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2019 ANNUAL REPORT FROM: TYLER MOFFITT – FIRE CHIEF/CEMC

Message from the Fire Chief/CEMC



It is a true honour to present the Fort Frances Fire Rescue Service 2019 Annual Report. 2019 was a productive year for our community's Fire Rescue Service; I am proud of all the hard work our team members have put in, and the many accomplishments we have achieved throughout the course of the year.

As we look towards 2020 as being a very challenging year, we must look back at 2019 as being a successful year.

We could not provide our level of service without the aid and assistance of all our community partners and Town Divisions. I would like to thank everyone who was a part of helping us serve our Town residents, businesses, and visitors in 2019.

Our Fire Rescue Service Team Members are truly committed to safely protecting life, property, the environment, and the economy of the Town of Fort Frances through Public Fire Safety Education, Fire Safety Inspections and Initiatives, and when all else fails ... Emergency Response.

This report provides a glimpse into the daily operations of our Fire Rescue Service. It is always an honour and a privilege to open the doors of our organization to the people we serve with Pride & Honour.

Meanwhile, I am a long-time resident of the Town of Fort Frances. My roots and background run deep within our town's Fire Rescue Service; I have truly enjoyed serving my community for over 33-plus-years.

Sincerely,

Tyler Moffitt



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2019 Team Members – Fort Frances Fire Rescue Service

Name	Rank
Tyler Moffitt	Fire Chief/CEMC
Dave Crichton	Captain of Apparatus and Equipment
Wayne Riches	Captain of Fire Prevention and Education
Rob Dokuchie	Captain of Training
Doug Wright	1st Class Firefighter
Gavin Payne	2nd Class Firefighter
Brad Townson	3rd Class Firefighter
Daryl Eyolfson	Part Time Firefighter
Greg Wiendenhoeft	Part Time Firefighter
Real DeGagne	Part Time Firefighter
Rob Smith	Part Time Firefighter
Mike Barlow	Part Time Firefighter
Tim Beaulne	Part Time Firefighter
Tyler Yatchuk	Part Time Firefighter
Jarid Sandelovich	Part Time Firefighter
Kyle Pace	Part Time Firefighter
Jeff Rousseau	Part Time Firefighter
Kevin Douse	Part Time Firefighter
Andrew Roth	Probationary Part Time Firefighter
Marc-Andre Michon	Probationary Part Time Firefighter
Richard Levesque	Probationary Part Time Firefighter

Emergency Response Calls for 2019

Note: The Miscellaneous Fire category includes cooking or pot/pan on stove fires, electrical equipment fires, electrical pole fires, ignition of fumes, dumpster fires, chimney or flue fires, grass, and rubbish fires. The Miscellaneous Calls category includes power lines down, and/or arcing, flood in buildings, public assistance, gas, fuel, oil leaks, etc. The following two graphs shows the Total Incidents Per Year (2014 – 2019) and our 2019 Emergency Response Calls by event type.



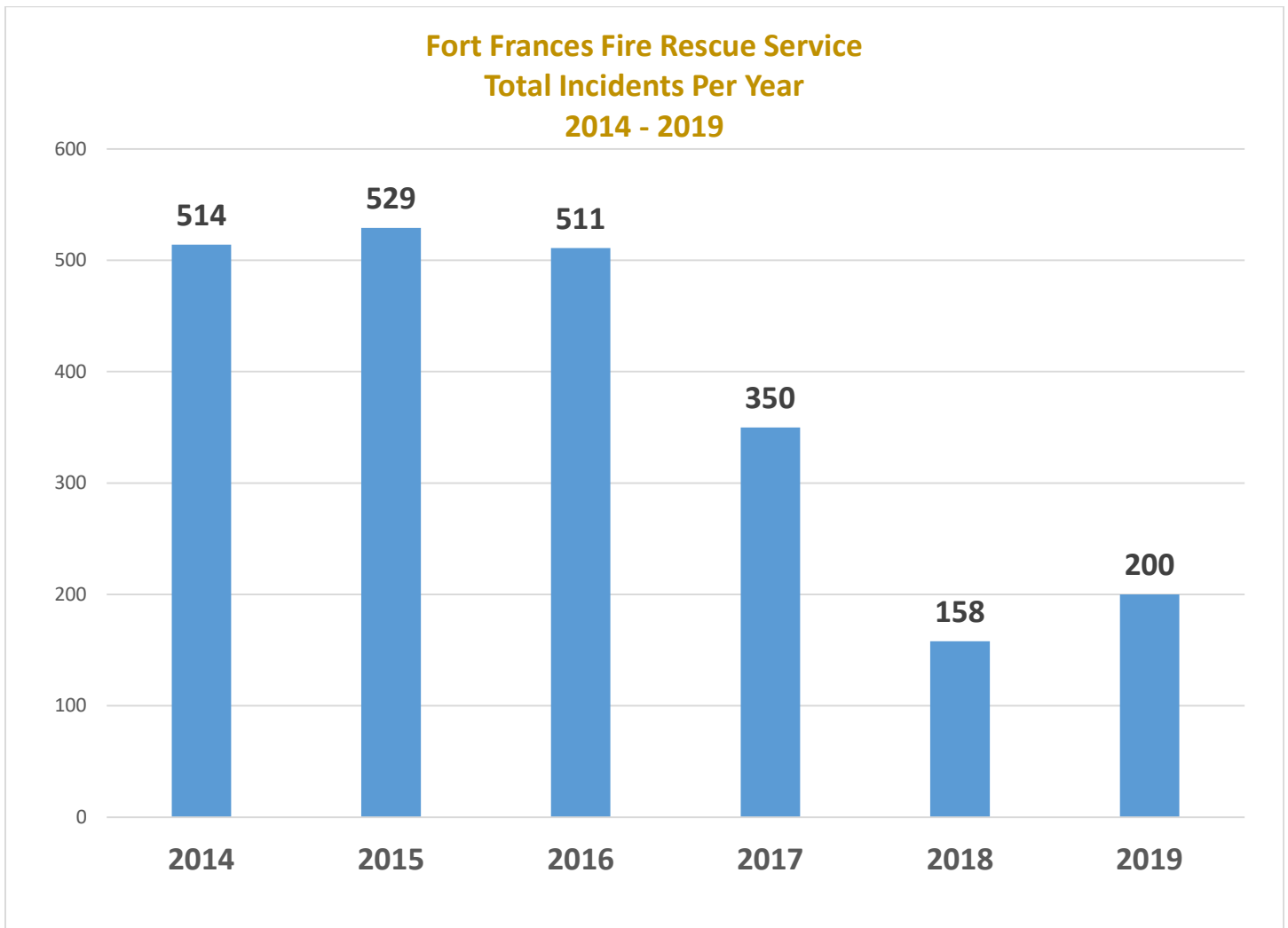
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Note: The 3-year average for **Total Incidents** from **2014 – 2016** was **518 Total Incidents**. As you can see, after serving as Fire Chief/CEMC for just over 3-years ... the 3-year average for **Total Incidents** from **2017 – 2019** dropped significantly to **236 Total Incidents**. Our Fire Rescue Service has reduced our **Total Incidents** by **120%** ... as compared to the previous 3-years. This achievement is the result of new leadership, as well as dedicated people (team members) who were willing to adapt to change, work hard, and who continuously looked to improve and meet the needs of the community.



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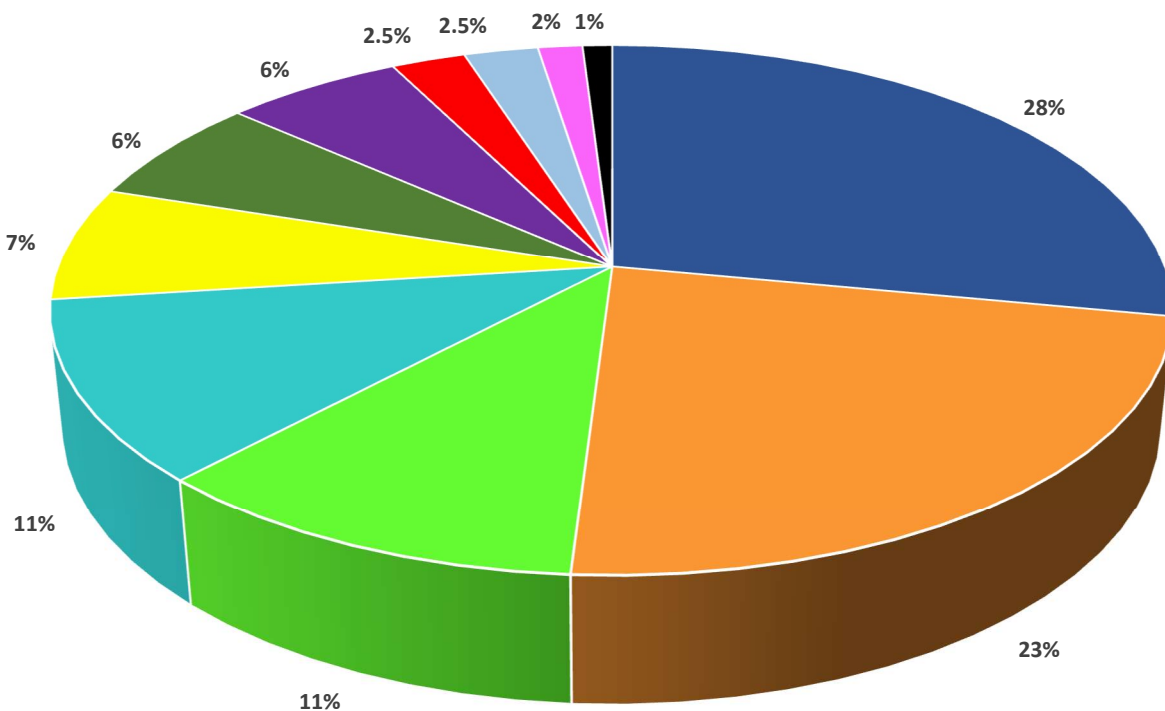
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2019 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS



- EMS Calls
- False Alarms
- Miscellaneous Fires
- Vehicle Crashes
- Miscellaneous Calls
- Carbon Monoxide Calls
- Natural Gas Leaks
- Structure Fires
- Water Related Calls
- Vehicle Fires
- Hazardous Materials Calls



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2019 Breakdown of 200 Emergency Response Calls	
EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Calls	56
False Alarm Calls	46
Miscellaneous Fires	22
Vehicle Crashes	22
Miscellaneous Calls	14
Carbon Monoxide Calls	13
Natural Gas Leaks	12
Structure Fires	5
Water Related Calls	5
Vehicle Fires	3
Hazardous Materials Calls	2

2019 Percentage Breakdown of 200 Emergency Response Calls

In **2018**, our team members responded to **158** Emergency Response Calls. For **2019**, we responded to **200** Emergency Response Calls, which is a **26%** increase in calls as compared to **2018**. **Note:** In **2018**, there were no structure fires, which was a historic accomplishment for the Town of Fort Frances. Unfortunately, in **2019** there were **five structure fires**.

EMS Calls: Accounted for **28%** of our calls. In comparison, for 2017 there were 208 EMS calls. For 2018, there were 28 (180 less than in 2017) EMS calls. For 2019, our EMS calls doubled as compared to 2018.

False Alarms: Accounted for **23%** of our calls.

Miscellaneous Fires: Accounted for **11%** of our calls.

Vehicle Crashes: Accounted for **11%** of our calls.

Miscellaneous Calls: Accounted for **7%** of our calls.

Carbon Monoxide Calls: Accounted for **6%** of our calls.

Natural Gas Leaks: Accounted for **6%** of our calls.

Structure Fires: Accounted for **2.5%** of our calls.

Water Related Calls: Accounted for **2.5%** of our calls.

Vehicle Fires: Accounted for **2%** of our calls.

Hazardous Materials Calls: Accounted for **1%** of our calls.



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Fire Safety Inspections ... we inspect to correct

A total of **231** Inspections / Re-inspections were completed in 2019, which is an **8.5% increase** from last year 2018 (213 Inspections / Re-inspections). In comparison, 2019 stats were a **34% increase** from 2017 (172 Inspections / Re-inspections), and a **172% increase** from 2016 (85 Inspections / Re-inspections).

2019 Achievements & Accomplishments

1. Continuously improved our Fire Safety Inspection Program.
2. Placed six new breathing apparatus air cylinders into service.
3. Placed new Air Monitors & Testing/Charging Station into service.
4. Brad Townson achieved his NFPA 1002 Pump Operator certification.
5. Fulltime Team Members re-certified their First Responder certification.
6. Successfully tendered for a new pumper fire truck to be delivered in 2020.
7. Had a successful Fire Safety Education Program for the year and Fire Prevention Week.
8. Mike Barlow and Tyler Yatchuk achieved their NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor Level I certification.
9. Successfully received and placed the new back-up generator at the Fort Frances High School.
10. Completed fire safety inspections and supervised fire drills at all vulnerable and care occupancies.
11. Brad Townson, Mike Barlow, and Tyler Yatchuk achieved their NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level I certification.
12. Installed bunker gear washer-extractor and bunker gear drying machine to ensure that contaminated bunker gear is safely and properly cleaned and decontaminated.
13. Last August 2018, Wayne Riches and Doug Wright attended the Grimsby Regional Training Centre in Grimsby, Ontario for a NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator course. It was a lengthy process as we needed actual structure fires to investigate, which in 2018 we did not have any. In 2019, we had five structure fires to investigate. Wayne Riches and Doug Wright submitted their final assignments to the Ontario Fire College and were both successful in attaining their NFPA 1033 - Fire Investigator certification.

Public Fire Safety Education / Public Events / Public Service / Highlights

Weekly Fire Safety Tips were printed in the Thursday edition of the Fort Frances Times Bulletin. As well, Fire & Life Safety Tips were posted on our towns official Facebook Page on a weekly basis. Meanwhile, the following are some photos of our team members engagement with the people within our community ... who we serve with Pride & Honour:



Team members partnered with the Watten Fire Department and visited the local Sparks and Brownies



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Business & Community Expo 2019 – Fort Frances Curling Club



July 1st Parade



Recreation Program Crew – Fort Frances Fire Hall



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Fire Prevention Week and Fire Safety Day – Canadian Tire



November 11th Ceremonies



Christmas Hampers – Salvation Army