulted in WFES being called out to much fewer medical assistance calls, totaling 13% (17 incidents). Medical Assist calls include any emergency call where the original need for WFES assistance was medical distress, specifically: vital signs absent, unconscious, or significant delay in EMS response.

For 2020, the highest number of incidents was Motor Vehicle Collisions, at 25% (36 incidents). This percentage remains consistent compared to 2019.

New for 2020 is the “Emergency & Non-Emergency Assistance” which replaces the “Public Hazard” call category reported in 2019 which includes situations such as; Floods, power line calls, unknown odours, general assistance, etc. These types of calls for services accounted for 14% (20 incidents) of call outs.

Rescues (technical and general) totaled 5% (6 incidents) of call outs.

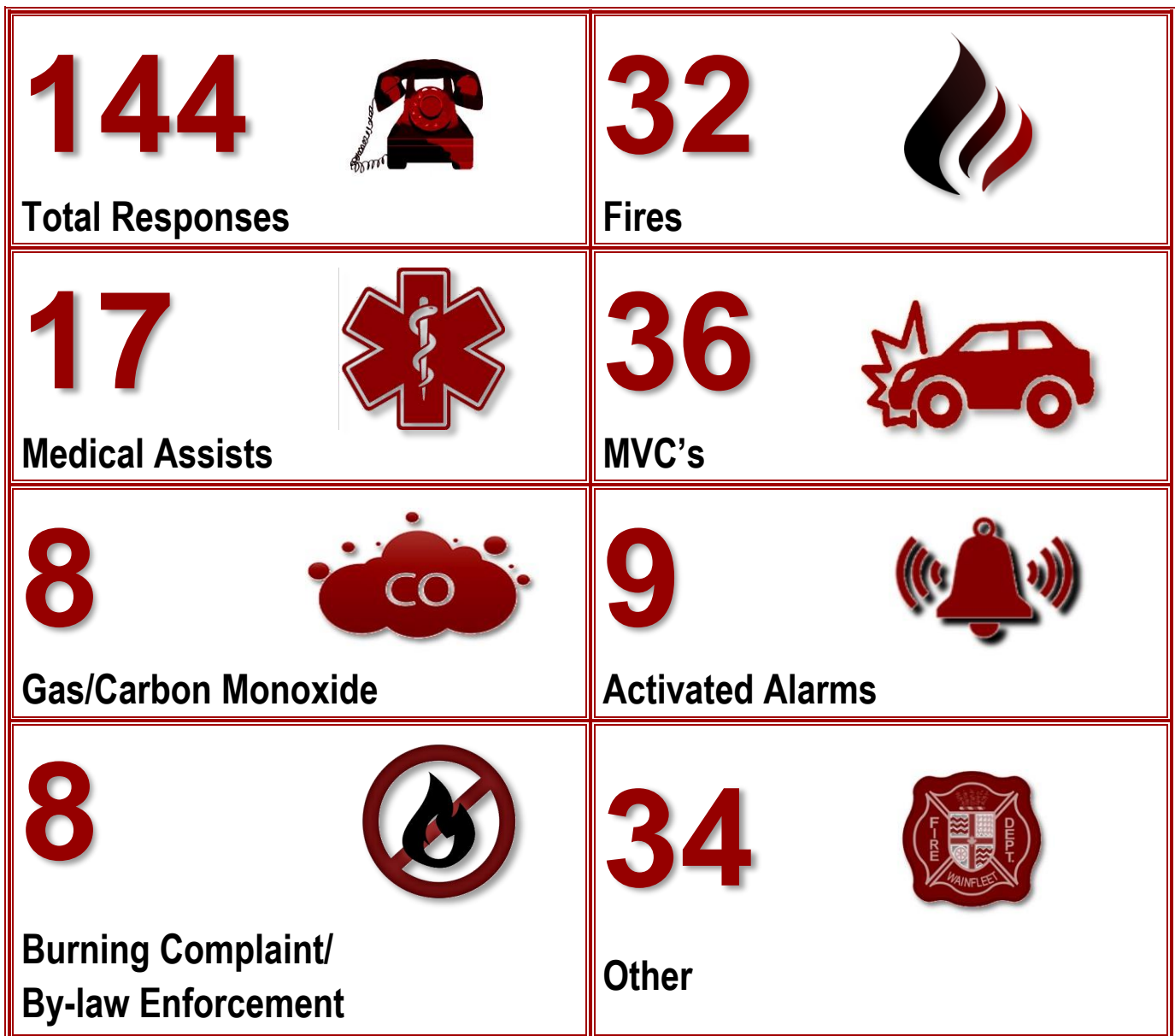
Open Air Burning By-law enforcement and response to complaints resulted in 11% (8 incidents). Most responses were a result of either no burn permit issued, non-compliant burning to the by-law and neighbour disputes regarding the spread of smoke and materials being burned. No Burn permits were revoked, several fires ordered extinguished, and none required WFES to extinguish.

Carbon Monoxide responses totaled 6% (8 incidents), of which 5 were determined to be equipment malfunctions, 2 was a perceived emergency and only 1 incident actually had elevated levels of Carbon Monoxide present.

A total of thirty-two (32) fire incidents occurred during 2020 within the Township of Wainfleet. This includes structure, vehicle, vegetation and other materials fires. These fires had a combined estimated value of \$4,913,400.00. The total dollar loss caused by damage of fire is estimated to be approximately \$1,483,400.00. This results in approximately \$3,430,000.00 in property saved by the Fire Department. That translates to every dollar lost an additional \$2.31 was saved.

The 2020 Fire Services approved operating budget was set at \$930,907.00, which means for every dollar invested in fire protection services \$3.38 of property was saved. This could be considered a 268% Return on Investment, with the understanding that Fire responses only make up 23% of total emergency responses.

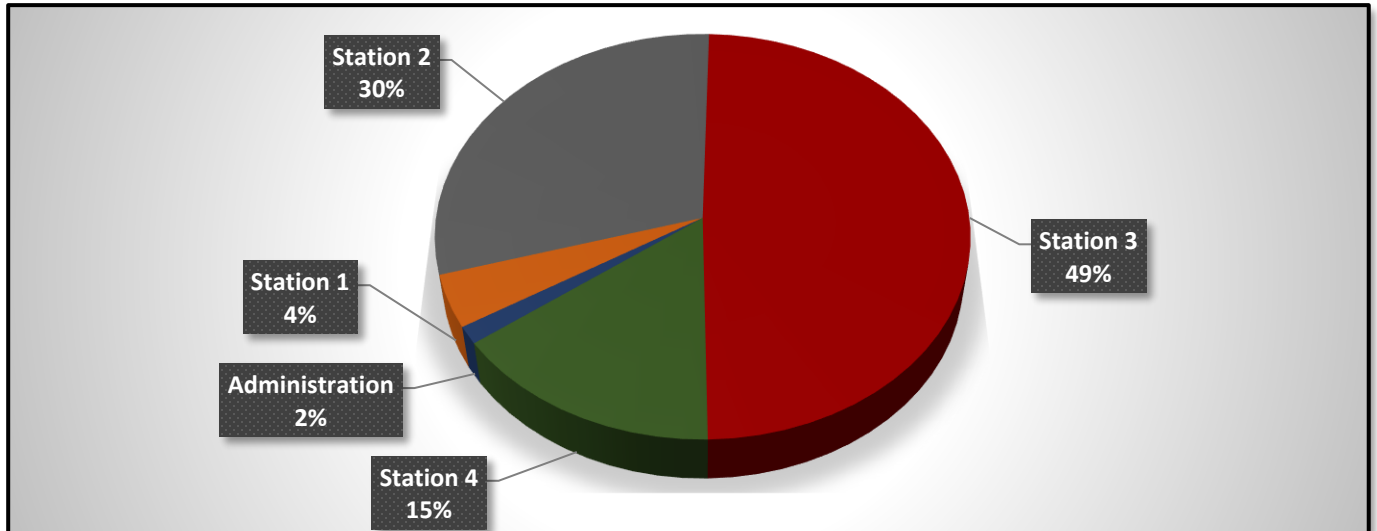
The following info-graphic illustrates the incidents by type.



*Other includes: Rescue, Mutual Aid, Automatic Aid, Incidents not found, Call cancelled on route, etc.

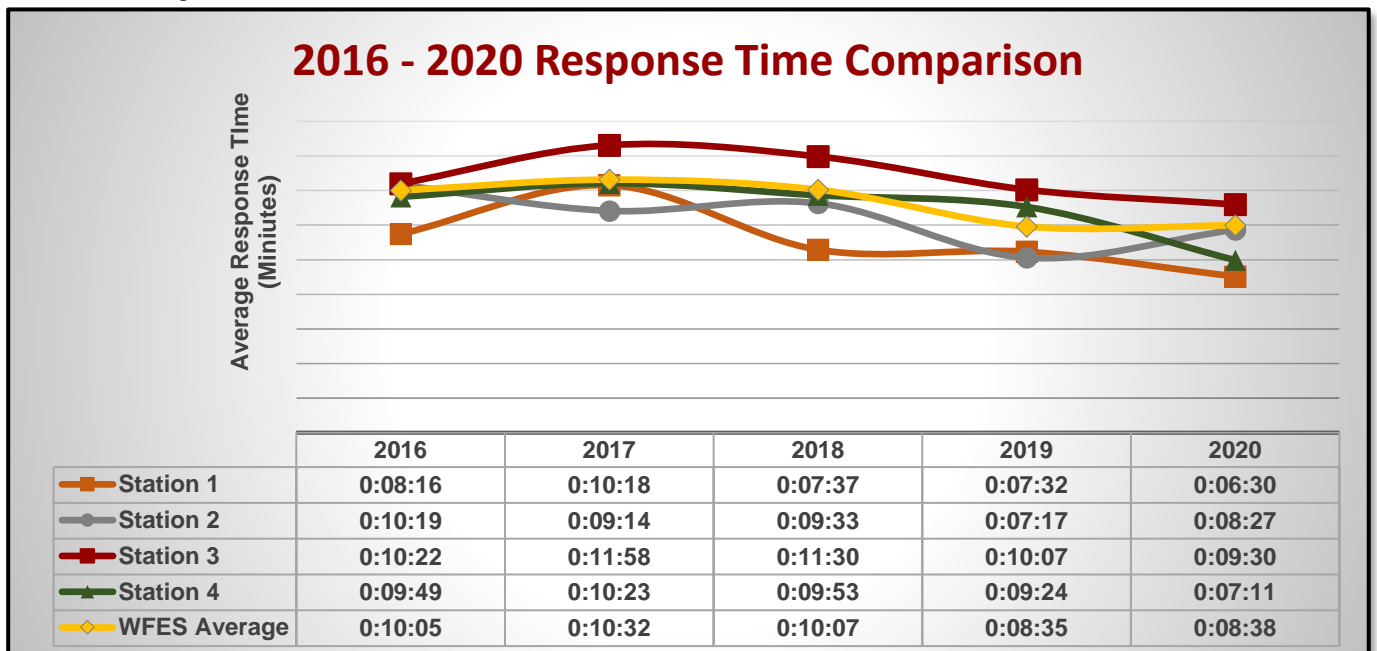
STATION RESPONSES

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services operates 4 stations with Administration operating out of the Township Office. Historically, Station 3 receives the most calls for services due to the increased seasonal occupancies.



RESPONSE TIMES

The importance of time is critical in responding to any emergency. The average response time for incidents within the municipality in 2020 was approximately 8.63 minutes. This represents the exact time from the receipt of the actual call from 911 dispatch to the on-scene arrival time by the fire department. Response times have remained stable from 2019 largely due to the fact that the township has added more total firefighters as well as allowed township employees to respond if needed. Currently, there are four township employees that respond as firefighters during daytime hours. The following chart compares the average response times for each station and provides an overall average for from 2016 to 2020.

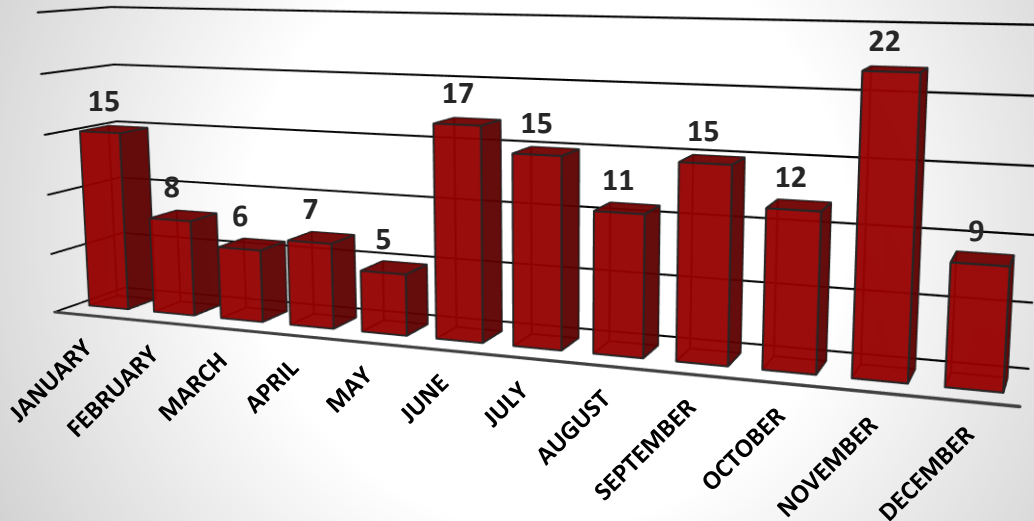


*Some factors that affected these times are: Time of Day, Number of Responders, and Location of Incident



INCIDENTS BY MONTH

2020 Responses per Month



WAINFLEET FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES 2020 MONTHLY RESPONSES BY INCIDENT TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	2019	% Change
STRUCTURE FIRE	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	1	2	1	2	0	15	8	87.5%
PRELIMINARY ALARM	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	100.0%
REMOTE ALARM	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	9	18	-50.0%
VEHICLE FIRE	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	-50.0%
GRASS/TREE/BRUSH	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	14	6	133.3%
BURNING COMPLAINT	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	8	17	-52.9%
MVC	3	4	2	0	3	3	7	3	3	1	3	4	36	49	-26.5%
GENERAL/TECH RESCUE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%
MEDICAL	5	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	17	70	-75.7%
CARBON MONOXIDE	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	5	60.0%
HAZMAT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.0%
EMERGENCY ASSIST	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	10	0	19	21	-9.5%
NON EMERG/ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	-75.0%
ICE/WATER RESCUE	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	150.0%
UNKNOWN 911	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Responses Within Municipality	15	8	6	7	5	17	15	11	15	12	22	8	141	209	-32.5%
Total Dispatched Responses Out of Jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
2020 TOTAL	15	8	6	7	5	17	15	11	15	12	22	9	142		
2019 TOTAL	12	17	17	14	19	18	29	19	20	12	21	13	211		
% CHANGE	25.0%	-52.9%	-64.7%	-50.0%	-73.7%	-5.6%	-48.3%	-42.1%	-25.0%	0.0%	4.8%	-30.8%	-32.7%		

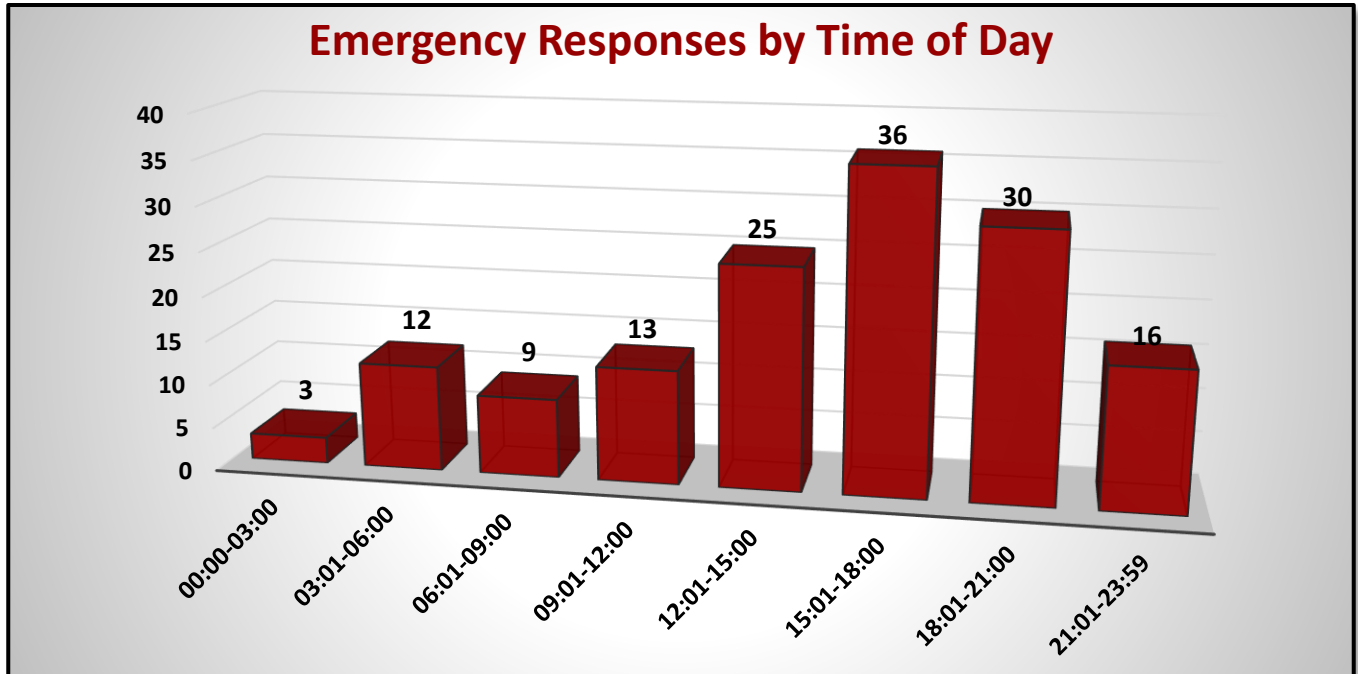
+ Fire includes: Structure, Vehicle, Vegetation, and Controlled Fires

* Other includes: Public hazards, Rescues, Utility Incidents (Electric/Gas), Agency Assistance, Mutual Aid

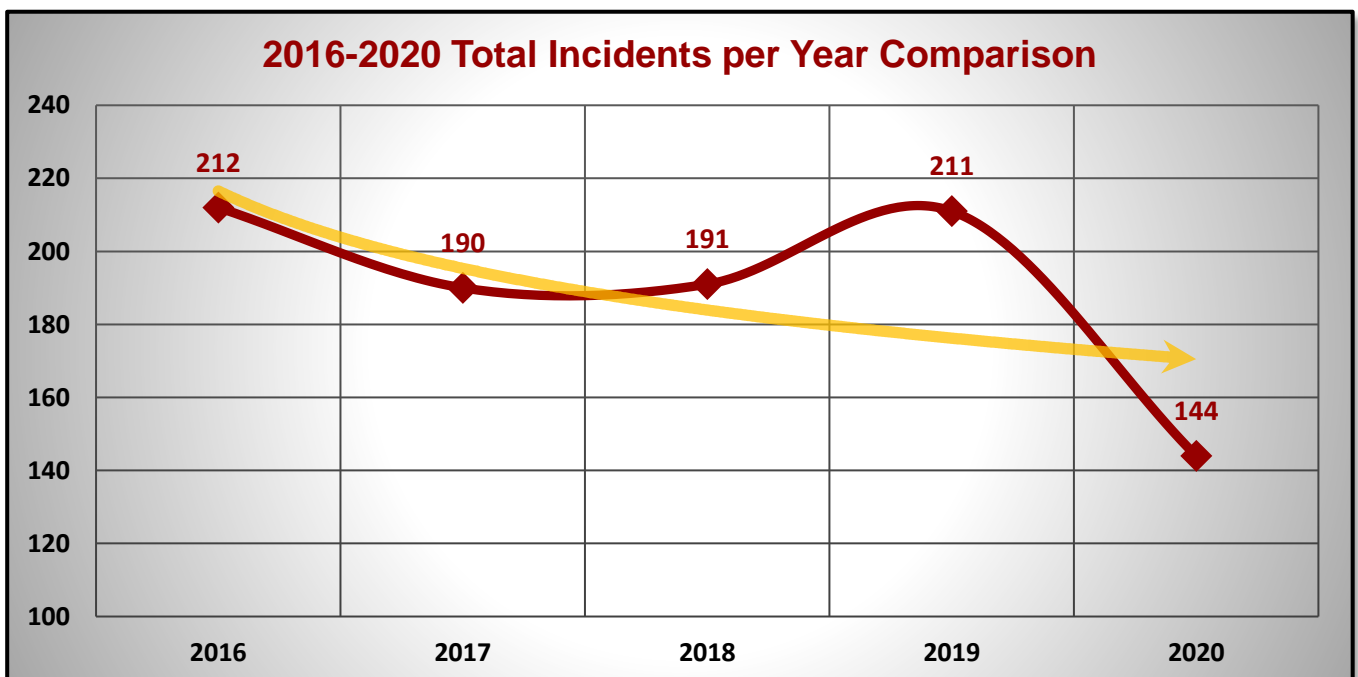


INCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY

This chart outlines emergency responses by time of day in 3 hour sections, with the highest call volume occurring between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Given the diurnal patterns that affect wildland fire conditions such as, relative humidity, wind speeds and air temperature. This data reinforces the need for daytime burning restrictions and daytime responders.



2016-2020 INCIDENT COMPARISON



SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

“Significant Incident” -

All Fires and any Fire Department response with more than 20 personnel, and 2 stations.

January 21, 2020 – Motor Vehicle Collision

While operating at a Motor Vehicle Collision, WFES crews had blocked both directions of traffic on Highway 3 just north of the Village. One individual attempted to drive around the blocker truck, with which the firefighter informed the driver of the blockade and detour. The driver disregarded the directions of the firefighter and proceeded to drive around the apparatus striking the firefighter, running over their foot, pushing them off the roadway and continued to speed through the scene.

The firefighter sustained minor injuries and as a precautionary measure attended a local area hospital for examination and was cleared to return to work with no lost time.

Police later identified the driver and subsequently pressed both provincial and criminal charges.

The Fire Services Joint Health & Safety Committee conducted an incident investigation and made recommendations to management for additional safety equipment and training. Those recommendations have been addressed and completed.

April 20, 2020 - Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 8 apparatus and 31 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual Aid for tanker support from Port Colborne and Haldimand was requested. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find an uncontrolled fire in the southwest corner on the main level of a two storey abandoned dwelling. Suppression efforts were hampered by the buildings openings being boarded up. Given the circumstances surrounding the cause of the fire, NRP was requested to assist in the following investigation. The cause was determined to be suspicious in nature but no source of ignition was determined.

June 2, 2020 – Uncontrolled Open-Air Burn

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 6 apparatus and 23 personnel from all 4 stations. Civilians were unsuccessfully attempting to control the fire with a garden hose. The fire destroyed a canoe and started to char the wall cladding of an outbuilding. This fire was the result of an open air burn conducted in close proximity to combustible materials, in high winds and dry conditions. The property owner admitted to not having a Burn Permit and was issued an Administrative Momentary Penalty, and ordered to obtain a permit.



June 4, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Full Department response of 8 apparatus and 21 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual Aid from Port Colborne was requested for personnel and a pumper due to Engine 3 being out of service at the time of the incident. The Fire Department arrived on scene within 6.5 minutes to find a single storey detached dwelling with smoke coming from the back of the building. Given that initial reports indicated that the caller may still be in the structure, a rapid interior search was attempted. Extreme temperatures and zero visibility forced WFES crews out of the structure until suppression efforts could begin.

Port Colborne crews then made entry for offensive operations for fire control, overhaul and extinguishment. Due to quick response and effective initial operations, the fire was contained to a bedroom with severe smoke damage to the entire main floor. Fire was brought under control within 32 minutes from the time of call.

Given the circumstances surrounding the events leading to the cause of the fire, NRP was requested to assist in the following investigation. NRP located the caller who admitted to setting the fire. NRP assumed care and control of the individual. The cause was determined to be intentional due to a perceived threat as a result of a MHA condition.

Damage was limited to the contents of the bedroom and finishes of the main floor and did not impact the structural portions of the building. Contents of the other bedrooms and basements were all salvageable and the building has since been repaired and reoccupied.

June 27, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Full Department response of 9 apparatus and 22 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual Aid from Port Colborne was requested for tanker support. WFES was called to a reported garage fire with occupants attempting to extinguish. Initial Crews were on scene within 6 minutes and were faced with heavy fire in the main part of the garage. Crews gained access and made an aggressive interior fire attack. Given the contents of garage and the combustible interior finishes, extensive overhaul operations were required to ensure the fire was out. Fire was brought under control within 48 minutes from the time of call.

The cause of the fire was determined to be the result of a vehicle under repair igniting after having some metal work completed and left unattended. The fire was held to the contents and finishes and did not impact the structural portions of the building, which has since been repaired and reoccupied.

September 12, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Full Department response of 9 apparatus and 22 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual Aid from Haldimand was requested for tanker support. WFES was called to a reported trailer fire with unknown occupants inside. Initial Crews were on scene within 10 minutes and were faced with a fully involved camper trailer. It was determined that the occupant was not home at the time and crews took a defensive position attacking the fire and protecting exposures and the fire was brought under control within 18 minutes from the time of call.

The occupant was located with the assistance of NRP and brought to the scene with family. Due to the extent of the damage the cause of the fire was undetermined.



September 12, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Full Department response of 9 apparatus and 20 personnel from all 4 stations. WFES was called to a reported camper trailer fire that the occupants had possibly extinguished. Initial Crews were on scene within 12 minutes and found a fire had occurred in the bedroom of a camper that had been extinguished by the occupant. The fire was contained to a small area in the bedroom with minimal smoke impacts to the rest of the unit. The cause of the fire was reported to be an unattended candle placed near combustible window curtains/blinds.

October 9, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #4 (Schwoob) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 6 apparatus and 29 personnel from all 4 stations. WFES was called to a reported structure fire. Initial Crews were on scene within 7 minutes and found a fully involved play structure. Crews quickly extinguished the fire within 16 minutes from the time of call.

The cause of the fire was determined to be a campfire that had been set near the combustible structure, was improperly extinguished and left unattended.

November 15, 2020 – Wind Storm/Flood Event

On Friday November 13 and Saturday November 14, the NPCA provided water level and flood modelling data, which indicated a weather event to be similar to the “Halloween Storm of 2019” was forecasted to occur on Sunday November 15, 2020. Staff began preparations with Hydro-One, Enbridge, and the NPCA on Saturday November 14, 2020 in anticipation for the forecasted storm. Hydro-One requested use of the Community Hall as a staging area and staff workspace. Enbridge increased its staffing and had a response team on standby, and Fire Dispatch provided additional communicators.

Initial calls for service began at 15:30 on November 15, 2020 for reports of trees down and power line issues. Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station, but as more calls for service continued to come in, all 4 stations, apparatus and personnel were activated. Flooding occurred in the areas of Beach Road E & W, Belleview Beach Rd., Hill Ave., Side Rd. 18, and along Lakeshore Rd. between Rathfon Rd. and Golf Course Rd, and also between Station Rd. & Burnaby Rd.

At the peak of the response, Station 3 became the “Command Post” where all apparatus and personnel were staged to respond as various calls were received. Resources were then allocated to each response based on information provided and the severity of the call.

28+ Firefighter Responding	9 Fire Apparatus
4+ Public Assistance Calls	3+ Power Line Incidents
8 Dispatched calls in 12 hours	Public Works Staff Requested
6 Road Blockages	3 Road Closures



Staff conducted a damage assessment on Monday November 16, 2020 to determine the level of damage and ensure there were no public hazards remaining along the lakeshore.



Staff were notified of a fuel tank that had washed up on shore. Crews investigated the tank to determine if there was any leaking fuel, environmental or fire hazards and contacted Spills Action Centre to report the incident. Public Works was requested to right the tank and secure it from moving any further. The owner of the tank was identified and arranged to have the tank removed from the property. It was reported that the tank had been emptied prior to the storm event and that it originated from a business in Haldimand approximately 4km away.



November 28, 2020 - Barn Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 9 apparatus and 25 personnel from all stations. Mutual aid for personnel and tanker support from Port Colborne and Haldimand was requested. The Fire Department arrived on scene within 10 minutes to find heavy fire conditions throughout the entire main floor of the barn. It was confirmed that all occupants and animals were out the barn and crews took a defensive position attacking the fire and protecting exposures. The fire was brought under control in approximately 1 hour from the time of the call. An excavator was requested to fully extinguish the fire and crews remained on scene for approximately 4.5 hours.

One female was transported to Welland County by NEMS for smoke inhalation and minor burns caused by evacuating several dogs from the barn.

One male was treated on scene by NEMS for heat exposure and minor burns caused by trying to extinguish the fire and also rescue dogs from the building.

The main barn was destroyed in the fire, however crews were able to save a secondary barn and several outbuildings near the fire site.

The cause of the fire was determined to be unintentional and improper use of an ignition source near combustible materials.

November 30, 2020 – Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Full Department response of 9 apparatus and 23 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual Aid from Port Colborne and Haldimand was requested for tanker support but not required. WFES was called to a reported garage fire with occupants attempting to extinguish. Initial Crews were on scene within 7 minutes and were faced with heavy fire that had breached the roof on the second floor of the garage. A chemical fire extinguishing grenade was used to reset the fire while incoming crews set up and began operations. Crews gained access and made an aggressive interior fire attack to bring the fire under control within 18 minutes from arrival on scene. Crews inspected the nearby home for fire extension.

The exact cause of the fire was undetermined, however there was sufficient evidence to suggest faulty electrical may have been the cause.

The fire was contained to the second floor of the garage, with minor water damage occurring on the main floor. The wall structure of the building was undamaged. The Building has since been repaired and reoccupied.



TRAINING

As part of the initial response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all training was suspended for the month of April until alternative virtual options could be acquired. The Province provided an exemption for fire services and once restrictions began to loosen, firefighters participated in regular training meetings demonstrating both theoretical and practical skills in areas such as:

- Use, Care, Inspection and Maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Medical Response: First Aid, CPR, AED, Overdose response
- Rural Water Supply: Tanker Shuttle & Alternative water sources
- Pump Operations: Apparatus and Portable
- Command & Accountability
- Rescue Operations: Extrication, Patient packaging, Low angle, Livestock
- Ladders and Ventilation
- Interior Fire Attack including Search & Rescue Techniques



Firefighter Self Rescue



EFR/CPR/AED



SCBA Evaluation



Rural Water Supply & Tanker Operations

Live Fire Training

During two Saturdays in September & October, all members were offered the opportunity to participate in live fire training sessions at the Fort Erie Fire Training Tower to practice fire ground skills.

Drills included:

Fire Behavior, Interior Fire Attack, Search & Rescue, Forcible Entry, Command, Accountability, and more.



Fort Erie Fire Training Tower



Post Evolution Assessment & Review



Forcible Entry



Interior Fire Attack



Search & Rescue Techniques

Accredited Training- NFPA Standard

WFES conducted and had personnel attend various NFPA Certification Courses in 2020. The following Certifications were achieved by WFES personnel in 2020.

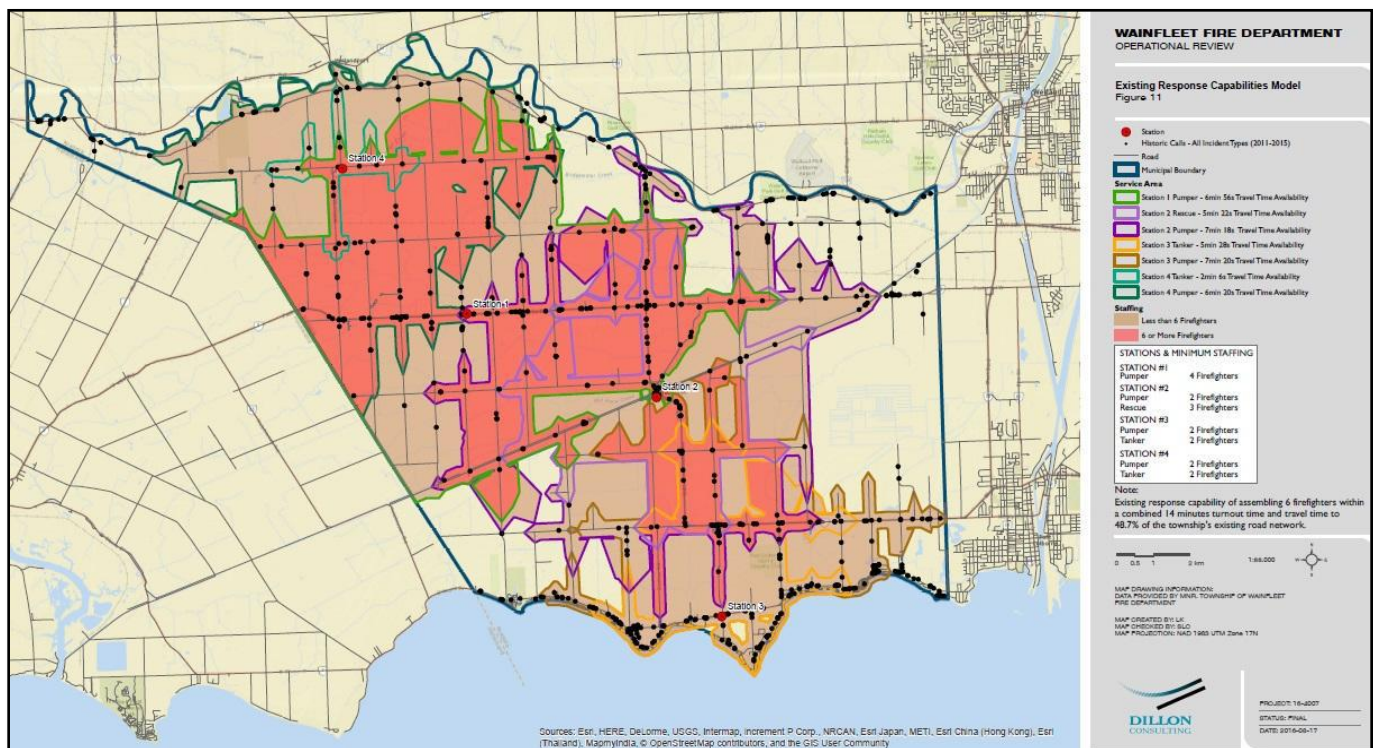
NFPA 1001- Firefighter Level 1	
Jonathan Aarts	Scott Duff
Greg England	Jeff Grondin
Jay Myers	Rachel Vangeel
NFPA 1001- Firefighter Level 2	
Jonathan Aarts	Greg England
Jay Myers	Rachel Vangeel
NFPA 1002- Pump Operations	
Ben Benson	Leanne Johnson
Mike Masotti	
NFPA 1072- Hazardous Materials - Awareness	
John Vandelaar	
NFPA 1072- Hazardous Materials- Core Operations & Mission Specific	
John Vandelaar	
NFPA 1021 – Fire Officer – Level 1	
Conrad Beckingham	
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator	
Conrad Beckingham	
NFPA 1035 – Fire & Life Safety Public Educator – Level 1	
Conrad Beckingham	Charles Farkas
Chad Rumsby	
NFPA 1041 – Fire Service Instructor Level 1	
Brendan Fang	Mitch Mascitelli
Drew Robins	Bruce Vandelaar
NFPA 1041 – Fire Service Instructor Level 2	
Drew Robins	Chad Rumsby
Bruce Vandelaar	
NFPA 1521 – Incident Safety Officer	
Morgan Alcock	Drew Robins
Chad Rumsby	Aaron Tedesco



FACILITIES, APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services operates from four stations, with administration offices located within the Town Hall.

Number	Location	Address	Apparatus	Personnel
Administration	Wainfleet	31940 Hwy 3	Car 1, Car 2	3
Station # 1	Winger	43178 Hwy. 3	Squad 1	8
Station # 2	Wainfleet	31907 Park St.	Engine 2, Rescue 2	14
Station # 3	Burnaby	11603 Lakeshore Rd.	Engine 3, Tanker 3	14
Station # 4	Schwoob	63959 Concession 6	Engine 4, Tanker 4	10



Current Stations & Response Areas

STATIONS

STATION 1- WINGER

Constructed in 1947 of a concrete base with brick walls and metal clad roof over a former tar and gravel roof. The building has a small washroom in the rear with no other facilities for firefighters in the building. The building contains no accommodation area. There are no provisions for female and male facilities or shower/locker rooms.



STATION 2- WAINFLEET

Constructed in 1971 of block with a steel flat roof and connected to the library and community hall. The community hall is used as the training and meeting room by the Fire Department. The office is shared with the EMS service. The building has a small washroom off of the meeting room with no other facilities for firefighters in the building. The building contains no accommodation area. There is no provision for female and male facilities or shower/locker room for changing



STATION 3- BURNABY

Constructed in 1968 this is a two bay wood frame building with metal siding. The building has a small washroom in the rear with no other facilities for firefighters in the building. The building contains no accommodation area. There are no provisions for female and male facilities or shower/locker rooms. Two Apparatus operate from Station 3.



STATION 4- SCHWOOB (WELLANDPORT)

Constructed in 1982 this is a two bay station constructed of metal frame and metal external walls. The building has a small washroom in the rear with no other facilities for firefighters in the building. The building contains no accommodation area. There are provisions for female and male facilities or shower/locker room for changing.



CENTRAL FIRE STATION PROJECT

January 2020 - Council received FSR-003-2020 Joint Emergency Services Facility Project Update - Spatial Needs Assessment, which reviewed the following:

- Results of the surveys,
- Recommendations from the Master Fire Plan c.2013 and the Fire & Emergency Services Operational Review, c.2016
- Previous reports on satellite fire station needs,
- Ministry of Labour Orders, c.2015/2016,
- Various guides and Industry best practices

February 2020 - Council conducted a tour of local Fire Stations within Niagara Region that were utilized as Fire Services headquarters and as primary or alternate Municipal Emergency Operations Centres.

Direction was provided to staff to engage a firm to develop preliminary designs utilizing the spatial needs assessment as approved by FSR-003-2020 and prepare comparative costs estimates based on various types construction and finishes.

March 2020 – Council approved the 2020 Budget including Phase 2: Fire Station Construction, Fixtures, Finished and Equipment estimated budget of \$4,500,000.00.

March/April/May 2020 - Provincial, regional and local states of emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

April 28, 2020 – Council held a special meeting to discuss the status of the fire station project as a follow up from the Administrative Report ASR-012/2020 “COVID-19 Impact Report” that had been presented at the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2020.

May to December 2020 – Staff engaged Whiteline Architects to conduct a “Concept Study” which developed nine (9) options of various constructions types, and sizes with cost estimates for the Central Station Project.

December 2020- Council directed staff to proceed with a RFP for Architect, Engineering and Contract Administration Services. The RFP was prepared and published on December 18, 2020 and closed on January 19, 2021.



APPARATUS

WFES Services "Operates" nine (9) on road vehicles and one (1) off road vehicle.

2020 APPARATUS ROSTER				
	STATION	UNIT ID	DESCRIPTION	YEAR
1	Admin.	Car 1	POV- Chevrolet Tahoe- Command Vehicle	2015
2	Admin.	Car 2	GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 – Custom Command Slide	2014
3	1	Squad 1	Summit- Chevrolet C5500 4x4 (420gpm& CAFS)	2005
4	2	Engine 2	Superior- International (1250gpm)	1999
5	2	Rescue 2	Fort Garry - Dodge 5500 – Walk around rescue	2018
6	3	Engine 3	Pierce – Kenworth T370 (750gpm)	2003
7	3	Tanker 3	Fort Garry – International (3000gal.)	2018
8	4	Engine 4	Fort Garry – International (1250gpm)	2018
9	4	Tanker 4	Swentz- Freightliner (2500gal.)	2005
10	PW	UTV 1	Kubota RTV – Sidekick w/ CET Skid Unit	2019

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services "Maintains" eight (8) apparatus.

2020 Apparatus Operating Costs				
Truck ID	Budget Amount	Actual Costs	Difference	%
Squad 1	\$ 9,960.00	\$ 12,318.42	-\$ 2,358.42	124%
Engine 2	\$ 9,968.00	\$ 8,795.89	\$ 1,172.11	88%
Engine 3	\$ 9,968.00	\$ 9,517.51	\$ 450.49	95%
Engine 4	\$ 6,468.00	\$ 6,288.71	\$ 179.29	97%
Tank 3	\$ 6,468.00	\$ 3,397.54	\$ 3,070.46	53%
Tank 4	\$ 9,968.00	\$ 7,399.91	\$ 2,568.09	74%
Rescue 2	\$ 5,618.00	\$ 4,117.76	\$ 1,500.24	73%
Car 2	\$ 9,760.00	\$ 6,062.65	\$ 3,697.35	62%
TOTAL	\$ 68,178.00	\$ 57,898.39	\$ 10,279.61	85%

**Values are Unaudited*

Engine 2 (1999) was to be replaced in 2019 however its replacement has been deferred until the opening of the new Central Station. Due to several irreparable items on Squad 1 (2005) it will be removed from service in 2021. The current Engine 3 (2003) will be moved to Station 1, which will move again to the new Central Station. A new Engine will be placed at Station 3 in 2021. This revised plan will provide some time (2023) before needing to purchase another engine. Other apparatus will still need to be acquired to meet the needs of the community.

APPARATUS FORECAST			
UNIT ID	D.O.M.	PROJECTED REPLACEMENT DATE	*ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT COST
Squad 1	2005	2021	\$600,000.00
Tanker 2	New	2022	\$450,000.00
Engine 2	1999	Removed from Service (2024)	\$0.00
Engine 3	2003	2023	\$650,000.00
Car 1	New	2024	\$80,000.00
Car 2	2014	2024	\$80,000.00
Squad 2	New	2025	\$250,000.00
Tanker 4	2005	2026	\$500,000.00
Engine 4	2017	2037	\$ 850,000.00
Rescue 2	2018	2038	\$ 650,000.00
Tanker 3	2019	2039	\$ 650,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT VALUE			\$4,760,000.00

**Estimates are calculated using recent comparable purchases with forecasted inflation & Values are Unaudited*



WFES APPARATUS ROSTER

SQUAD 1



2005 Summit Chevrolet C5500- Seats 5
420gpm with Compressed Air Foam
System (CAFS)

Equipment Includes:

- 6 SCBA
- Auto Extrication Tools
- Generator
- Ventilation Fan
- Ladders
- Medical Equipment
- Thermal Imaging Camera & Multi-Gas
Detector
- Telescopic Light Tower
- 600' – 4" (100mm) LDH Supply Hose
- 600' - 2 ½" (65mm) attack hose
- 400' – 1 ¾" (45mm) attack hose

ENGINE 2



1999 Superior International 4900 - Seats
3

1250gpm top mount pumper

Equipment Includes:

- 2SCBA
- Generator
- Ventilation Fan
- Ladders
- 600' – 4" (100mm) LDH Supply Hose
- 600' - 2 ½" (65mm) attack hose
- 400' – 1 ¾" (45mm) attack hose
- 650gpm. portable pump

ENGINE 3



2003Pierce Kenworth T370 - Seats 2
750gpm side mount pumper

Equipment Includes:

- 4SCBA
- Generator
- Ventilation Fan
- Medical Equipment
- Thermal Imaging Camera, Multi-Gas
Detector,
- Ladders
- 600' – 4" (100mm) LDH Supply Hose
- 600' - 2 ½" (65mm) attack hose
- 400' – 1 ¾" (45mm) attack hose
- 150' – 1 ½" (38mm) Trash line (mounted
in front bumper)



ENGINE 4



2017 Fort Garry International - Seats 6
1250gpm Top Mount Enclosed Pumper

Equipment Includes:

4 SCBA
Auto Extrication Combi-tool
Generator
Ladders
Medical Equipment
Thermal Imaging Camera & Multi-Gas Detector
1500' - 5" (125mm) LDH Supply Hose
600' - 2 1/2" (65mm) attack hose
400' - 1 3/4" (45mm) attack hose

TANKER 3



2019 Fort Garry International 6400 - Seats 2

3000 gal. tanker with 650gpm portable pump

Equipment Includes:

200' - 4" (100mm) LDH Supply Hose
200' - 2 1/2" (65mm) attack/supply hose
Hydrant Connection Kit
3000 gal. portable tank
Preconnected Tansfill pipe

TANKER 4



2006 Schwentz Freightliner M2 - Seats 2
2500 gal. tanker with 650gpm portable pump

Equipment Includes:

200' - 4" (100mm) LDH Supply Hose
200' - 2 1/2" (65mm) attack/supply hose
Hydrant Connection Kit
3000 gal. portable tank
Preconnected Tansfill pipe

RESCUE 2



2018 Fort Garry Dodge 5500 - Seats 6
12' walk around rescue

Equipment Includes:
6 SCBA& Rapid Intervention Team Kit
Auto Extrication tools with Air Bags & Stabilization Kit
Generator
Ventilation Fan
Medical Equipment
Thermal Imaging Camera & Multi-Gas Detector
12" Rotary Saw, Ventilation Saw & Chainsaw
Command & Accountability Case
Miscellaneous Rescue Equipment

CAR 2



2014 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 - Seats 4

Equipment Includes:
Custom Slide Out
2 SCBA& Rapid Intervention Team Kit
Medical Equipment
Thermal Imaging Camera & Multi-Gas Detector
Command & Accountability Case
Small ladder
Folding Table
Hand & Power tools

UTV 1



2019 Kubota RTV 850 "Sidekick"- Seats 2

Equipment Includes:
CET Skid Unit
Wildland fire pump (mounted)
85 gal. tank
Patient transport (rescue stretcher) area

EQUIPMENT

In 2020 Council approved the purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

An “Evaluation Committee” was established with 1 Officer and 1 Firefighter from each station including the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief.

On June 29th representatives from MSA and AJ Stone presented to the committee the MSA G1 SCBA and provided an opportunity to train the committee members on the features, use and operation of the G1.

On July 8th representatives from 3M/Scott and M&L Supply presented to the committee the Scott X3-Pro SCBA and also provided an opportunity to train the committee members on the features, use and operation of the X3-Pro.

Following these presentations, both suppliers provided the committee with demonstrator SCBA to conduct a “wear trial” period. This provided the members an opportunity to wear and use the SCBA during regular training events for a few months.



Additionally, the committee also conducted a head to head evaluation of the SCBA on August 8th, 2020 where each member performed various fire-ground tasks wearing both SCBA. Each committee member completed a SCBA Evaluation workbook to score and rank each SCBA on various set criteria. (SCBA Wear Trial workbook - Appendix A)

A RFP was issued in August for the suppliers to provide pricing and options. The results of the RFP were evaluated by the committee on September 16th, 2020

As the bid prices for Stage 1 of the SCBA replacement project were well below the budgeted amount, we were able to complete Stage 2 of the project – Breathing Air Compressor and Fill Station – ahead of schedule and within the original budget estimate for only Stage 1. The compressor and fill station (Stage 2) were originally intended to be included as part of the capital-budgeted 2020 Fire Station project.

The SCBA, Fit Tester, and Compressed Breathing Air System were all ordered in Q4 of 2020. Delivery and installations were delayed several times, however the project has been completed and all staff have been trained on the Use, Care, Inspections, Testing and Maintenance of all equipment.

Beginning in 2019, Council approved an annual equipment replacement program that would provide the necessary resources for the continued replacement of aging equipment & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Some of the equipment & PPE purchased in 2020 includes:

Multipurpose Rescue Helmets	1200' of 4" (100mm) Large Diameter Hose
Rescue PFD	1000' of 1 ¾" (45mm) Fire Attack Hose
Stokes Rescue Basket	4 – 160gpm low pressure nozzles
On-Scene Gross Decontamination Kits	Floating Low Level Strainer
Battery Operated Rescue Saws	Rural Water Supply Appliance



Rural Water Supply Appliances



Floating Low-Level Strainer



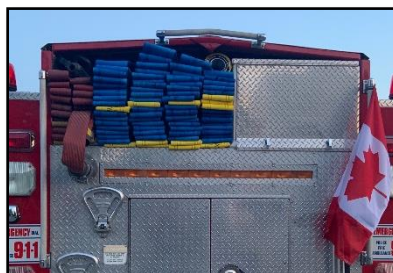
Battery Operated Rescue Saw



Various Fire Hose



Nozzles



1200' – 4" (100mm) LDH



Colour Matched Attack Hose



Rescue Rated PFD



Multi-Purpose Rescue Helmets



On-site Decontamination Kits



Standardized Medical Response Bags



*Rescue Stretcher (Stokes Basket)
Mounted on the UTV Fire/EMS Skid-Unit*

Engine 4 and Rescue 2 were originally purchased as demo units that were delivered without compartment organization. Equipment was insecurely stored, with minimal organization and which posed operational inefficiencies and safety concerns within the apparatus. Custom cabinets, drawers and organizers were fabricated and installed to organize and secure equipment in the vehicles.



Engine 4 – Driver's Side Compartments



Engine 4- Centre Console



Rescue 2- Stokes Basket Slide Tray



Rescue 2- SCBA Cylinder Rack



Rescue 2 – Driver's Side Pull out Tray and Compartments



DONATIONS

In Q2 of 2020, a grant application was made to CP Rail for equipment related to mitigating rail based emergencies. In late Q4, WFES was notified that we were successful in our application and would receive \$6500.00 for a Portable Ground Monitor “Blitzfire”. Staff ordered the unit in early 2021 and took delivery of the equipment in early Q2 of 2021.

This Monitor provides the ability to flow up to 500GPM of water from a remote location, without the need to dedicate personnel to the unit. This allows for “unmanned” operation, reducing risk and keeping firefighters a safe distance from potentially harmful materials commonly shipped by rail. WFES has pre-connected the monitor for rapid deployment where large volumes of water are required.



WAINFLEET VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the need to ensure members were safe and healthy to provide emergency responses, almost all regular events were cancelled in 2020. As restrictions partially lifted between July-October, members of the WVFFA participated in events as permitted, including the following:

- Various Fundraising events for local groups
 - Fall Fish Fry
 - Virtual Turkey Raffle
- “Movember”
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Christmas Vendors Market
- Christmas Hamper program
- Sponsorship of one Free Public Skate
- Community Support Team – Prescription and Grocery Delivery



MOVING FORWARD

2020 brought a variety of challenges and changes, largely due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. WFES personnel remained resilient and dedicated to providing Fire & Emergency Services to the community of Wainfleet. Virtual training and increased levels of Infection Prevention and Control measures are just two examples of the countless. WFES personnel spent considerable time and effort focused on continued training activities. Training ensures that WFES firefighters are prepared for every, and all challenges they may be required to mitigate. Throughout the year, firefighters invested over 8500 staff hours for public education events, emergency calls, training and meetings. Without dedicated and professional firefighters, WFES's ability to provide effective and efficient emergency response would not be possible.

OPERATIONS

In 2021, WFES will be running a Recruit Training Program in house. This program will provide all new recruits with NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 certified training while reducing course costs and travel time. Additional training opportunities with neighbouring Fire Depts. will continue to be offered as a method of sharing costs and ensuring standardized training with our mutual aid partners.

Firefighters will also continue to focus on decontamination after every incident where they are exposed to toxic carcinogens. The addition of Decontamination Kits and gear racks in 2020 will help keep gear and clothes worn by firefighters clean. This will help ensure that harmful gases or chemicals are not sent home with the firefighter after a fire response.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

In 2021, WFES is making plans for a new Rescue Engine. Given that several upgrades have or will occur at Stations 3 & 4 in 2020/2021, this new apparatus will be designed to fit within the existing Station 3. This apparatus must meet the following basic requirements:

Basic Fire Apparatus Requirements	
Detail	Requirement
Apparatus Type	Combination Rescue/Pump Body
Seating	Crew Cab with seating for 5-6
Maximum Overall Vehicle Length	30' (360" / 914.4cm)
Maximum Overall Vehicle Height	10' (120" / 304.8cm)
Maximum Overall Vehicle Width	10'2" (122" / 309.9cm)
Maximum Wheelbase	190" (482.6cm)
Minimum Water Tank Capacity	1000 US Gal. (3785L / 832.7 Imp. Gal.)
Minimum Pump Flow Capacity	1250 GPM (5000LPM)

By moving the 2003 Kenworth to Station 1 until the new Central Station is completed, this will align with other large capital purchases since the existing Stations 1 & 2 are not capable of housing any new larger apparatus. Replacement of any more Large Fire Apparatus will have to be delayed until the completion of a new fire station.

In 2021, WFES will continue its investment in the standardization and replacement of necessary firefighting equipment including: Station Computers & Large Format Screens, Mobile Data Terminals, Ground Monitors, Fire Hose, Nozzles, Foam Eductors, Portable Generator, and Rescue Equipment.



FACILITIES

Progress will continue on the new Central Fire Station with design and engineering services being procured in the Q1 of 2021. The intention is to begin construction by late Q3, 2021.

The other stations will continue to require regular maintenance and capital upgrades as per the long term building assessment plan that was completed in 2016.

FIREFIGHTERS

In January 2021, seven new recruits are set to begin their training and upon completion will begin responding on July 1st, bringing WFES to +50 strong. The Township of Wainfleet continues to be supported by volunteer firefighters who are willing to respond to emergencies at any given time, without notice, and no schedule. WFES firefighters are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The success of the department is 100% the result of the firefighters, and the employers they work for. A sense of community, and a commitment is what compels WFES firefighters to help when specific skills are required.

Grounded with Integrity and Compassion, WFES strives for Excellence in everything we do, and searches for improvements with regards to equipment and process continuously. This view to the future will ensure that the Township of Wainfleet remains in very good hands, with experts ready to respond to their needs whenever required.





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