



***Swift Current Fire Department
2014 Annual Report***

Swift Current Fire Department

VISION

Safeguarding our community through prevention and protection

MISSION

We are a composite fire department that delivers quality fire, rescue and pre-hospital medical services to our community and neighbours using progressive methods while pursuing a high standard of integrity and professionalism.

VALUES

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Well being of residents
- Continuous learning & development
- Cost effectiveness in all we do
- Creativity
- Excellence in customer service
- Empowerment

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City Facts

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| Population (Sask. Health): | 17,681 |
| Altitude: | 2,436 ft |
| Average Summer Temperature: | 16°C |
| Average Winter Temperature: | -9°C |
| Average Hours of Sunshine: | 2,200 hours |
| Average Annual Precipitation: | 361 mm |



Fire Chief's Message



It gives me great pride in presenting the Swift Current Fire Department's Annual Report to the citizens of Swift Current. It is indeed an honor to serve the community along with one of the leading fire services in the province and in the country. Many of the initiatives we take for granted in our department are looked on in awe by other departments. We are a leader in fire inspections, prevention programs, smoke alarm programs, and our residential fire sprinkler program.

Provincial and municipal growth continues to challenge our department. As the population grows, so does the demand for service from emergency response agencies. This year our responses were down slightly in the EMS responses but fire responses continue to remain at levels that indicate the increased demand for services.

Training continues to be a priority as we are seen as a provider of specialty rescue services throughout the southwest. In 2014 we conducted a grain elevator rescue near Gull Lake and were dispatched to a confined space rescue in Fox Valley. With the financial support of CPRail, we sent 5 members to Colorado to be trained to respond to major rail accidents.

Most importantly, I need to recognize the dedication of your career and auxiliary firefighters. They are hardworking, conscientious members of the community who provide a crucial service to those in trouble. They spend few hours actually fighting fires but they spend a large portion of their days working on preventative activities that make Swift Current a "Safe and Caring Community".

Denis M. Pilon, CD, CFO
Fire Chief

Employees

Administration

Denis Pilon – Fire Chief, CD, CFO

Pete L'Heureux – Deputy Fire Chief of Prevention

Darren McClelland – Deputy Fire Chief of Operations

Rhonda Winter – Administrative Assistant

Career Firefighters

PLATOON A

Rod Smith – Captain

Ryan Hunter – Acting Captain

Chris Haichert – Firefighter

Jim Green – Firefighter

PLATOON B

Greg Campbell – Captain

Rick Anderson – Acting Captain

Mark Galbraith – Firefighter

Regan Darby – Firefighter

PLATOON C

Wyatt Evans – Captain

Trevor Braun – Acting Captain

Kent Silbernagel - Firefighter

PLATOON D

Jerry Funk – Captain

Earl Braun – Acting Captain

Cody Yolland – Firefighter

Aaron Stewart – Firefighter

Auxiliary Firefighters

Pat Thibault

Keith McLeod

Doug Leibel

Trent Meyer

Darcy Henderson

Andrew Purcell

Perry Hermanson

Bailey Habscheid

Todd Condie

Gord Frank

Scott Sundquist

Dillon Friesen

Darvin Giesbrecht

William McKeiver

Shayne Powell

Scott Francis

4 Platoons, 2 shifts per day
(08:00 – 18:00 hours and 18:00 – 08:00 hours)

Auxiliary Firefighters

One of the most cost effective fire protection models is that of a composite fire department. It provides the quick response of full time firefighters complimented with volunteer firefighters. The composite fire department model couples career full time firefighters, who man the department 24/7 responding to emergency calls, providing fire prevention and inspections services, and maintaining the facilities and equipment operated by the fire department.

The auxiliary firefighters are essentially paid-on-call firefighters who have full time jobs elsewhere but train alongside the career members and respond to incidents when needed.

Four auxiliary firefighters are assigned to each full time platoon. The duty Captain can call his auxiliary firefighters to any scene to increase man power as needed.

Over the years we have changed the scope of our auxiliary firefighters. It is our belief that if we expect them to respond to fire scenes and work alongside our full time firefighters, they must be trained to the same standard. These philosophies have placed a high level of commitment on our auxiliary members to attend numerous training sessions and are required to be on call to attend emergency calls when needed. With the increase in their level of training our auxiliary members are now qualified for future career positions in our department or other municipal fire services.

In 2014 we had two of our members leave and have replaced them by hiring four new members that are currently taking training to achieve their Basic Firefighter Certificate, NFPA 1001 Level I & II.

Awards

SUMA Meritorious Service Award

Denis Pilon - 31 years

Trevor Braun - 22 years

Earl Braun - 20 years

Resignations

Dean Diguier - Firefighter

Codey Park - Auxiliary Firefighter

Tyler Cressman - Auxiliary Firefighter

Major Accomplishments

Took delivery of a new triple combination pumper from Fort Garry Fire Trucks.

Hosted Justice Institute of British Columbia courses in emergency management and confined space rescue.

Development of an Emergency Notification system for our citizens.

Participated in the pilot project with the Government of Saskatchewan for a public media emergency warning system.

Activated an on-line weather alert program.

The first homes are now being built in the areas designated for residential fire sprinklers.

Future Initiatives

Review Master Plan and present for City Council adoption.
Train all members in water rescue using the boat.
Complete re-write of the Municipal Emergency Plan.

Emergency Preparedness

EMO Coordinator attended the Disaster Forum Conference in Banff, AB.
2 members completed the Emergency Management Certificate and 4 members started the program.
Responded to minor spring flooding caused by ice jams.
Assisted the area Fire Departments in responding to major grass fires in the spring.

Community Involvement

The Swift Current Firefighters Charitable Foundation donated around \$13,000 throughout the year of 2014. Most of the donations were local to things including:

Salvation Army Christmas Campaign
Kids in Safe Seats
Royal Canadian Legion
Swift Current Minor Football
Swift Current District Music Festival
Dr. Noble Irwin Foundation
Burn Fund
Various Local Families
Muscular Dystrophy Canada
West Bank Bible College
Southwest Victims Services
Juvenile Diabetes Association
The ALS Association

Raised Over \$12,400
Donated Over \$13,000

The Tye Variety Show is a major fundraiser for the Swift Current Firefighters Charitable Foundation. The event is family orientated providing free tickets to all elementary school children by the local individuals and business to enjoy an evening of comedy, illusions and juggling. This fundraising effort has been ongoing for approximately 30 years with annual net proceeds in excess of \$6,000. Proceeds stay within the community meeting local immediate needs and benefiting established charities.

The Foundation wishes to thank the administration for their support of the Tye Variety Show helping to make it possible to raise money for local needs.

The Charity partnered with the Dr. Noble Irwin Health Care Foundation and Swift Current Ambulance for an Annual Charity Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Dr. Noble Irwin Health Care Foundation and SPFFA Burn Fund. The 7th Annual Golf Tournament organized June 2014 was a great success, raising over \$6,400 for the charity which went towards the Saskatchewan Professional Firefighters Burn Fund.

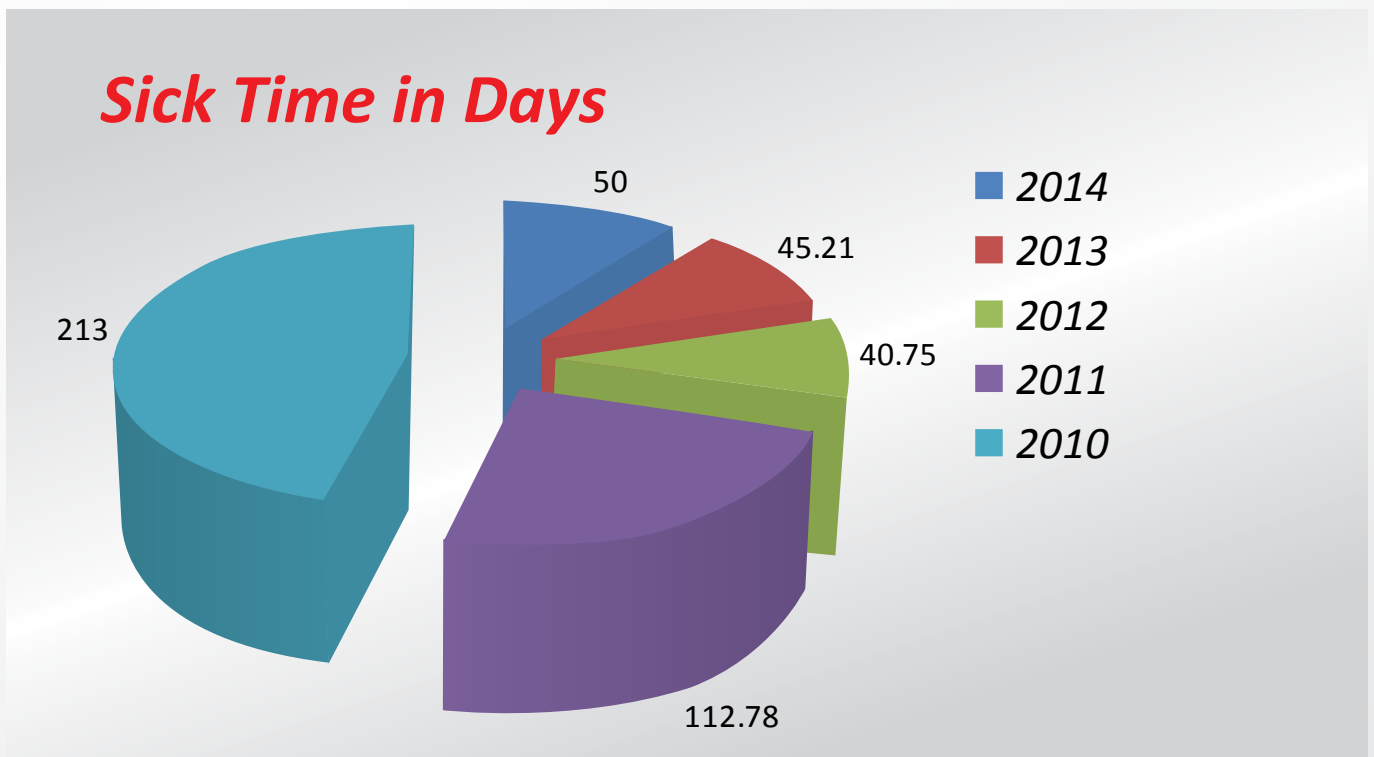
Certifications

In 2014 the department has been certified in these courses:

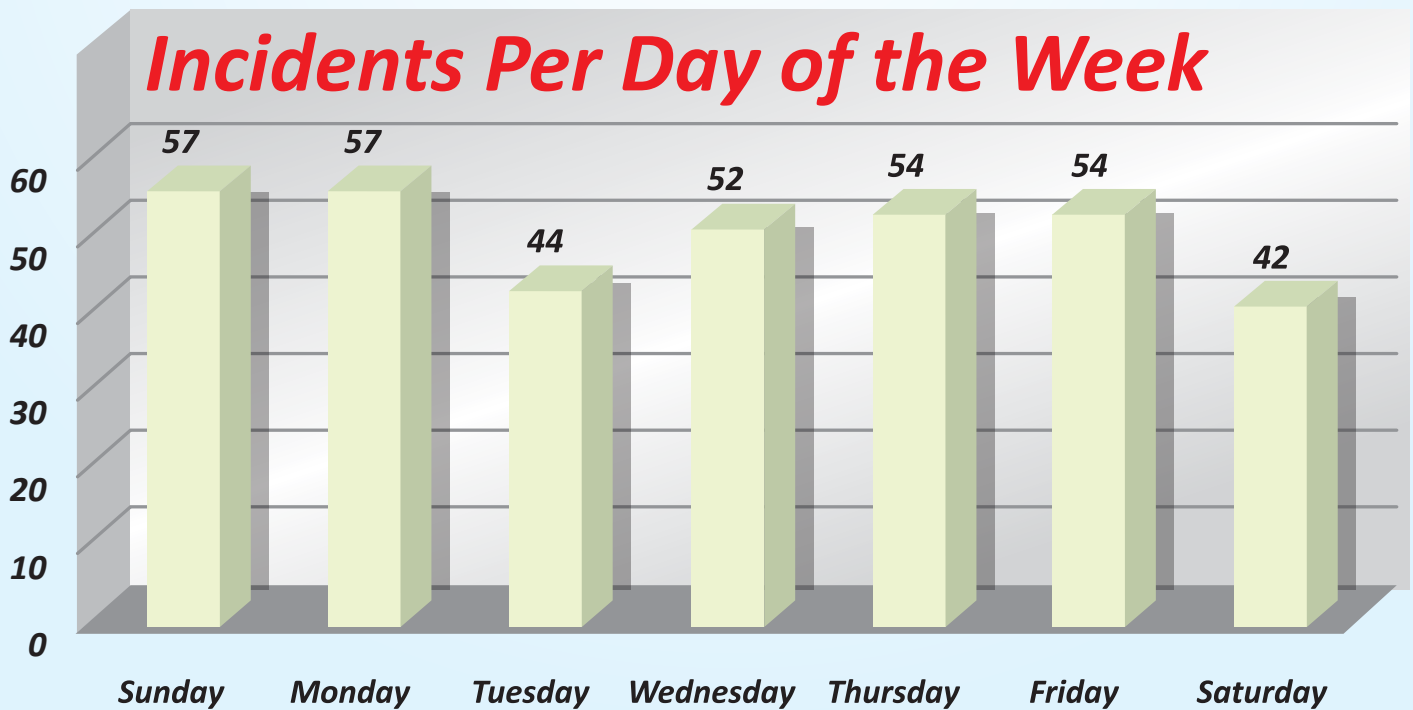
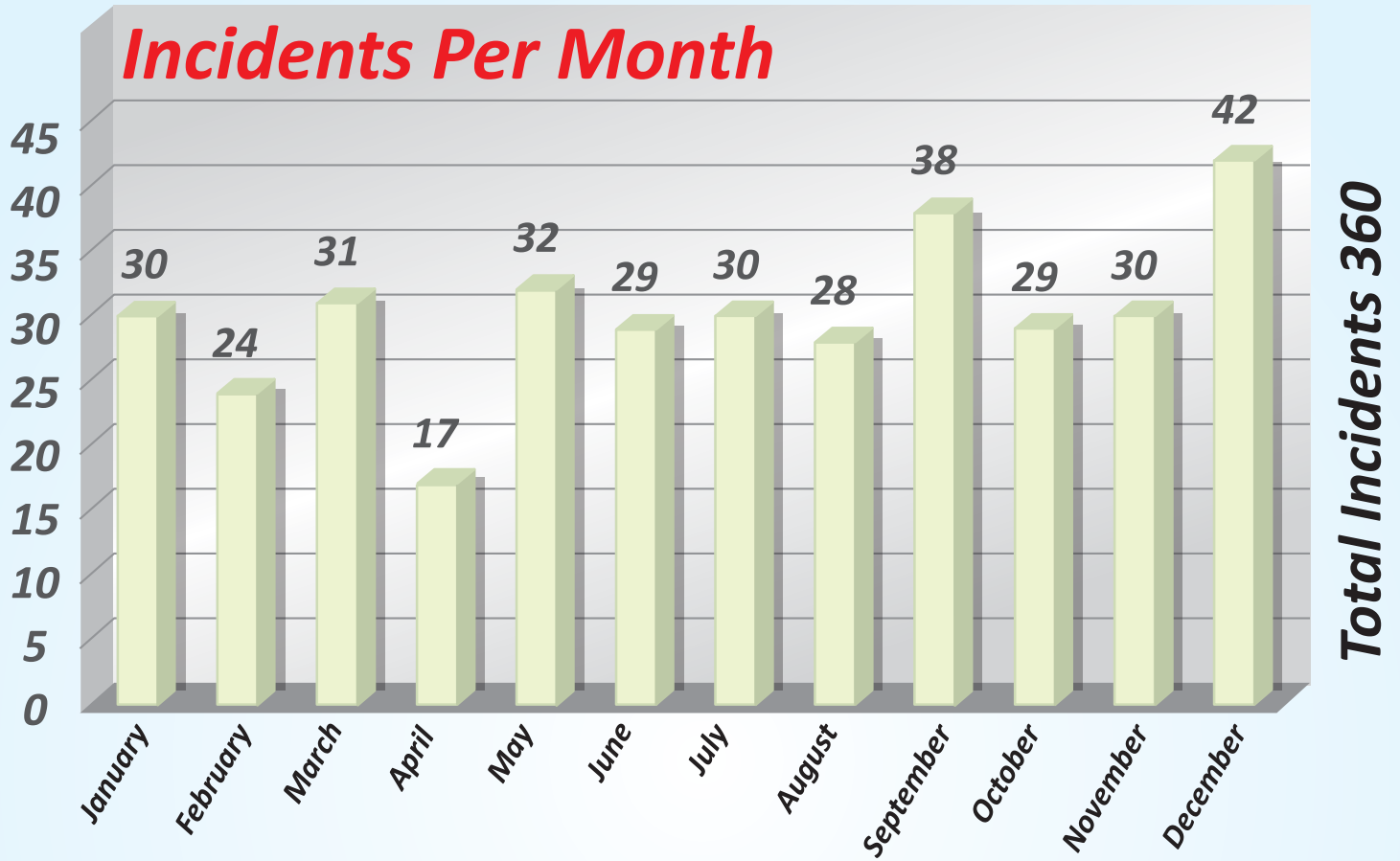
| Fire Certificates | # of Firefighters |
|--|--------------------------|
| Confined Space Rescue Technician | 6 |
| Fire Officer Level III NFPA 1021 | 1 |
| Fire Officer Level IIII NFPA 1021 | 1 |
| Fire Service Inspector NFPA 1031 Level I | 3 |
| Supervisory Essentials Training | 4 |
| ICS 400 | 7 |
| Tank & Hazardous Materials Seminar | 2 |
| Crude By Rail SERTC | 5 |
| Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) | 17 |
| Understanding Commercial Kitchen Systems | 1 |

| EMS Certificates | # of Firefighters |
|---|--------------------------|
| Heart & Stroke Foundation CPR Instructors | 16 |
| Emergency Medical Technician | 18 |

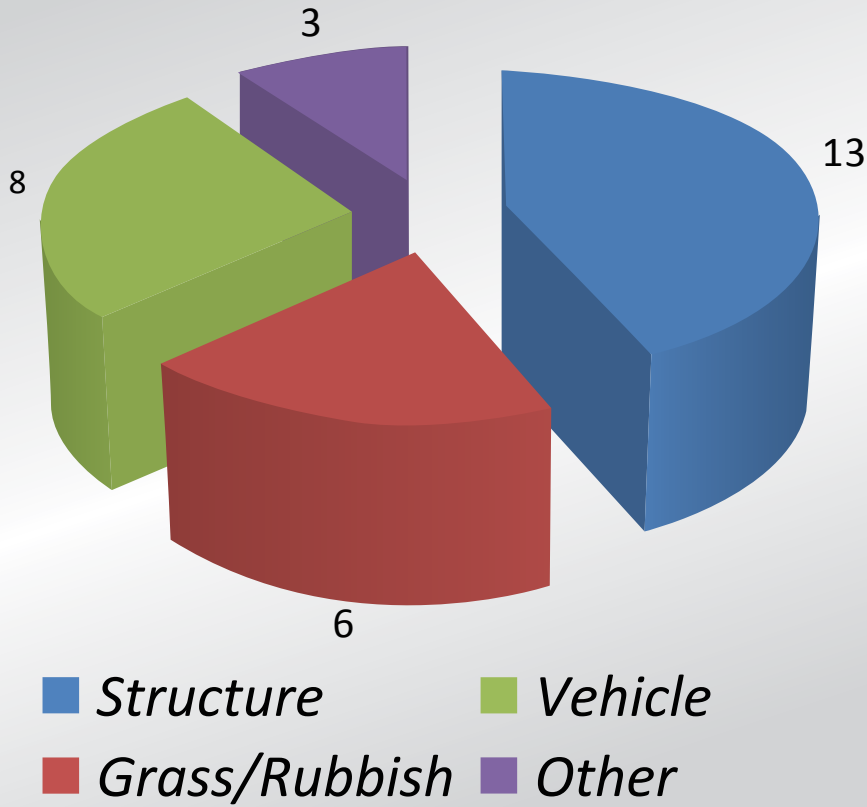
The Swift Current Fire Department takes pride in the training and certification of its firefighters. Over the course of this year there was not a lot of new training implemented, however with many of the courses we have been certified in over the years, we must spend a lot of time throughout the year working on maintaining these skills.



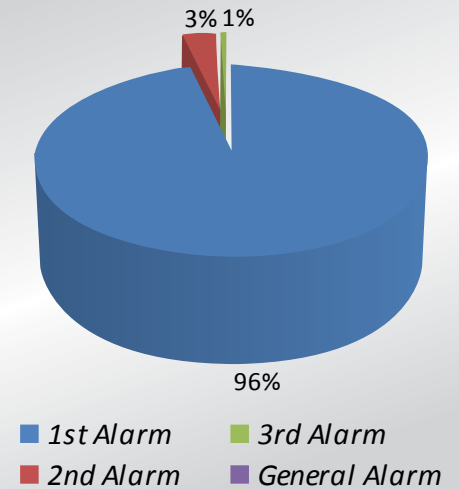
Fire Incidents



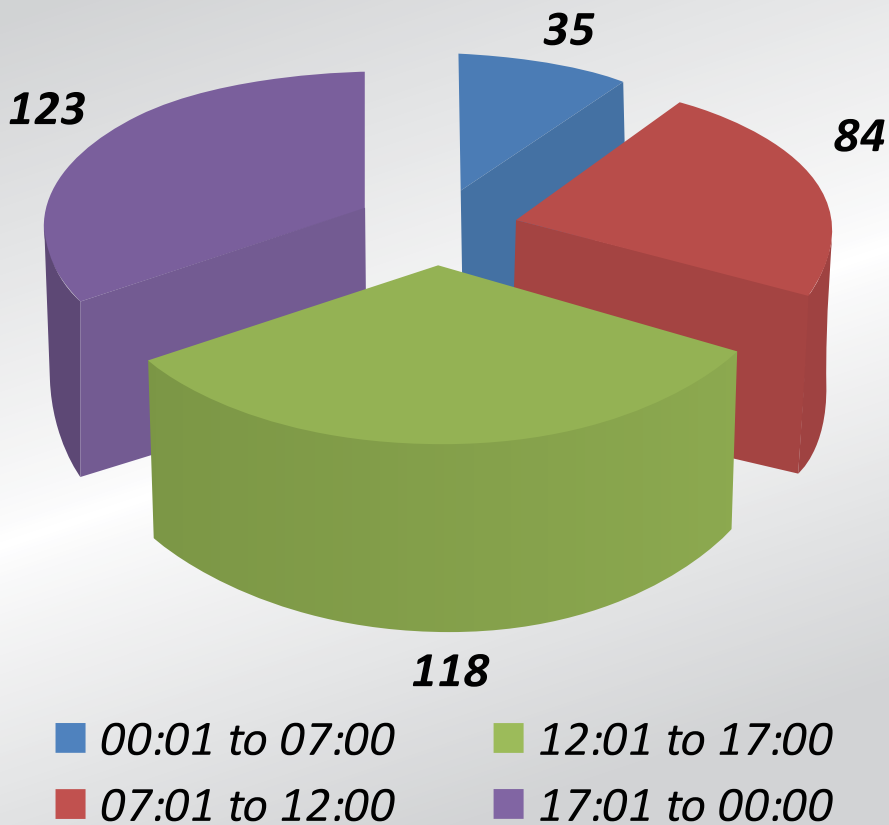
Fire Incidents by Type



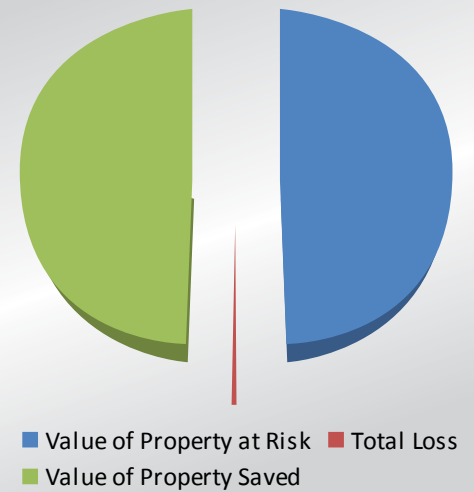
Alarm Level 2014



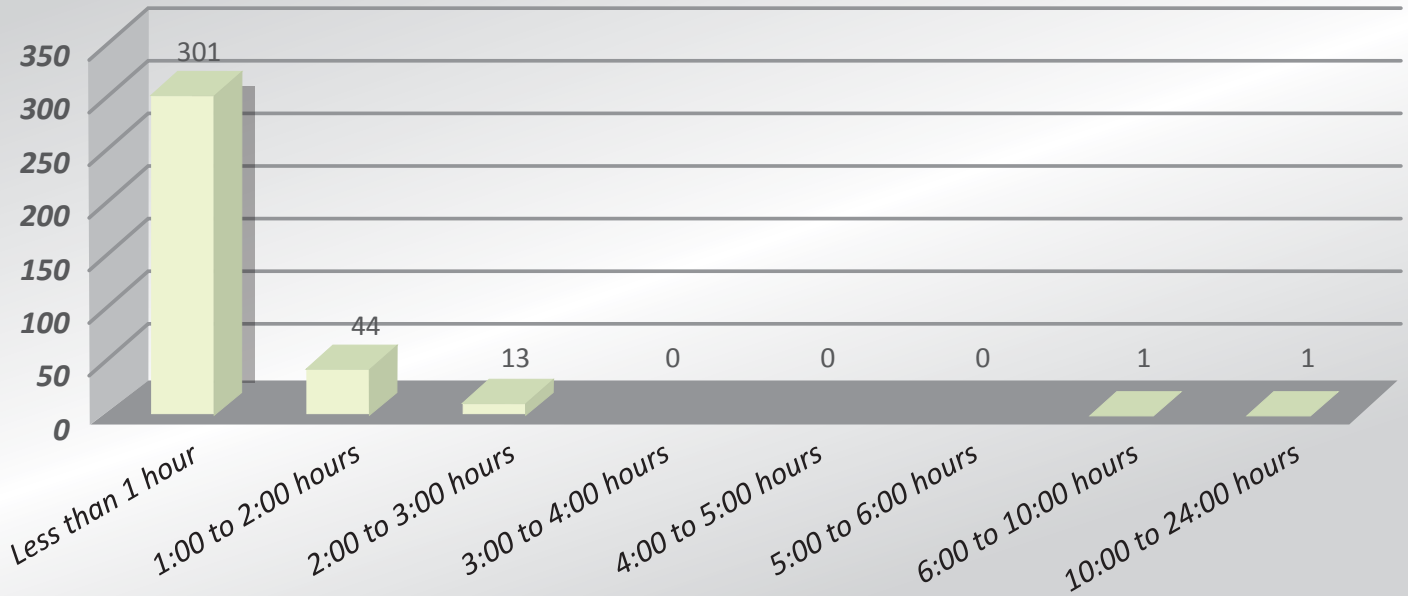
Fire Incidents by Time of Day



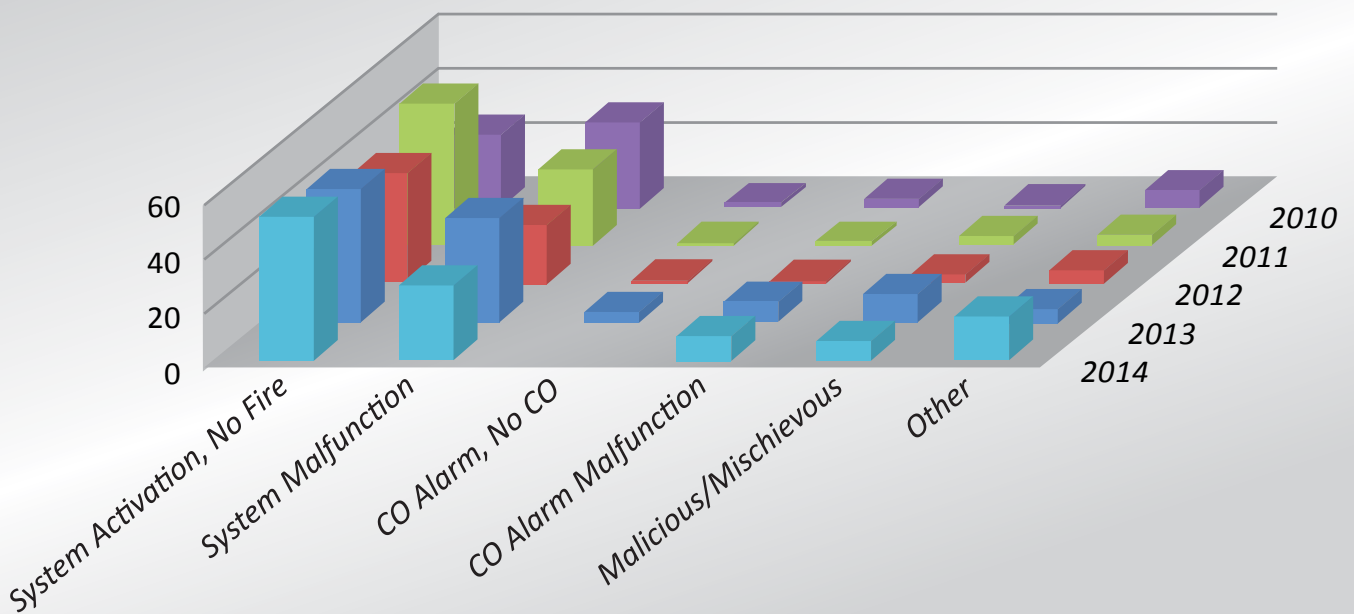
Value of Property Saved



Fire Incident Duration



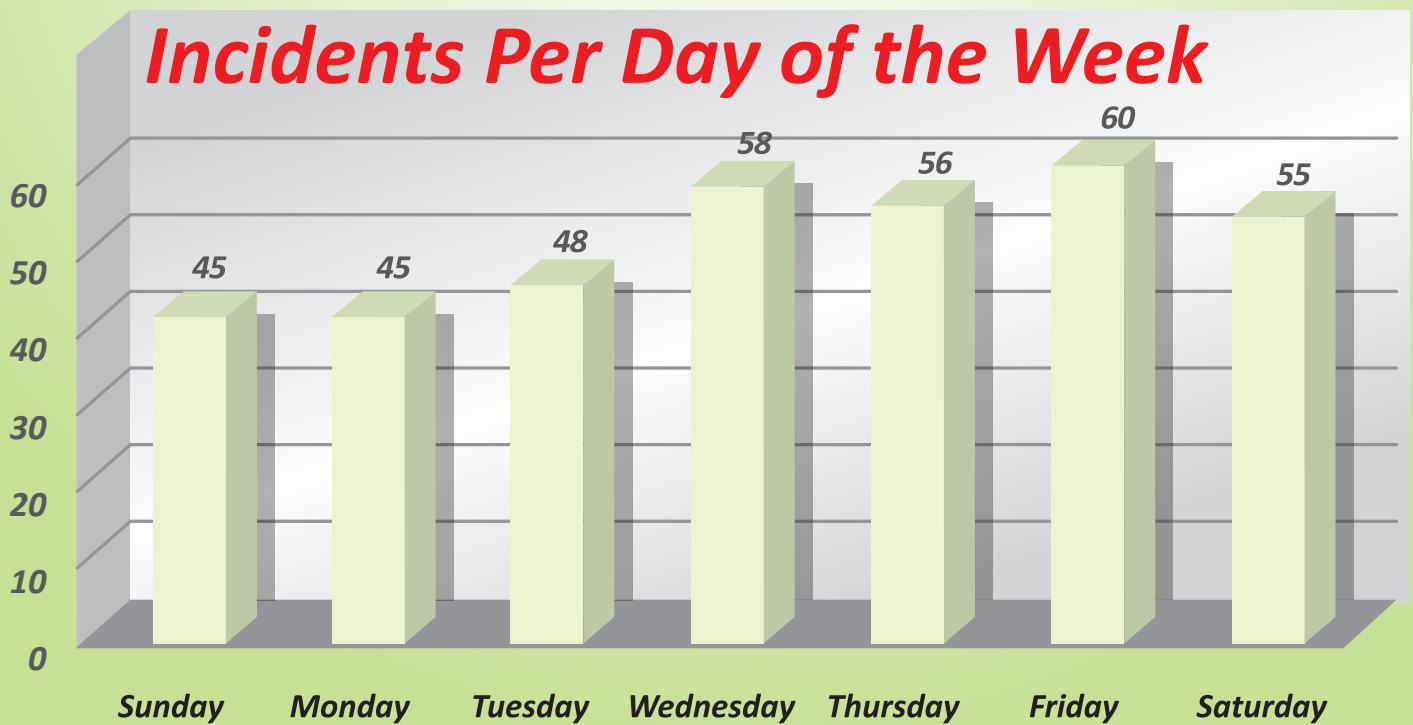
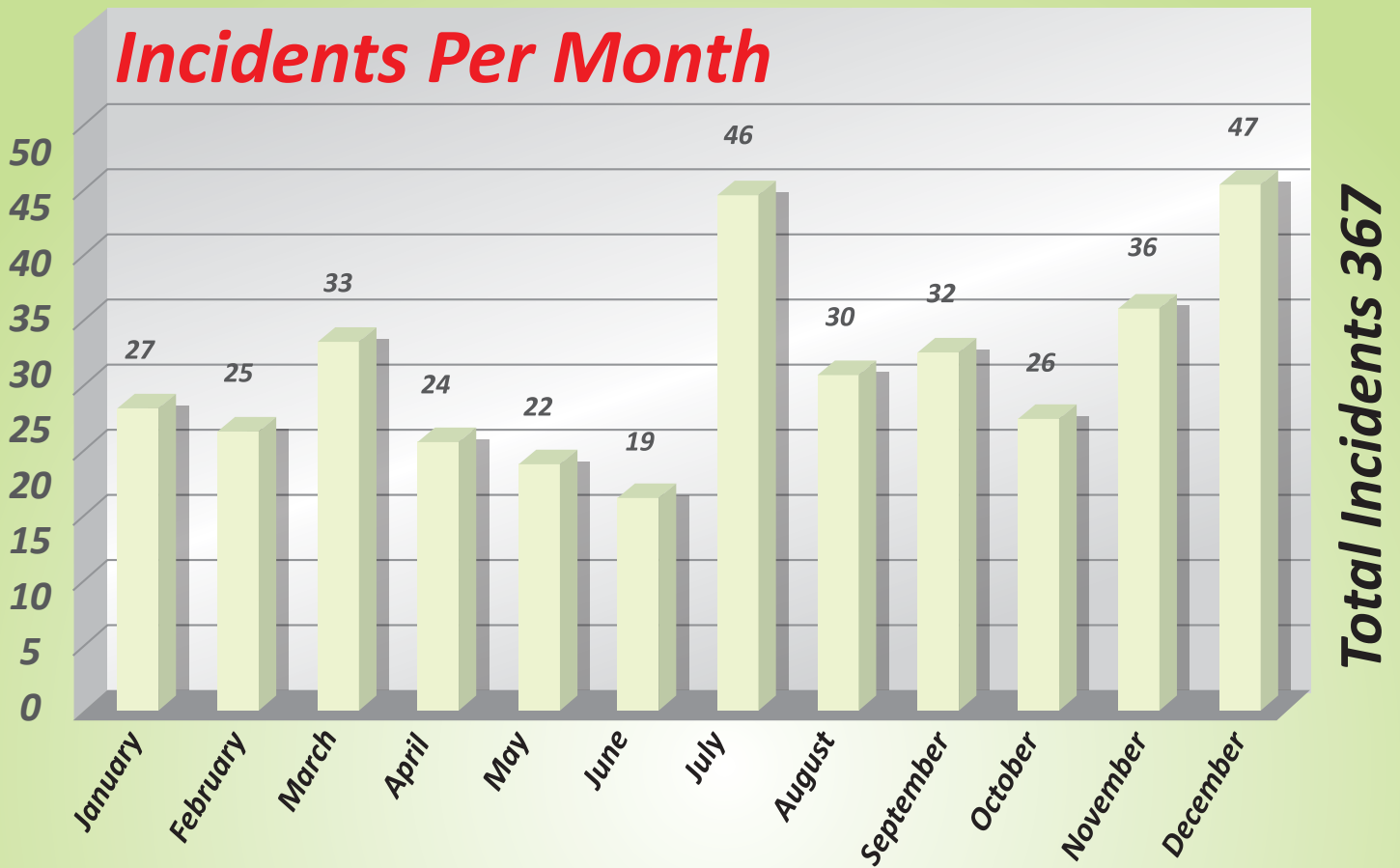
False Alarms



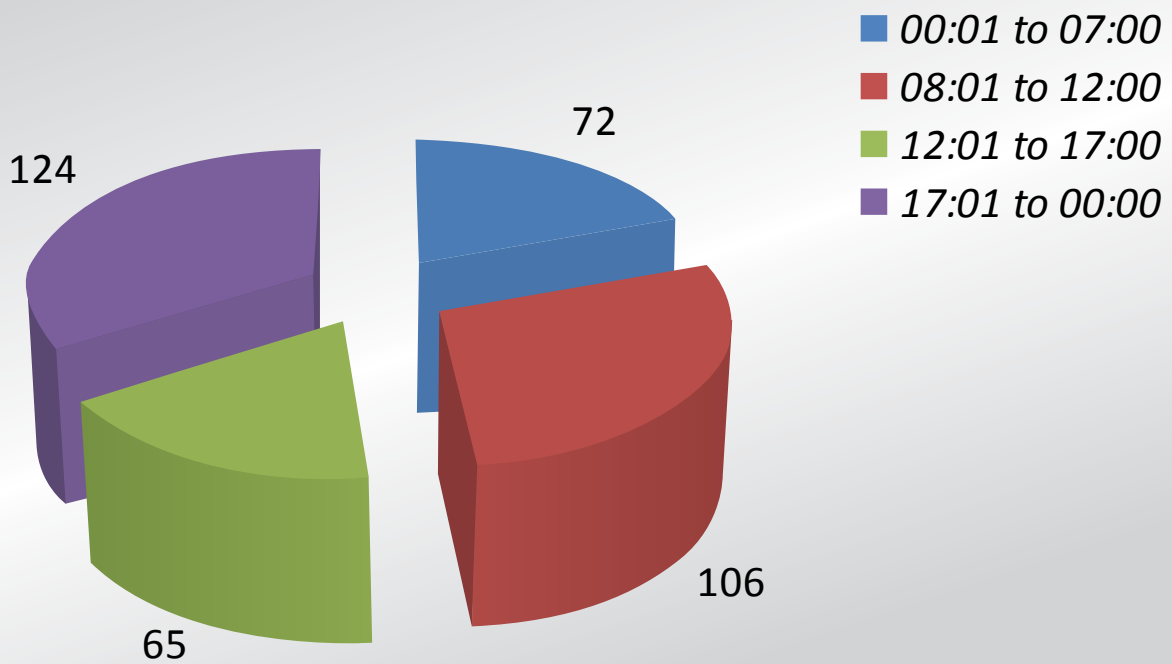
Rural Responses

| | Fire | Vehicle Ext | Rescue | Hazmat | Other | Total | Dollar Loss |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| RM of Swift Current # 137 | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 7 | 18 | \$8,700 |
| RM of Gull Lake # 139 | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| RM Excelsior # 166 | 3 | | | | 2 | 5 | \$44,500 |
| RM of Saskatchewan Landing # 167 | | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| RM of Fox Valley # 171 | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Total | | | | | | 27 | |

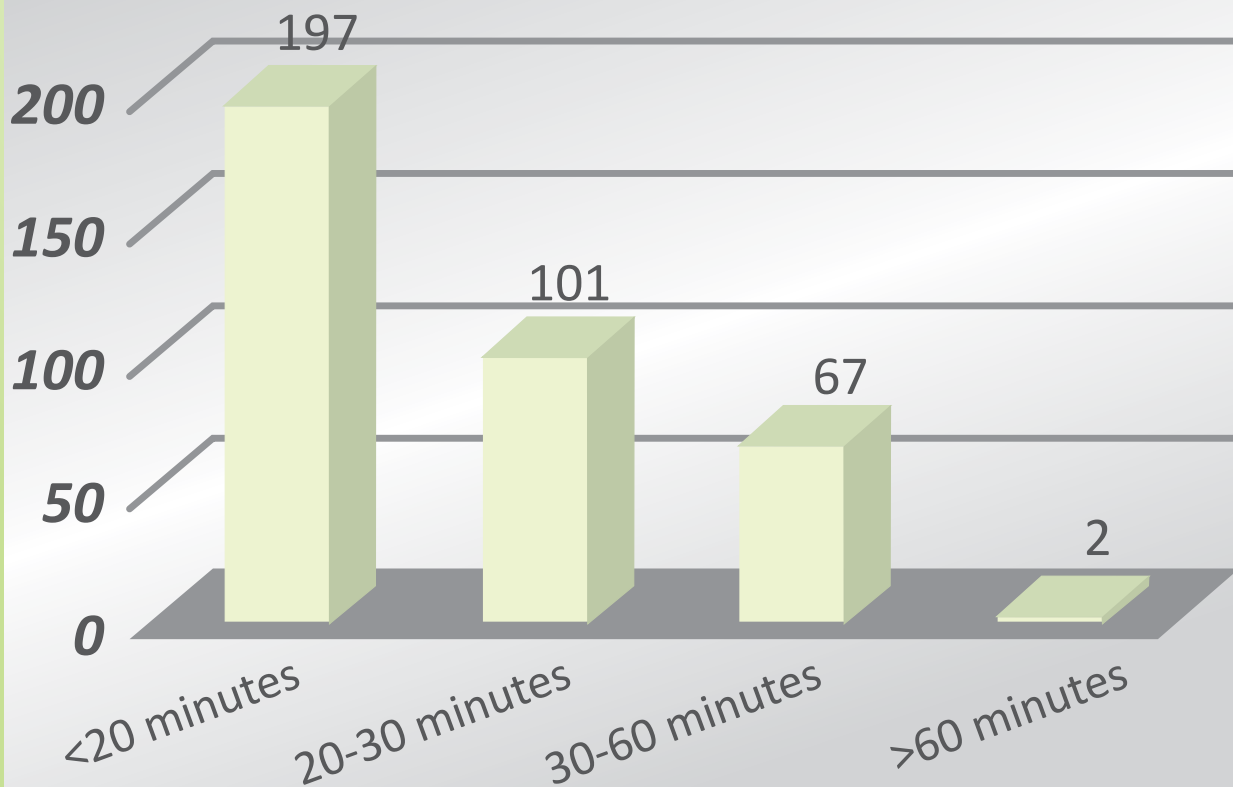
EMS Incidents



EMS Incidents by Time of Day

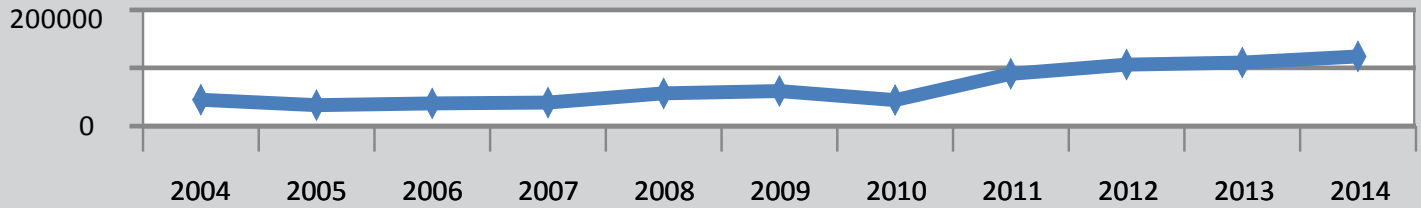


EMS Incident Duration

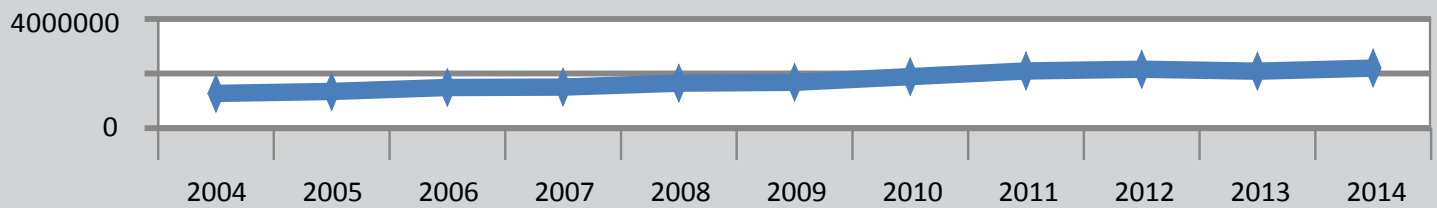


Budget

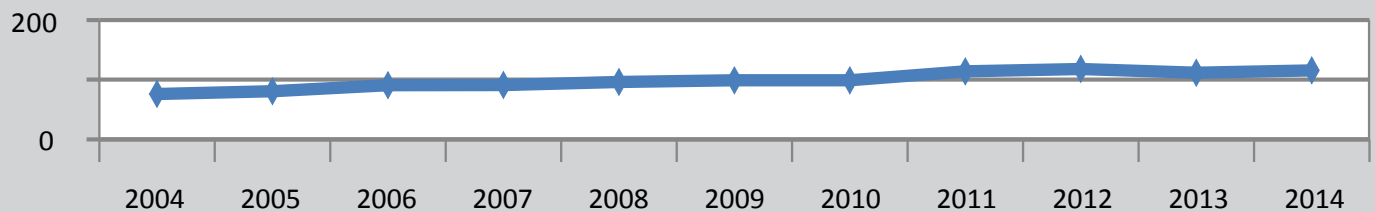
10 YEAR REVENUE COMPARISON



10 YEAR OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON



10 YEAR COST PER CAPITA COMPARISON



OUR FLEET — APPARATUS'

Engine 3: This is a rescue pumper and is the first responding unit to any emergency in the city. This vehicle is used for fire suppression, vehicle extrication, and general rescue. It is also used for vehicle extrication outside city limits.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Vehicle ID | E3 |
| Model | Fort Garry/Spartan |
| Year | 2014 |
| Age | 1 |
| Water Tank Cap. | 2725 Litres |
| Pump Cap. | 4000 L/min |
| Year of Replacement | 2039 |
| Hours in 2014 | 126 |
| Kilometres in 2014 | 1806 |



Engine 2: This apparatus is the first unit responding to rural incidents and is the second unit for in-city incidents.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Vehicle ID | E2 |
| Model | Fort Garry/Spartan |
| Year | 2002 |
| Age | 13 |
| Water Tank Cap. | 2700 Litres |
| Pump Cap. | 7000 L/min |
| Year of Replacement | 2027 |
| Hours in 2014 | 203 |
| Kilometres in 2014 | 3190 |



OUR FLEET — APPARATUS'

Ladder 2: This apparatus is used for elevated rescue and for firefighting. This unit is the second truck out for incidents within the city limits. This unit can also be used as a fire pumper. The ladder length is 30 meters.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Vehicle ID | L2 |
| Model | Fort Garry/Spartan |
| Year | 2006 |
| Age | 9 |
| Water Tank Cap. | 1350 Litres |
| Pump Cap. | 7000 L/min |
| Year of Replacement | 2036 |
| Hours in 2014 | 63 |
| Kilometres in 2014 | 419 |



Tanker 2: This unit is used for water supply for our rural incidents and for incidents in the city where there are no hydrants. It can also be used as a fire pumper.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Vehicle ID | T2 |
| Model | Fort Garry/Freightliner |
| Year | 2013 |
| Age | 2 |
| Water Tank Cap. | 9100 Litres |
| Year of Replacement | 2038 |
| Hours in 2014 | 52 |
| Kilometres in 2014 | 872 |



Rescue 2: This unit is used for wildland firefighting and medical response.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Vehicle ID | U1 |
| Model | Ford |
| Year | 2008 |
| Age | 7 |
| Water Tank Cap. | 832 Litres |
| Pump Cap. | 300 L/min |
| Year of Replacement | 2023 |
| Hours in 2014 | 412 |
| Kilometres in 2014 | 8142 |



OUR FLEET — COMMAND VEHICLES



Command 1: This unit is used by the Deputy of Fire Prevention.



Command 2: This unit is used by the Fire Chief.



Command 3: This unit is used by the Deputy of Operations.

OUR FLEET — SUPPORT VEHICLES

Rescue 2: This trailer is used to store our specialty equipment for such things as high angle rescue, confined space rescue, and ice/water rescue.



HazMat 2: This trailer stores equipment and material used to mitigate fuel, oil, or other hazardous materials spills.



Rescue Boat: This unit will be used at times of high water levels in the Swift Current Creek and surrounding areas.



HISTORIC APPARATUS'

Ladder 1, 1929 Chevrolet



Pumper 4, 1940 Dodge Seagrave



Pumper 3, 1969 King





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