



Township of Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services 2019 Annual Report

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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

Summary of Emergency Responses, Training, Achievements, Success and Investments that have been accomplished in 2019. 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 2019 Annual Fire & Emergency Services Report. 2019 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 firmly follows the Ontario Fire Marshal's Three Lines of Defence model.

1. Public Education

Delivery of public education messaging at various community events and annual school visits reduce risk by building a fire safe and resilient community.

2. Fire Prevention through Fire Code Enforcement

Ensuring buildings and its occupants have required fire & life safety equipment and code compliant building components reduce the risk of failed systems and unsafe conditions.

3. Emergency Response

Provide timely and efficient response to emergencies caused by nature, human error or equipment/building malfunction.

WFES accomplished a number of items in 2019.


- Responded to 211 calls for service
- Average response time of 8.5 minutes from time of dispatch to time first units on scene
- A total of 1,370 hours of personnel time responding to calls for service
- Over 4,786 hours of personnel time conducting training, apparatus, equipment & station maintenance and attending meetings
- Ratified a new collective agreement with the Wainfleet Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Introduced new ranking structure that ensures training and certifications match risk, responsibilities, emergency response duties and remuneration.
- Approved a new Establishing & Regulating By-law increasing the level of service and personnel to meet the needs to the community
- Initiation of Auxiliary positions for extended on-scene support
- Initiated various programs including – PTSD Prevention , On scene decontamination, Opioid Response and Naloxone/Narcan,

In 2019, firefighters attended a number of training events focused on gaining the skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the community and the levels of service set by Council. Firefighters embraced all learning opportunities and shared their knowledge with the entire department. The focus for 2019 continued to meet various NFPA certifications.

There has been many positive changes for WFES in 2019. 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.

A continuation of changes and challenges will occur in 2020, and I am confident that WFES will handle these with Compassion, Integrity & Excellence.

Respectfully submitted,



Morgan Alcock
Fire Chief/CEMC



CORE VALUES, MISSION & VISION

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; 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.

CORE VALUES

Compassion

Caring for the community as if they are family

Integrity

Honesty, Trustworthy, Steadfast and True

Excellence

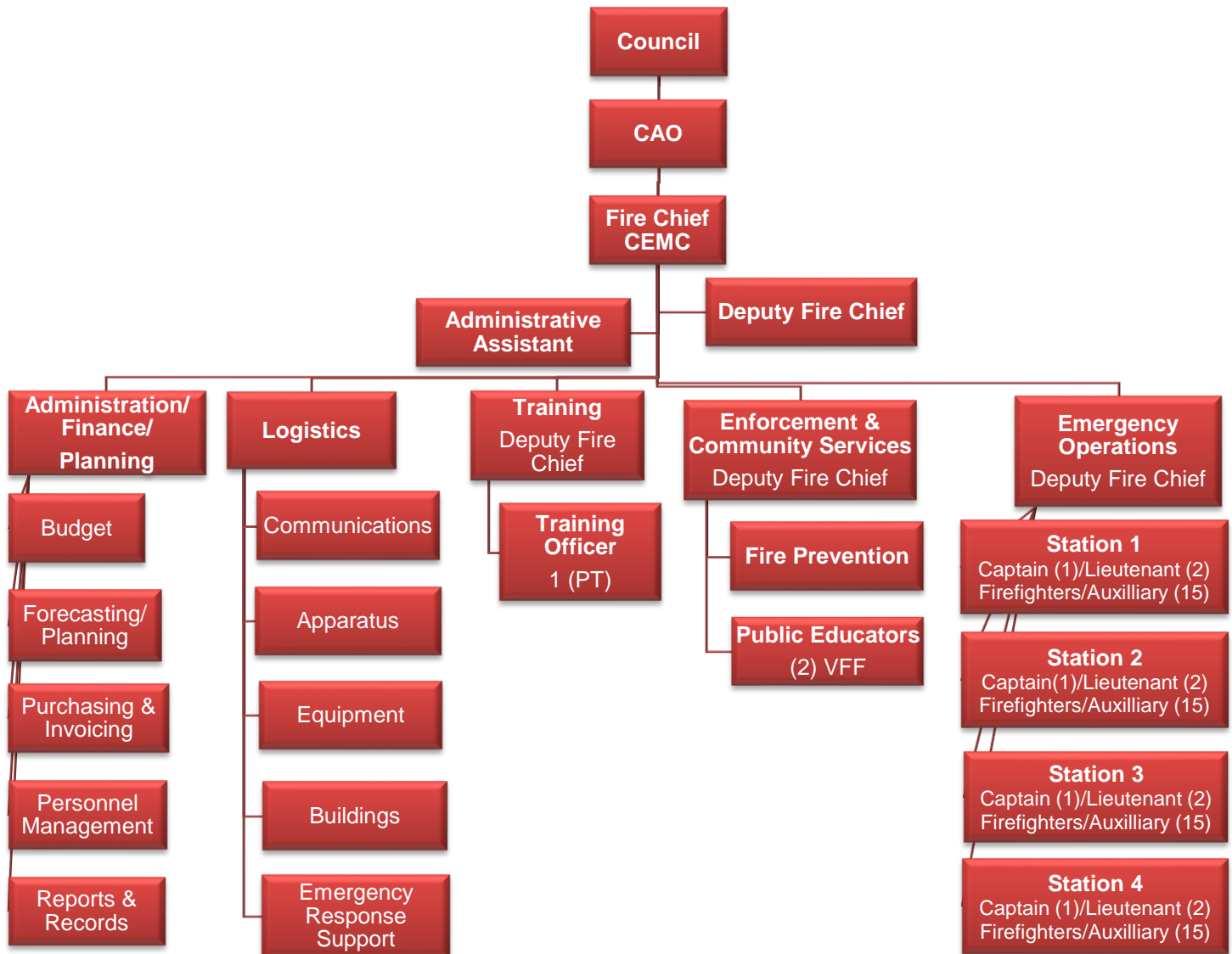
Dedicated to excellence and professionalism, in the delivery of the services our community expects and deserves.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services Organizational Chart

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services has 48+ 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, 2019)

CHIEF OFFICERS		
Fire Chief,	Morgan Alcock	15 Years of Service
Deputy Fire Chief	Shawn Schutten	11 Years of Service
COMPANY OFFICERS		
Acting Captain Station 1	Drew Robins	3 Years of Service
Acting Captain Station 2	Chad Rumsby	9 Years of Service
Captain Station 3	Conrad Beckingham	9 Years of Service
Captain Station 4	Jason Mous	11 Years of Service
Lieutenant Station 1	Vacant	N/A
Lieutenant Station 2	Chris Whiteford	13 Years of Service
Lieutenant Station 3	Aaron Tedesco	4 Years of Service
Lieutenant Station 4	Vacant	NA
Training Officer	Conrad Beckingham	9 Years of Service
FIREFIGHTERS		
Public Educator	Charles Farkas	5 Years of Service
1 st Class Firefighter	Leanne Johnson	5 Years of Service
1 st Class Firefighter	Matthew Holinaty	4 Years of Service
1 st Class Firefighter	John Mallon	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Ted Hessels	34 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jerry Vriend	18 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jeremy Schneider	9 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Nick Vandermeer	5 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Bruce Vandelaar	4 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	John Vandelaar	4 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Taylor Bouwers	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jeff Grondin	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Doug Smith	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Tom Staton	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Scott Walls	3 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Mark Tardif	6+ Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Jeremy Worrall	6+ Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Trevor Airhardt	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Sean Barker	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Dawson Ethier	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Brendan Fang	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Michael Mascitelli	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Stephen Neudorf	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Robert (Ben) Shoalts	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Tyson Sider	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Mark Snippe	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Keith Stonier	1.75 Years of Service
2 nd Class Firefighter	Ian Whitehall	1.75 Years of Service
2019 Probationary Firefighter	Ben Benson	3+ Years of Service
2019 Probationary Firefighter	Jason Hoskin	3+ Years of Service
2019 Probationary Firefighter	Travis Katch	1 Years of Service
2019 Probationary Firefighter	Michael Masotti	1 Years of Service
Auxiliary		
Auxiliary	John Thompson	35+Years of Service
Auxiliary	Henk Kievit	35+ Years of Service
Auxiliary	Ron Kievit	20+ Years of Service



RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS, RECOGNITION

2019 Retirements, Resignations & Returns

Firefighter Henk Kievit returned as an Auxiliary member.

Captain Ron Kievit resigned as Captain to become an Auxiliary member.

Captain John Thompson resigned as Captain to become an Auxiliary member.

Firefighter Jeremy Huizinga retired after 10+ years of service

Promotions and Appointments

- 11 members of the class of 2018 Recruits completed their probationary period and became 2nd Class Firefighters on April 10th 2019
- 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.



PUBLIC EDUCATION & FIRE PREVENTION

PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS

February 15, 2019 – Family Day Free Public Skating

Members of the WFES attended a free public skating event held at the Wainfleet Arena on Family Day and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 20 families.

April 17, 2019 – William E. Brown Kindergarten Classes Fire Station Tour

Both junior and senior kindergarten classes attended Station 2 and had a tour of the Fire Station, Apparatus and EMS Community Response Unit. Messaging included Home Escape Planning, Smoke and CO Alarm actions, Safety around large vehicles (Fire/EMS/Public Works)



May 16, 2019 – Wainfleet Farmers Market

Members of the WFES attended the Wainfleet Farmers Market at the Meridian Credit Union, and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 50 people of various age groups.

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



May 31, 2019 – William E. Brown – Family Fun Fair

Members of the WFES attended the afternoon/evening Fun Fair to showcase some of the equipment and apparatus. Messages included: Home Escape Planning, Smoke/CO Alarm requirements, Emergency Preparedness (72 hour kits), Safety around large vehicles (Fire Trucks)



July 1, 2019 – Canada Day Celebrations

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services attended the Canada Celebrations and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 100+ families. Apparatus & equipment was on display. Messages included: Summer Safety, Farm Safety, Safe Cooking, Working Alarms Save Lives

August 21, 2019 - Jericho House

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services attended Jericho House, and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 20+ teens aged 13-17. Messages included, Escape Planning with 2 ways out, Safe Cooking, Working Alarms Save Lives. Activities included a tour of Engine 3, participants donning bunker gear & SCBA, and operating a hose line.



August 24, 2019 - Long Beach Home Owners Association

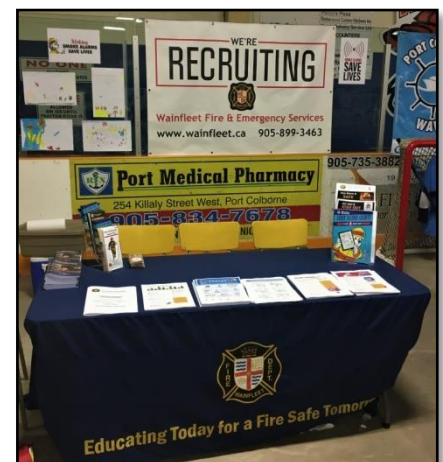
Following a kitchen fire on Lakeshore Rd. in the Long Beach area, the homeowner was found to be in violation of several Smoke & CO alarm fire code requirements. The homeowner was issued a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act for the infractions. The homeowner then invited WFES to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Long Beach Homeowners Association to provide public education messaging regarding property owner's responsibilities and fire code requirements. Additional messaging included Home Escape Planning, Cottage & Seasonal Safety, Emergency Preparedness (72 hour kits). Approximately 50+ people were in attendance.

August 30, 2019 – Request for Residential Home Safety Audit

A local resident with mobility constraints requested that the Fire Service conduct a home safety audit to assist with escape planning and determining additional requirements for fire & life safety within the home.

September 20 and 21, 2019 – Wainfleet Fall Fair

Members of WFES attended the Wainfleet Fall Fair and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 600-700 people of various age groups throughout the event. Firefighters also provided Fire Protection and First Response services during the tractor pull events. Messages included: Farm Safety, Escape Planning, Safe Cooking, Working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives. Activities included; Local schools toured the Fair with students conducting a "treasure hunt" where they locate various items around the fairgrounds, fill out their "Passport" and return it to the Fire Dept. for a treat. Approximately 400 students participated during the Friday event



October 5, 2019 – Ben Berg Open House

Members of WFES attended an open house held at Ben Berg Farm & Industrial Supply.

Messages included:

Farm Safety, Escape Planning, Safe Cooking, Working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives.



October 6-12, 2019 - Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week 2019 theme was.

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"

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 check the expiry date on their smoke alarms and replace them if necessary.

Members of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services attended all of the Schools within the township and delivered 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.

Activities included:

Listening to an Activated Alarm, and watching a firefighter don their PPE and SCBA to encourage awareness and comfort around firefighters in gear.

October 10, 2019 – "Pumpkin Fest" Winger Public School

Members of WFES attended Pumpkin Fest to showcase some of the equipment and apparatus. Messages included: Home Escape Planning, Smoke/CO Alarm requirements, Emergency Preparedness (72 hour kits), and Safety around large vehicles (Fire Trucks)



October 17, 2019 – St. Elizabeth Class Fire Station Tour

Approximately 17 students from St. Elizabeth Catholic School attended Station 2 and had a tour of the Fire Station, Apparatus and EMS Community Response Unit. Messaging included Home Escape Planning, Smoke and CO Alarm actions, and Safety around large vehicles (Fire/EMS/Public Works)



November 9, 2019 – “Health Fest” - Wainfleet BIC

Members of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services attended the “*Health Fest*” at the Wainfleet BIC Church, and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 75-100 people of various age groups throughout the duration of the event. Public Educator/Firefighter Chuck Farkas delivered a presentation on Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services and the “Wake Up Wainfleet!” program.

November 1-7, 2019 – 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.

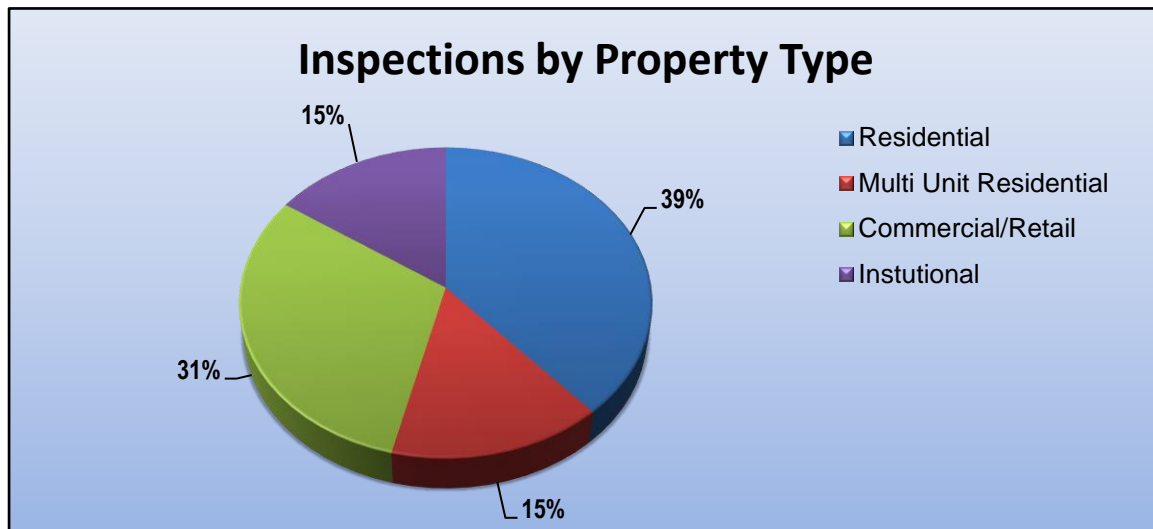


December 14, 2019 – WVFFA Public Skate

Members of the WFES hosted a free public skating event held at the Wainfleet Arena and delivered Fire & Life Safety messages to approximately 50+ families. Messaging included: Home Escape Planning, Smoke and CO Alarm Requirements, Farm & Seasonal Safety, Emergency Preparedness (72 hour kits)

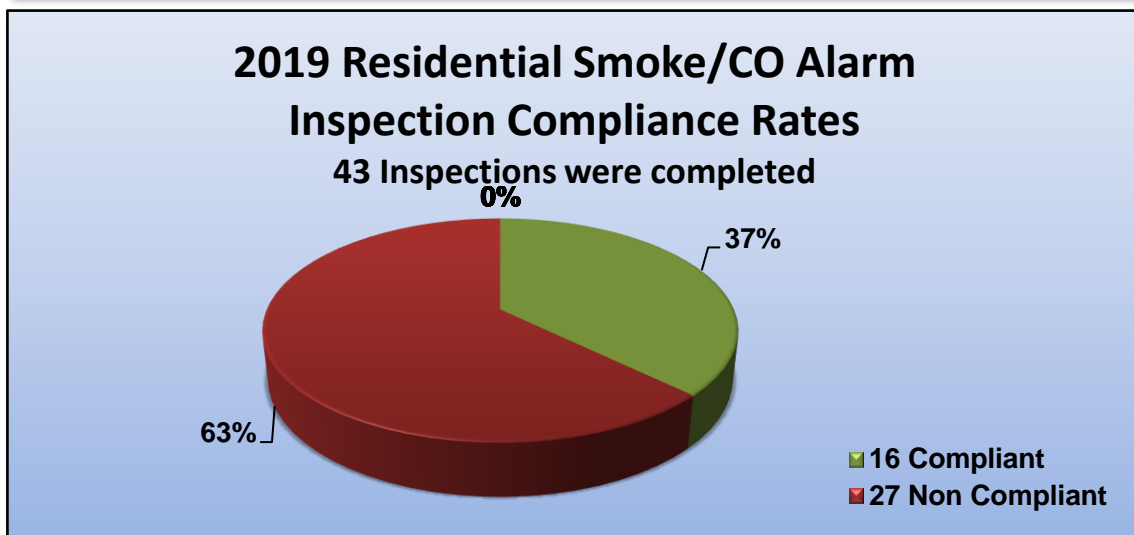
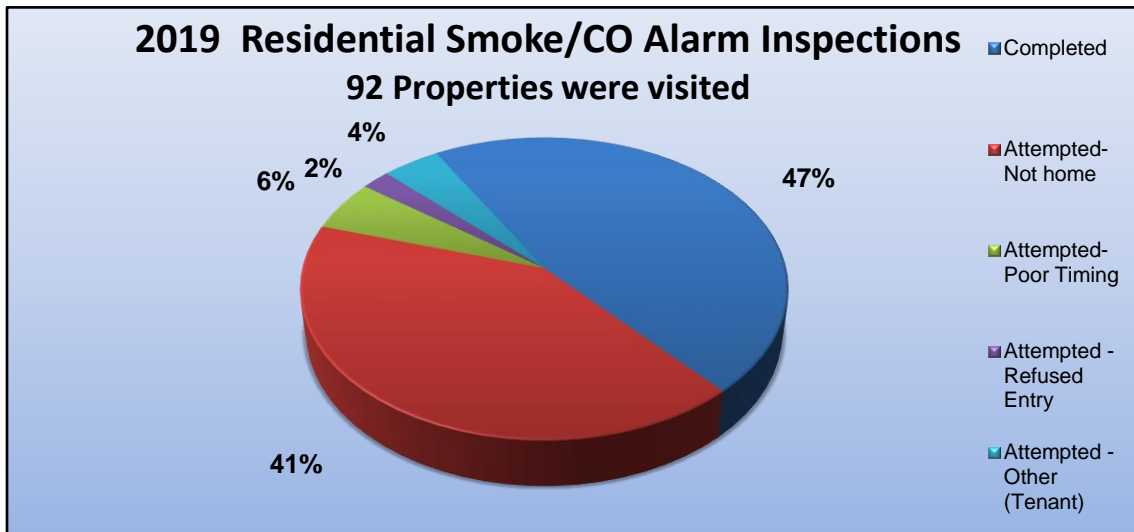
FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

In 2019, 13 Fire Inspections were conducted as a result of either requests, complaints or post incident follow up. Only two inspections resulted in Provincial Offence Notices (Tickets) being issued. All others were either compliant or required minor changes for compliance.



RESIDENTIAL SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM PROGRAMS

Following a kitchen fire in early July on Lakeshore Rd. in the Long Beach area, the homeowner was found to be in violation of several Smoke & CO alarm fire code requirements. The Officers determined that we needed to step up our Residential Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program. On July 29, 2019 all stations conducted an information/amnesty campaign to raise awareness of the requirements under the Fire Code.



Following the July blitz, one of the suggestions from the public was to be able to schedule a time that worked for the residents and tenants for a Residential Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Inspection.

In September, WFES kicked off their "Wake Up Wainfleet" campaign where homeowners and tenants could fill an online form, requesting an inspection, indicating best date and time for access.



Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services
Call or Click for a Home Fire Safety Inspection
905-899-3463
www.wainfleet.ca/WakeUpWainfleet

Wake Up Wainfleet!
Only Working Smoke/CO Alarms Save Lives

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services responded to a total of 211 incidents in 2019, which is a slight increase from 191 incidents the previous year. The Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services responds to many different types of incidents.

Fires/explosion calls totaled 6% (13 incidents) of emergencies in 2019 for WFES. This is a decrease of 16 incidents from 2018.

The highest percentage of emergency response was for medical assistance at 28% (64 incidents), an increase of 5 incidents from 2018. This includes an emergency call where the original need for WFES assistance was medical distress, specifically: vital signs absent, unconscious, or significant delay in EMS response.

The second highest number of incidents was Motor Vehicle Collisions, at 25% (50 incidents), an increase of 19 incidents over 2018.

The “Other” call category at 18% (37 incidents) includes situations such as; Rescues (technical rescue calls, and general rescue situations), Public Hazard situations (spills, gas leaks, power lines down), assisting other fire departments, cancelled on route, and other public service emergencies, a decrease of 4 incidents from 2018.

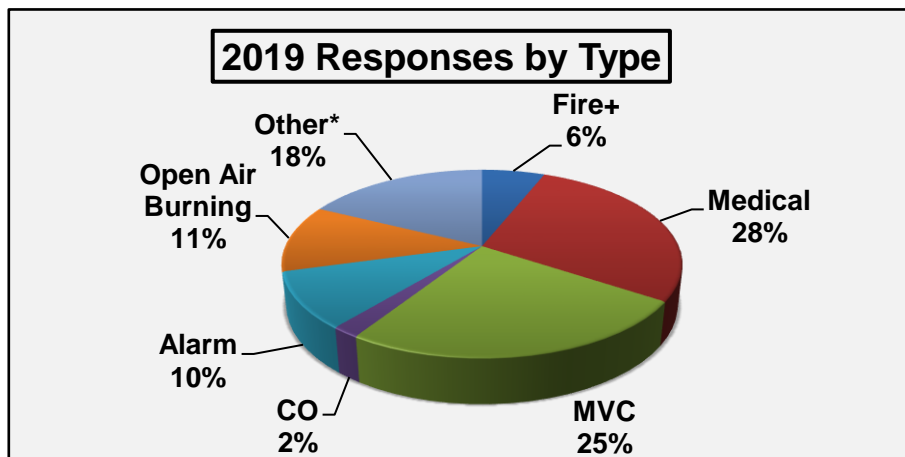
Open Air Burning By-law enforcement and response to complaints resulted in 11% (23 incidents). Most responses were a result of either no burn permit issued, non-compliant burning to the by-law and neighbour disputes regarding the spread of smoke and materials being burned. Two Burn permits were revoked, several fires ordered extinguished, two required WFES to extinguish whereby the property owners received invoices for suppression services.

Carbon Monoxide responses totaled 2% (5 incidents), of which 3 were determined to be equipment malfunctions, 1 was a perceived emergency and only 1 incident actually had elevated levels of Carbon Monoxide present. WFES continues to investigate the issues within the home that caused these alarms. This follow-up ensures the homeowner or tenant is safe from the carbon monoxide issue, if one exists.

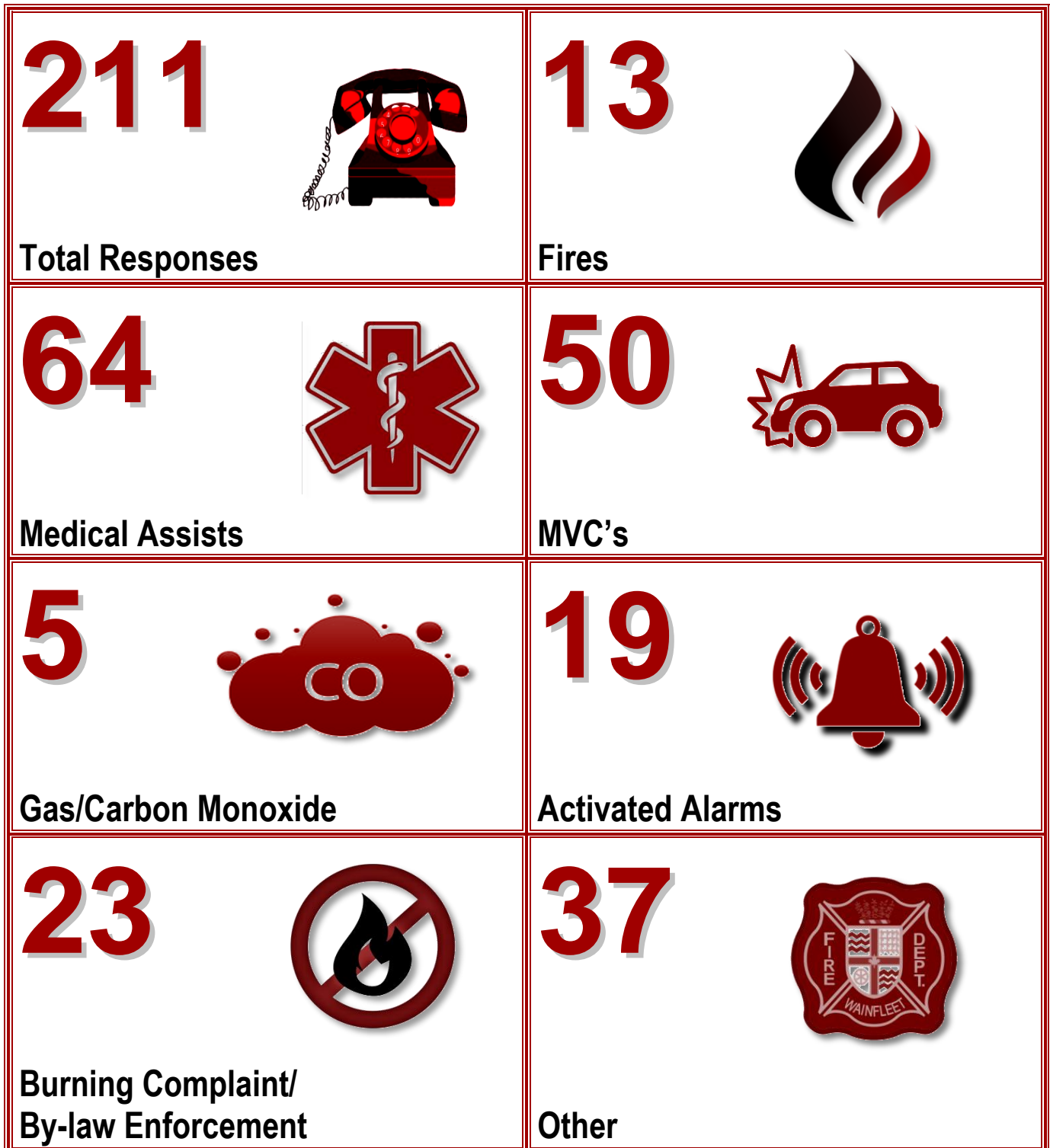
A total of thirteen (13) fire incidents occurred during 2019 within the Township of Wainfleet. This includes structure, vehicle, vegetation and other materials fires. These fires had a combined estimated dollar loss of \$710,000.00.

There were five (5) Structure fires with a total value of the property at risk estimated to be approximately \$1,578,000.00. Estimated property loss is approximately \$698,000.00, resulting in estimated to value of property saved to be approximately \$880,000.00. That translates to every dollar lost an additional \$1.26 was saved.

The 2019 Fire Services approved operating budget was set at \$866,949.00, which means for every dollar invested in fire protection services, \$1.02 of property was saved. Resulting in a 2% Return on Investment, with the understanding that Fire responses only make up 6% of total emergency responses.



The following info-graphic illustrates the incidents by type.

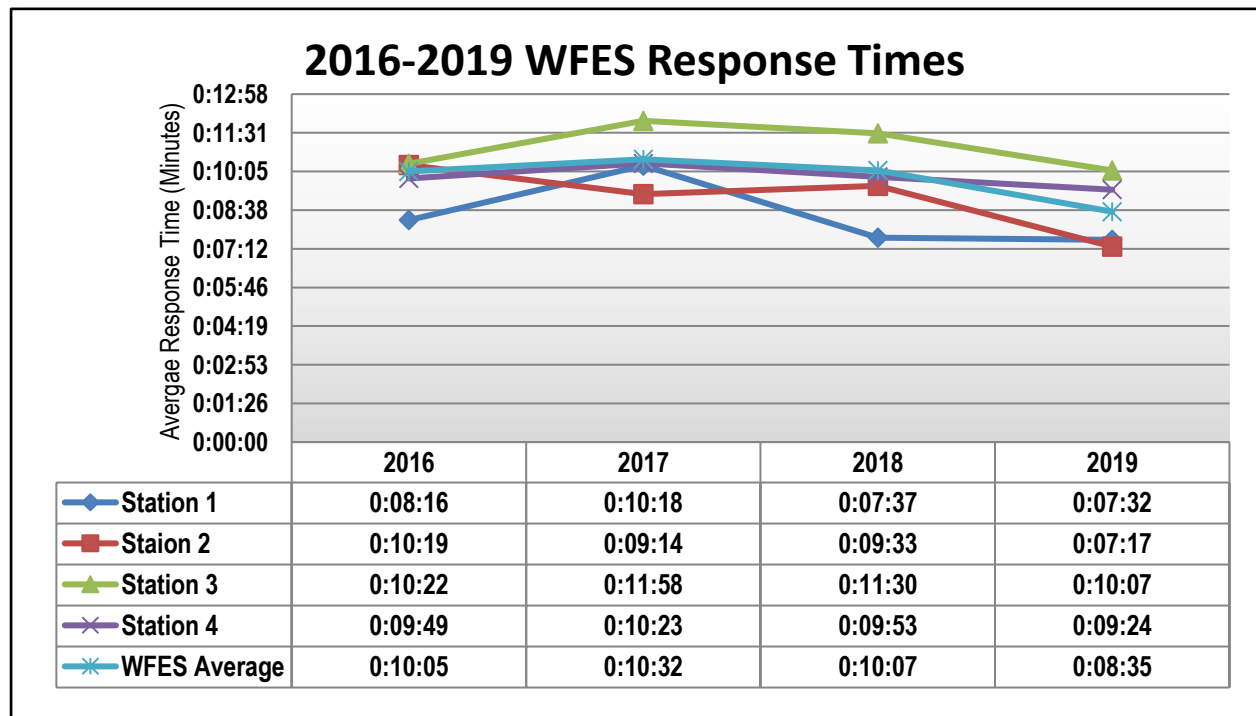


*Other includes: Mutual Aid, Automatic Aid, Incidents not found, Call cancelled on route, etc.

RESPONSE TIMES

The importance of time is critical in responding to any emergency. The average response time for incidents within the municipality in 2019 was approximately 8.5 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. Overall, WFES response times are the lowest since 2016. This is largely due to the fact that the township has added more total firefighters as well as allowed full time township employees to respond if needed. Currently, there are four township employees that respond as firefighters during daytime hours.

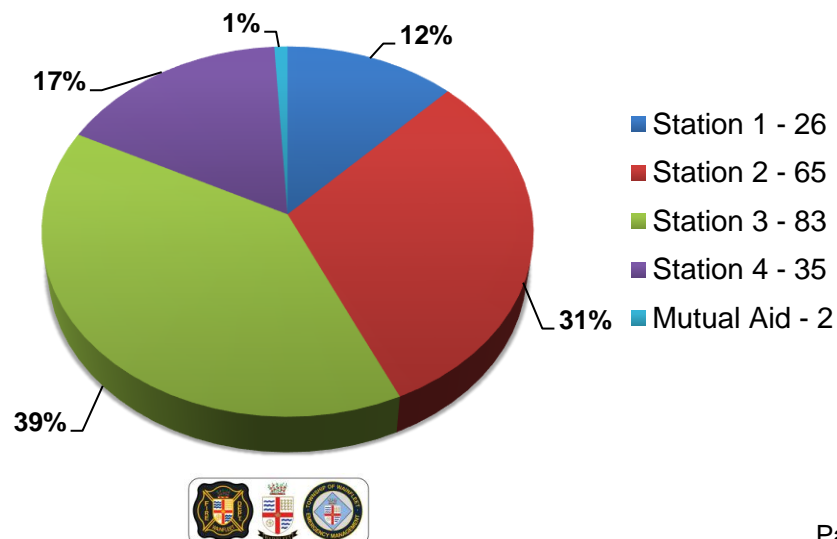
The following chart compares the average response times for each station within the Township of Wainfleet, inclusive of the Aid calls outside of the Township.



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

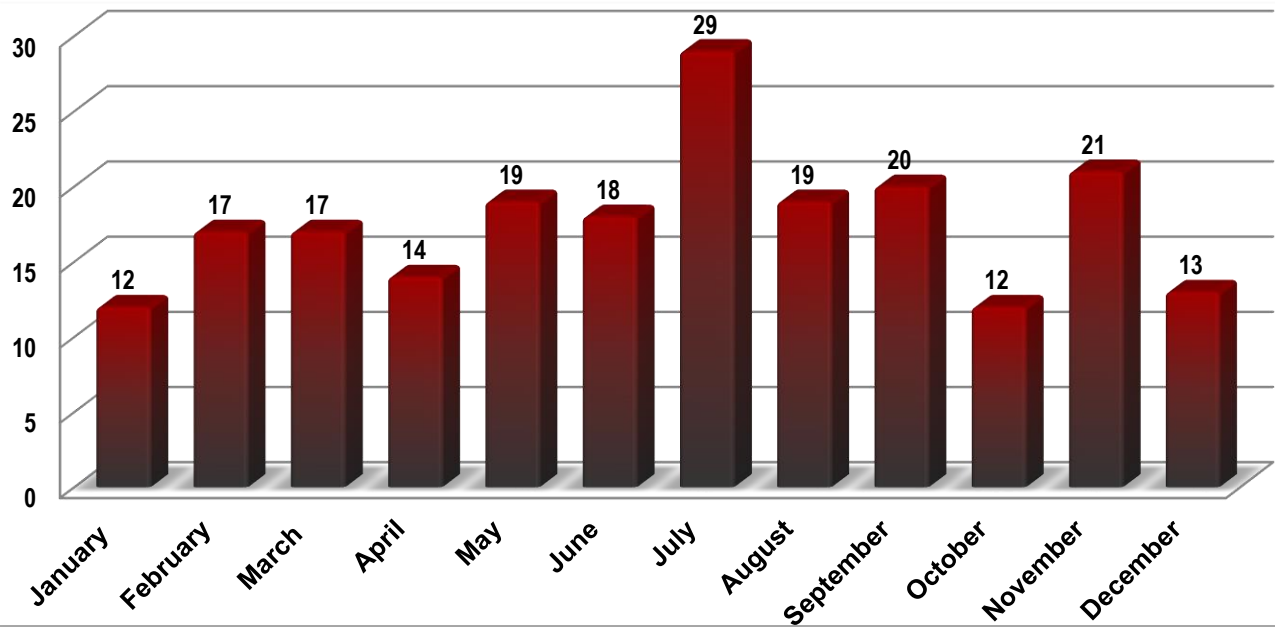
STATION RESPONSES

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



INCIDENTS BY MONTH

2019 Number of Responses per Month



Month	Fire ⁺	Medical	MVC	CO	Alarm	Open Air Burning	Other [*]	TOTAL
January	0	5	4	1	0	0	2	12
February	1	9	2	0	1	0	4	17
March	2	6	2	0	2	2	3	17
April	1	6	2	2	0	2	1	14
May	0	6	8	0	1	3	1	19
June	0	5	2	1	4	3	3	18
July	5	12	3	0	2	5	2	29
August	1	5	5	0	0	5	3	19
September	0	4	10	0	2	1	3	20
October	2	2	3	0	1	1	3	12
November	1	3	3	1	3	1	9	21
December	0	1	6	0	3	0	3	13
TOTALS	13	64	50	5	19	23	37	211

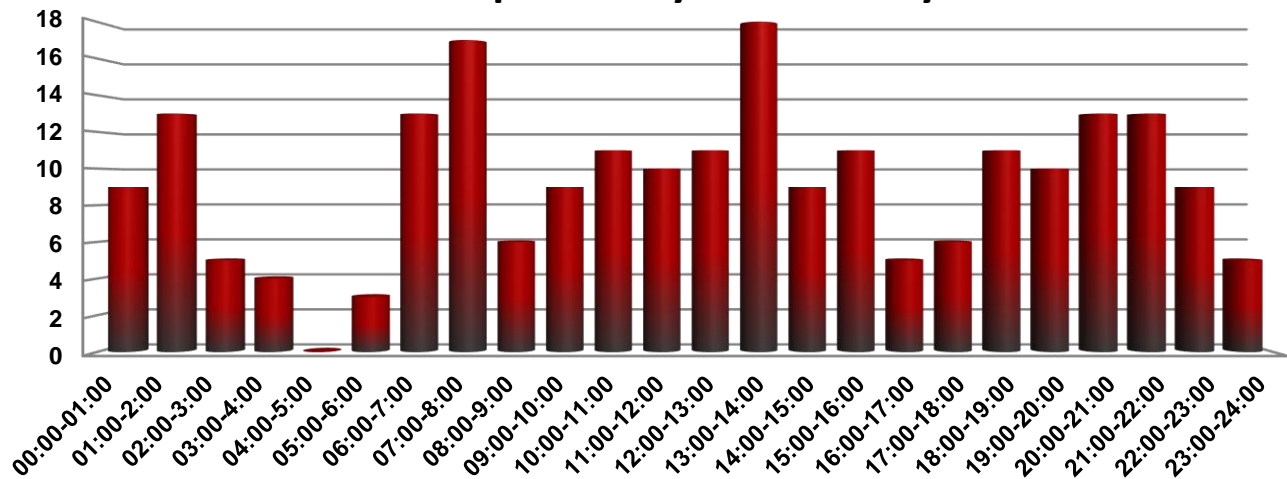
⁺ Fire includes: Structure, Vehicle, Vegetation, and Controlled Fires

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



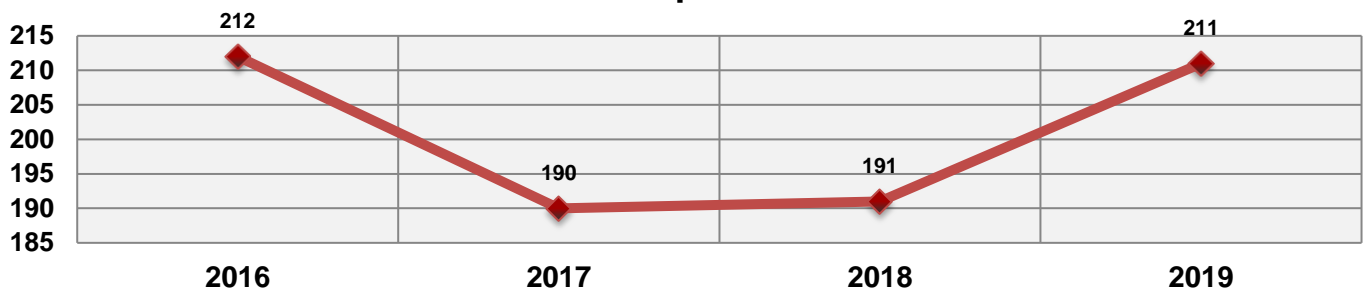
INCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY

2019 Responses by Time of Day

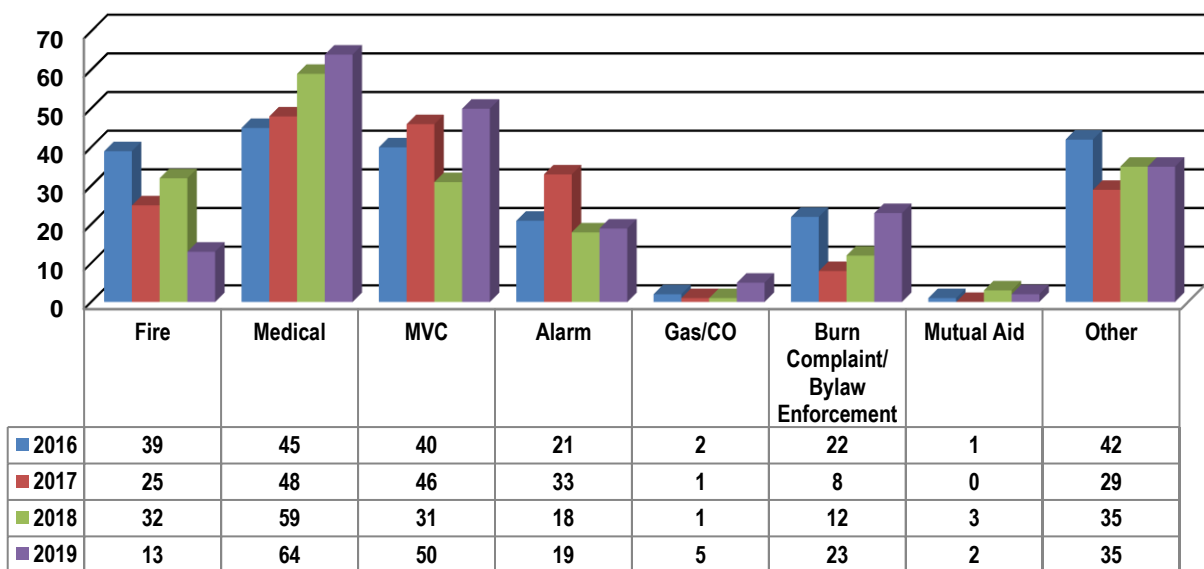


2016-2019 INCIDENT COMPARISON

2016-2019 Responses Per Year



2016-2019 Incident Type Comparison



SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

“Significant Incident” -

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

February 3, 2019- Cooking Incident

Station #4 (Schwoob) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 4 apparatus and 12 personnel from 3 stations. Fire Department arrived on scene to find a 70 year old male with burns to his abdomen from hot cooking oil. Firefighters performed initial patient care until EMS arrival. Firefighters assisted both Niagara EMS Community Response Unit (CRU) medic and Haldimand County EMS in continued patient care until transport to a local hospital.

February 15, 2019- Chimney Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 5 apparatus and 13 personnel from all 4 stations. Fire Department arrived on scene to find a chimney fire in a single storey dwelling that was extinguished by the resident. There was no smoke showing at time of arrival however there was smoke inside the dwelling which required crews to ventilate the building using positive pressure ventilation (PPV) fans. Care of the building was returned to the owner with direction to have the heating system inspected before continuing use.

March 1, 2019- Barn Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 9 apparatus and 23 personnel from all 4 stations. Mutual aid for Tanker support from Pelham was requested. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a heavily involved barn. Civilians were attempting to rescue some of the animals and one person had to be treated and transported to a local hospital for smoke inhalation and burns to their hands. A defensive operation was conducted with limited access around the building. A Township backhoe was contracted to create a safe environment that would permit WFES to completely extinguish the fire. Welland Humane Society was contacted to conduct an assessment on some of the injured animals. The suspected cause of the fire was a heat lamp near wood shaving/bedding.

April 6, 2019- Vehicle Fire

Station #2 (Wainfleet) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 5 apparatus and 16 personnel from 3 stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved pickup truck on an old railway bed. WFES quickly extinguished the fire. Niagara Regional Police were called to assist with investigating circumstances surrounding the incident. Due to the extent of the damage the cause of the fire has been declared undetermined.

June 24, 2019- Motor Vehicle Collision

Station #2 (Wainfleet) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 6 apparatus and 32 personnel from all 4 stations. The Fire Department was dispatched to a single vehicle rollover, with a possible woman and child trapped. First arriving crews found a woman and child had exited the vehicle prior to FD arrival. Both patients were treated and transported to a local hospital and the scene was left in the care of NRP.



Station #4 (Schwoob) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 3 apparatus and 13 personnel from three stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a lone male occupant with flash burns and vehicle filled with smoke. The fire had been extinguished prior to arrival. Niagara Regional Police (NRP) were contacted and the scene was left in their care. Following an initial investigation into the cause of the fire, NRP contacted WFES and the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Investigations Branch to conduct further investigation. The OFM took samples of various materials which were sent to the Centre of Forensic Science for analysis. The final cause of the fire was determined to be the "Intentional application of an ignition source to a combustible material" – Arson.

July 16, 2019 - Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 8 apparatus and 22 personnel from all stations. Mutual aid for Tanker support was from Haldimand was requested. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find all occupants had evacuated a two storey structure with smoke coming from the second floor. A transitional attack was initially used by first due crews to knock down the bulk of the fire. Once complete, crews made entry to the second floor to continue fire control, overhaul and extinguishment. Due to quick response and effective initial operations, the fire was contained to the kitchen on the main floor, and the second floor. A post fire investigation and inspection was conducted of all buildings on the property.

- The area of origin was found to be near the exterior wall of the kitchen, with the cause left to be undetermined.
- The main dwelling was found to have expired and inoperable smoke alarms on the first floor, no Smoke alarms on the second floor and no Carbon-Monoxide alarms in the structure. The secondary dwelling had one expired combination Smoke/CO alarm.
- The property owner was provided a Certificate of Offence (Ticket) under Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) for "Failure to Install Smoke Alarm where required" in contravention of the Ontario Fire Code (OFC) made under the Fire Protection & Prevention Act (FPPA).

July 17, 2019- Vehicle Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 3 apparatus and 7 personnel from 2 stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved passenger car on the shoulder of Highway 3. WFES quickly extinguished the fire. Due to the extent of the damage the cause of the fire has be declared undetermined.

July 18, 2019- Vehicle Fire

Station #2 (Wainfleet) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 4 apparatus and 8 personnel from 2 stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved pickup truck in the yard. WFES quickly extinguished the fire and notified NRP & EMS of patient injuries. One civilian sustained burns to their hands while removing the truck from the garage with a tractor. The patient was treated on scene and left in the care of EMS. The cause of the fire was determined to be "Improper handling of or working near combustible materials" due to sparks caused from drilling and cutting out the fuel tank from the truck.



July 29, 2019- Various Materials Fire- (Called in as Vehicle Fire near Building)

Station #2 (Wainfleet) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 5 apparatus and 10 personnel from 3 stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved transport trailer and other materials burning in the yard. WFES quickly extinguished the fire. NRP was notified due to suspicious activity happening on the property and the person responsible for setting the fire fleeing the scene. The cause of the fire was determined to be "Intentional Application of an Ignition Source to a Combustible Material".

August 8, 2019- Vehicle Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 5 apparatus and 9 personnel from two stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved SUV on the shoulder of Concession 1. WFES quickly extinguished the fire. Due to the extent of the damage, the cause of the fire has been declared undetermined.

October 14, 2019- Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 7 apparatus and 17 personnel from all stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a small fire had been knocked down on the attached deck of a small cottage. A neighbour who spotted the fire had called 911, also used a bucket of water to keep the fire under control. WFES conducted overhaul to ensure there was no extension beyond the deck. Cause of the fire was determined to be due to the "improper discarding of remains of a fire near a combustible material". A metal bucket full of hot ash, coal and embers left on the deck brought the wood to its ignition temperature causing the wood to ignite.

October 15, 2019- Structure Fire

Station #3 (Burnaby) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 9 apparatus and 29 personnel from all stations. Mutual aid for Tanker support from Port Colborne and Haldimand was requested. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find heavy fire on the second floor.

A transitional attack was initially used by first due crews to knock down the bulk of the fire. Once complete, crews made entry to the second floor to continue fire control, overhaul and extinguishment. Due to quick response and effective initial operations, the fire was contained to the living room on the main floor, and the second floor. No occupants were present at the time of the fire. Given the circumstances surrounding fire cause, initial reporting and total value of loss, NRP and the OFMEM were notified.

A post fire investigation and inspection was conducted to determine area of origin, cause and circumstances regarding the fire.

- The area of origin was found to be in the exterior wall of the living room.
- Samples were taken and sent to the Centre of Forensic Science (CFS) for analysis.
- Until confirmation of finding from CFS the Cause has been categorized as "undetermined".

November 18, 2019- Vehicle Fire

Station #2 (Wainfleet) was the primary responding station with a Department response of 3 apparatus and 9 personnel from 3 stations. The Fire Department arrived on scene to find a fully involved pickup truck on the shoulder of Burnaby Rd. WFES quickly extinguished the fire with no civilian or firefighter injuries. Due to the circumstances surrounding the fire and events leading up to the incident the scene and investigation was left in the care of NRP.



October 31- November 1, 2019- "Halloween Storm"

Initial calls for service began at 23:50 on October 31, 2019 for reports of basements flooding. 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.

24+ Firefighters Responding

14 Dispatched calls in 24 hours

8 Fire Apparatus

7+ Power Line Incidents

7 Non-Dispatched calls during storm event

6+ Public Works Staff Called in

6 Road Blockages

3 Road Closures

2 Natural Gas Lines impacted



TRAINING

Members of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services 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



CPR/AED



Firefighter Rescue



Pump Operations



Rural Water Supply & Tanker Operations



Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search -Interior Search Techniques



Hazardous Materials Operations – Product Control



Chainsaw Safety & Operations



Auto Extrication- Cordless "Combi-Tool" Operations



Livestock Rescue



Livestock Rescue



Air Consumption Drill "Hockey on Air"



Live Fire Training

During two weekends in September, 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 2019. The following Certifications were achieved by WFES personnel in 2019.

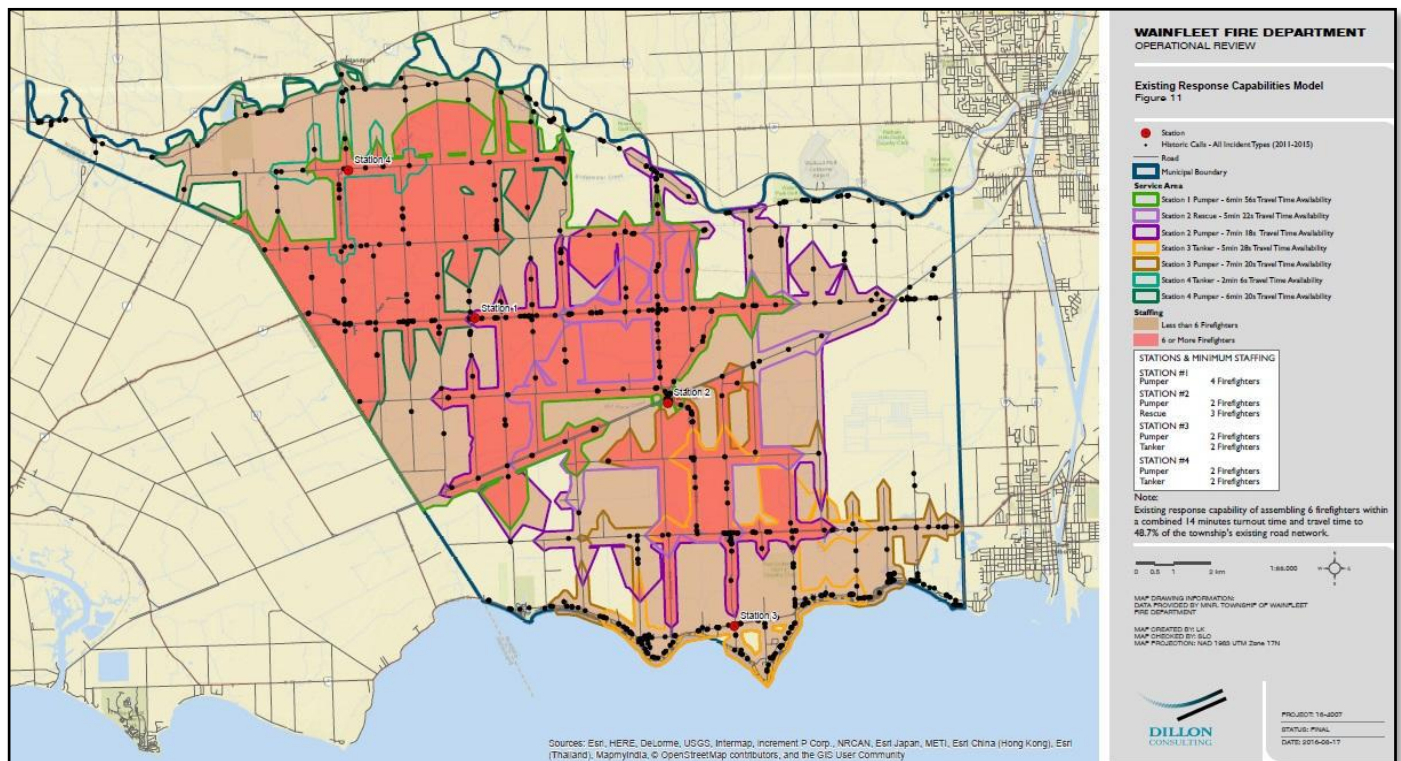
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Jason Hoskin	Tyson Sider
Leanne Johnson	Doug Smith
Travis Katch	Mark Snippe
Mike Masotti	Tom Staton
Stephen Neudorf	Bruce Vandelaar
NFPA 1001- Firefighter Level 2	
Ben Benson	Chad Rumsby
Jason Hoskin	Tyson Sider
Leanne Johnson	Doug Smith
Travis Katch	Mark Snippe
Mike Masotti	Tom Staton
Stephen Neudorf	Bruce Vandelaar
NFPA 1002- Pump Operations	
Trevor Airhardt	Drew Robins
Brendan Fang	Aaron Tedesco
John Mallon	Bruce Vandelaar
NFPA 1072- Hazardous Materials - Awareness	
Ben Benson	Chad Rumsby
Jason Hoskin	Tyson Sider
Leanne Johnson	Doug Smith
Travis Katch	Mark Snippe
Mitch Mascitelli	Tom Staton
Mike Masotti	Bruce Vandelaar
Stephen Neudorf	
NFPA 1072- Hazardous Materials- Core Operations & Mission Specific	
Ben Benson	Chad Rumsby
Jason Hoskin	Tyson Sider
Leanne Johnson	Doug Smith
Travis Katch	Mark Snippe
Mike Masotti	Tom Staton
Stephen Neudorf	Bruce Vandelaar
NFPA 1021 – Fire Officer – Level 1	
Drew Robins	Aaron Tedesco
NFPA 1031 – Fire Inspector Level 1	
Aaron Tedesco	
NFPA 1035 – Fire & Life Safety Public Educator – Level 1	
Shawn Schutten	Aaron Tedesco
NFPA 1521 – Incident Safety Officer	
Conrad Beckingham	Shawn Schutten



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	9
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	11



Current Stations & Response Areas

STATIONS

Station 1- Winger

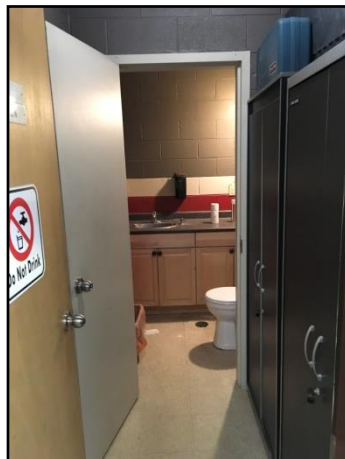
Constructed in 1947 of a concrete base with brick walls and metal clad roof over a former tar and gravel roof. The building has a small washroom in the rear with no other facilities for firefighters in the building. The building contains no accommodation area. There are no provisions for female and male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

Winger has 1 single bay, and operates one apparatus.



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. Wainfleet has 2 single bays and operates two apparatus.



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. Two Apparatus operate from Station 4.



APPARATUS

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services “operates” nine (9) on road vehicles and one (1) off road vehicle for fire service purposes.

2019 APPARATUS ROSTER				
	STATION	UNIT ID	DESCRIPTION	YEAR
1	Mobile	Car 1	Personally Owned- Chevrolet Tahoe- Command Vehicle	2015
2	Mobile	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.

2019 APPARATUS OPERATING COSTS								
Truck	Wages & Benefits	Admin. (Lic. & Ins.)	Fuel	Repairs & Parts	Total	2019 Budget	Difference	%
Squad 1	\$ 780.82	\$ 660.00	\$1,065.84	\$19,972.49	\$22,479.15	\$ 8,060.00	\$14,419.15	179%
Engine 2	\$ 910.75	\$1,318.00	\$ 989.11	\$23,163.50	\$26,381.36	\$ 8,718.00	\$17,663.36	203%
Engine 3	\$ 655.97	\$1,318.00	\$ 655.06	\$ 4,697.03	\$ 7,326.06	\$ 8,718.00	-\$ 1,391.94	-16%
Engine 4	\$ 771.63	\$1,318.00	\$ 992.47	\$ 2,989.75	\$ 6,071.85	\$ 5,618.00	\$ 453.85	8%
Tanker 3	\$ 306.17	\$1,318.00	\$ 670.86	\$ 3,212.64	\$ 5,507.67	\$ 5,618.00	-\$ 110.33	-2%
Tanker 4	\$ 639.01	\$1,318.00	\$ 616.24	\$12,436.40	\$15,009.65	\$ 8,718.00	\$ 6,291.65	72%
Rescue 2	\$ 290.62	\$1,318.00	\$ 824.67	\$ 841.33	\$ 3,274.62	\$ 5,618.00	-\$ 2,343.38	-42%
Car 2	\$ -	\$ 660.00	\$3,870.11	\$ 1,930.59	\$ 6,460.70	\$ 9,660.00	-\$ 3,199.30	-33%
TOTALS	\$4,354.97	\$9,228.00	\$9,684.36	\$69,243.73	\$92,511.06	\$60,728.00	\$31,783.06	52%

*Values are Unaudited

APPARATUS FORECAST			
UNIT ID	YEAR of MANUFACTURE	PROJECTED REPLACEMENT DATE	*ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT COST
Engine 2	1999	2019 (2021)	\$500,000.00
Tanker 2		2022	\$400,000.00
Engine 3	2003	2023	\$535,000.00
Car 1		2024	\$80,000.00
Car 2	2014	2024	\$80,000.00
Squad 1	2005	2025	\$600,000.00
Tanker 4	2006	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			\$4,845,000.00

*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



2003 Pierce 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

TANKER3



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 2019 Council approved the purchase of new Radio Communications Equipment. Communication issues had been identified for several years, and was one of the few remaining pieces that needed to be addressed before firefighters could safely enter a structure.

All apparatus were up-fitted with Motorola XPR 5500 VHF Digital capable radios mobile radios with built in repeaters and Firecom wireless headsets for the pump operator protection and incident commander reliability.



Each front line apparatus was assigned four Motorola XPR 7350e digital capable portable radios with remote speaker microphones. These new radios include firefighter safety features such as “man-down” alarm and Over-the-Air Radio Identification. This provides Incident commanders and dispatch the ability to “see” who is talking on the radio. Additionally, should a firefighter find themselves lost, low on air, or in any other “mayday” situation, they are able to activate the man-down alarm, notifying command and dispatch who is in distress and activating the Rapid Intervention Team to perform a firefighter rescue.

Each Officer (Chiefs, Captains & Lieutenants) were provided Motorola SL300 slim radio/pager hybrids. This allows Officers the ability to communicate early in an incident and begin incident command prior to any apparatus arriving on scene.

Since the installation of the new equipment clear and reliable communications have made emergency scene operations much more efficient, professional and safe.

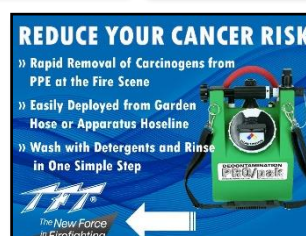
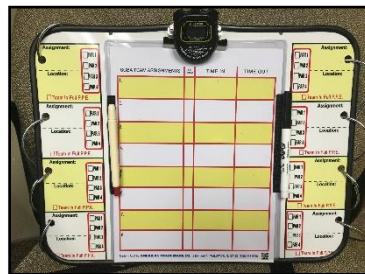
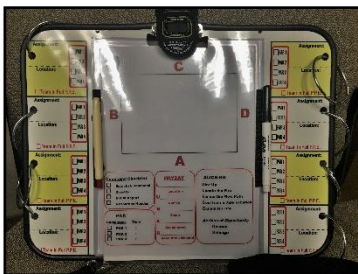


Council also approved the purchase of a trailer & skid unit for the UTV. Through a unique private/public partnership, Ben Berg Farm Supply donated the use of a Kubota RTV 850 “Sidekick” to assist WFES in providing off road, and wild-land rescues and firefighting. The Fire Service took delivery of the UTV and trailer on May 30th 2019. The skid unit was delivered in August and with assistance from local fabrication shop, a custom mount and rack was built for the unit.



Beginning in 2019, Council also 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 2019 includes:

Hydrant Kits (Tankers 3 & 4)	1500' of 5" (125mm) Large Diameter Hose
2 – Jumbo water supply appliances	1000' of 1 3/4" (45mm) Fire Attack Hose
Rapid Command/Accountability Boards	4 – 160gpm low pressure nozzles
2 - Stihl MS291 Chainsaws	Stat-X – Rapid Fire Extinguisher
Fireground Command & Hi-Vis Safety vests	PGI Multi-mission Dual Certified PPE & On-Scene Decontamination unit



Car 2 was originally equipped with a cap and bed-slide. Equipment was insecurely stored, with minimal organization and had some smaller equipment located in the side compartments. Custom cabinets were fabricated and installed to organize and secure all equipment in the vehicle. Shoreline power was wired to allow for battery powered equipment to be charged. Car 2 is now equipped with the tools and equipment required for fire inspections, command, medical responses, and fire-ground support.



DONATIONS

In the fall of 2019, a grant application for two battery operated Auto Extrication Combination tools was submitted to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. WFES was a successful recipient and the tools, worth approximately \$38,000.00, were purchased from Code4 Fire & Rescue. Code4 Fire & Rescue also provided training on auto extrication techniques using the new tools in Dec. 2019.



PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

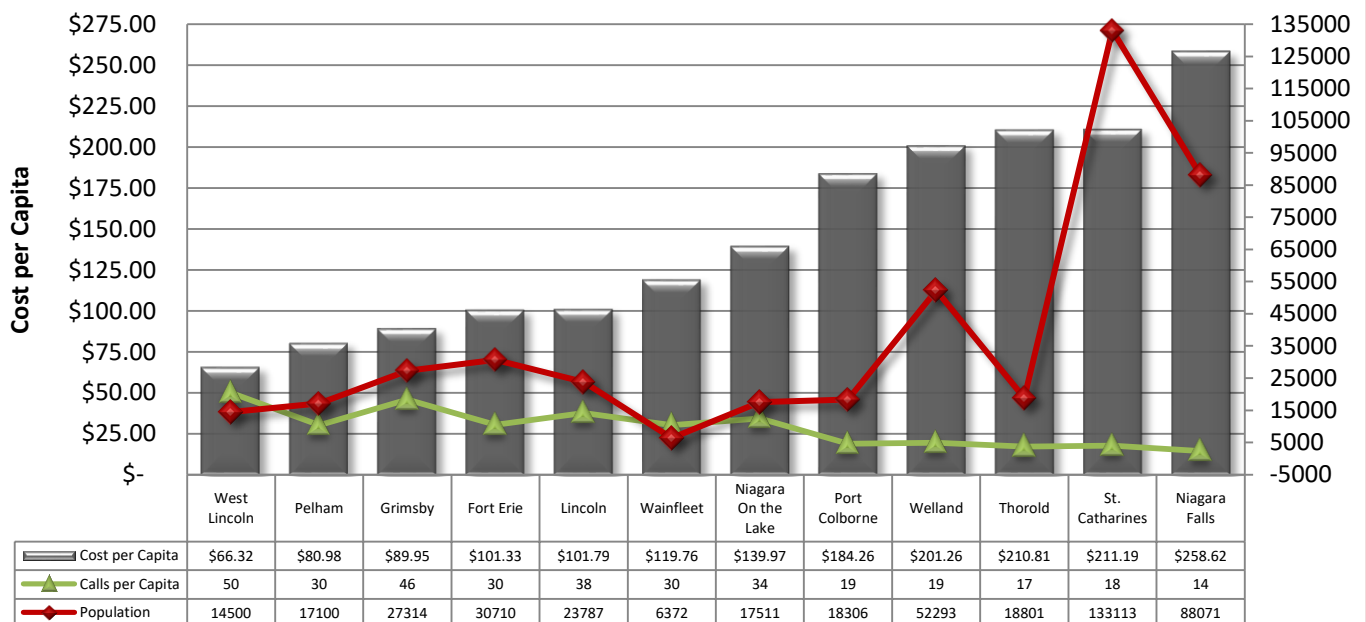
A comparison of Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services to other municipal fire services from the Niagara Region was conducted using the most recent Financial Information Returns (FIR) available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Census data from Stats Canada.

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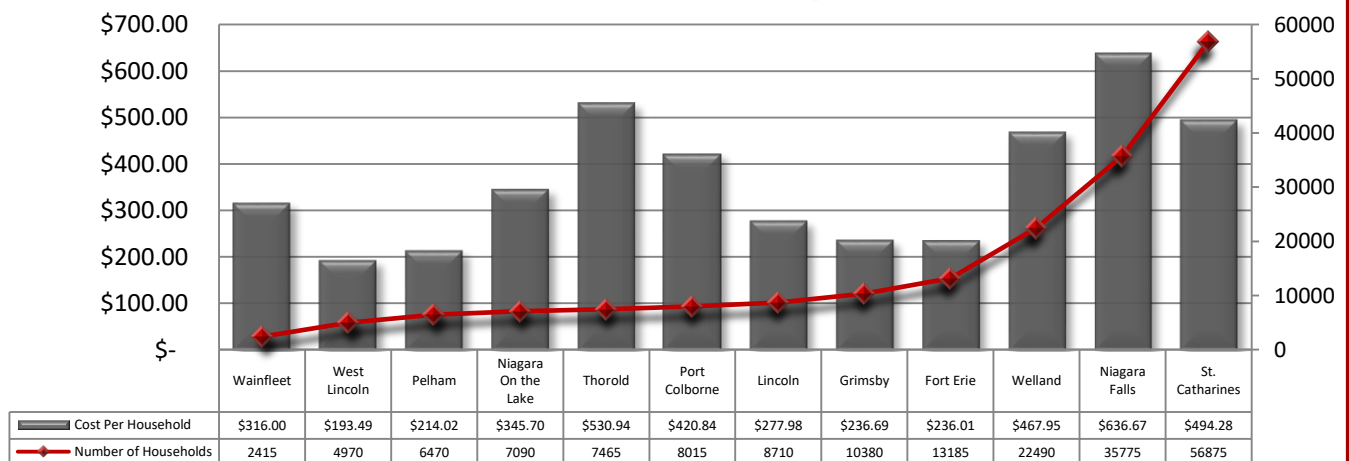
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This comparison provides insight into the efficiencies, and affordability of WFES operations.

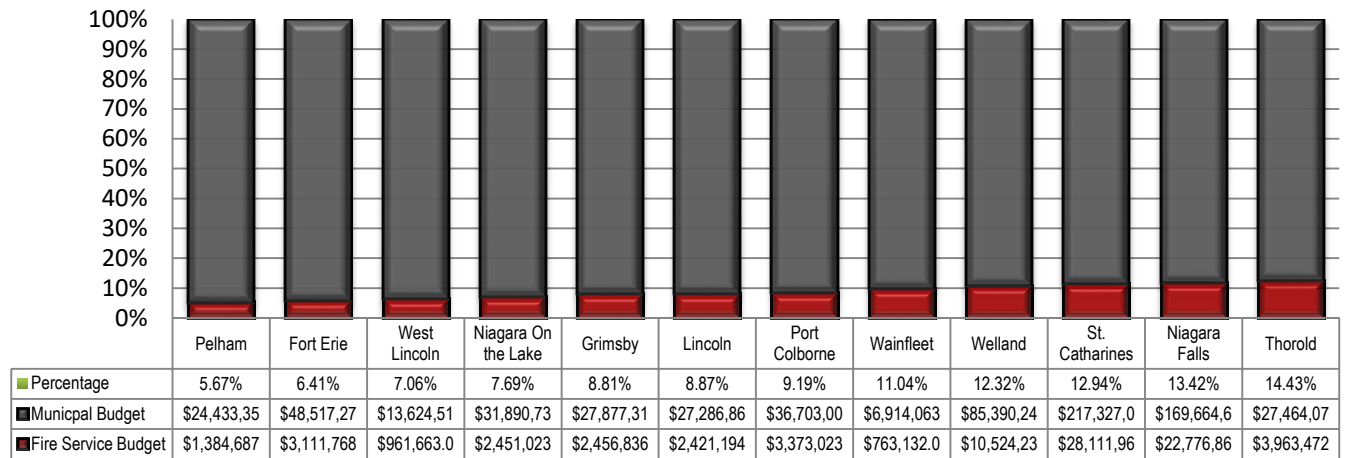
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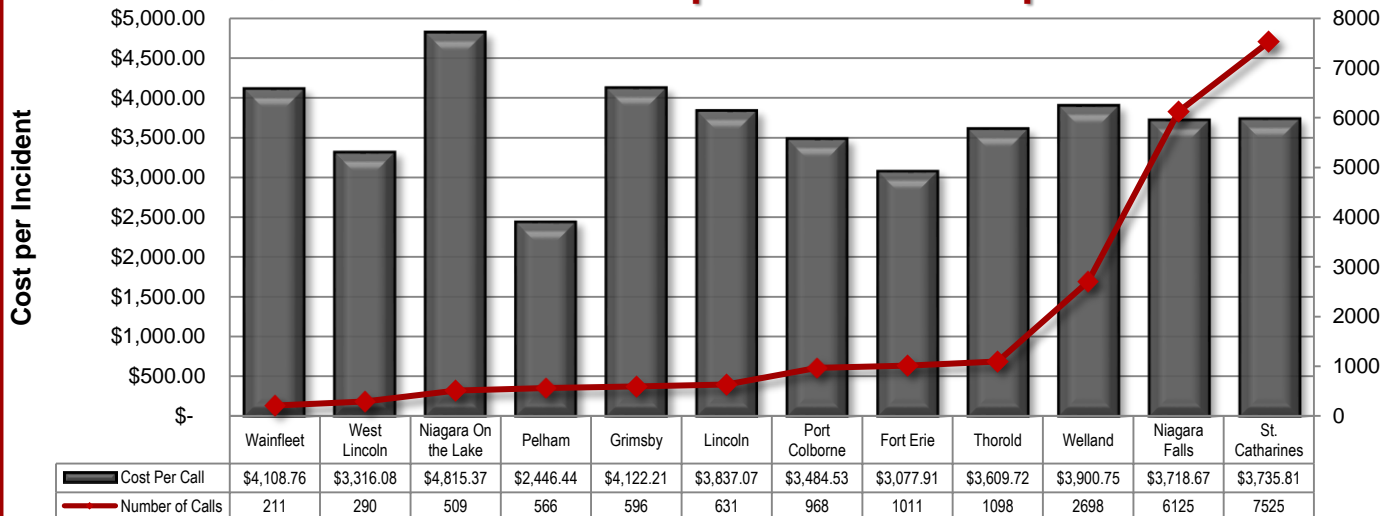
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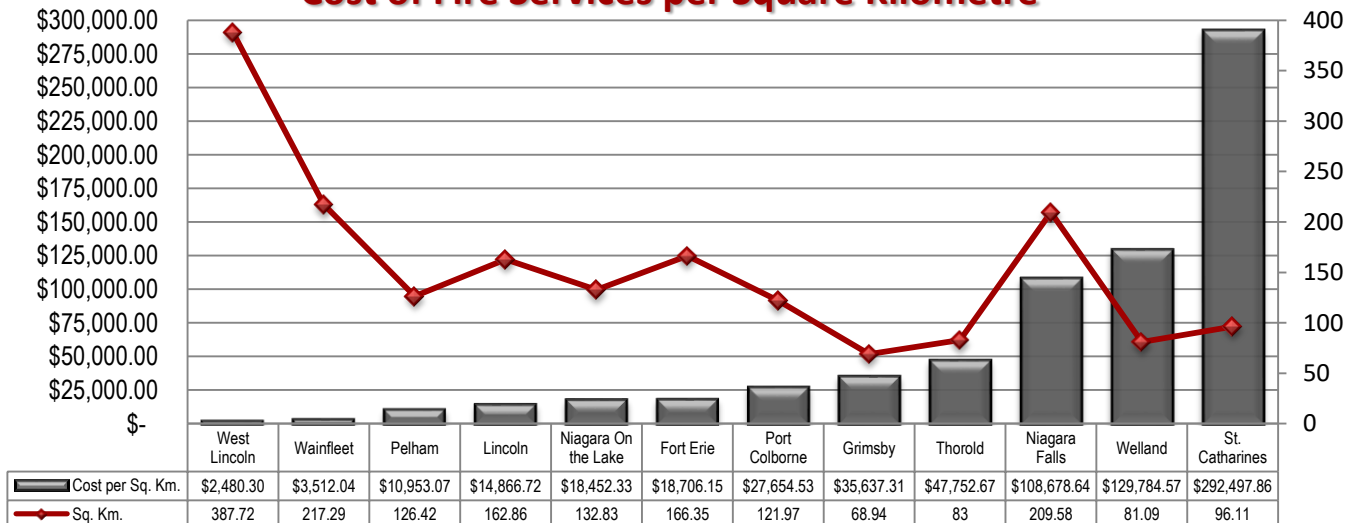
Percentage of Municipal Budget Allocated to Fire Services



Cost of Fire Services per Incident Response



Cost of Fire Services per Square Kilometre



WAINFLEET VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

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Members of the Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services participated in many events throughout the year, including the following:

- Various Fundraising events for local groups
 - Good Friday Fish Fry
 - Labour Day Boot Drive
 - Fall Fair Fish Fry
 - Turkey Raffle
- Canada Day
- Boot Drive
- Wainfleet Fall Fair and Parade
- Movember
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Christmas Hamper program
- Sponsorship of one Free Public Skate



MOVING FORWARD

In 2019, through dedication, training and investments in equipment and personnel, WFES was able to return to “Full Interior” search, rescue & fire suppression. 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 6000 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 2020, WFES has partnered with Fort Erie Fire Dept. (FEFD) in conducting a Joint Recruit Training Program. This program will provide all new recruits with NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 certified training while reducing course costs and sharing instructor time. This will also ensure consistency to NFPA standards across mutual aid partners around Niagara Region.

Firefighters will also continue to focus on decontamination after every incident where they are exposed to toxic carcinogens. The purchase in 2019 of a portable decontamination pack, and a donated gear dryer 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

In 2020, WFES is making plans for new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Due to age and wear, many SCBA required repair and rebuild in 2019. In an attempt to keep costs sustainable, approximately 4 SCBA were removed from service, and utilized for parts. Existing SCBA are 2216psi. over 15 years old, and operating under older versions of NFPA standards, with 20 minute steel cylinders. Used 15 year old SCBA were purchased from West Lincoln in 2017 as a stop gap measure to provide WFES time to prepare for a full replacement. This will align with other large capital purchases since the existing facilities are not capable of housing any new larger apparatus. Replacement of any more Fire Apparatus will have to be delayed until the completion of a new fire station.

FACILITIES

Progress will continue on the new Joint Fire & Emergency Services facility with design and engineering services being procured in the spring of 2020. The intention is to begin construction in the summer. Other stations will require regular maintenance and upgrades as per the long term building assessment plan that was completed in 2016.

FIREFIGHTERS

In 2020, seven new recruits began 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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