

2014 FARGO FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



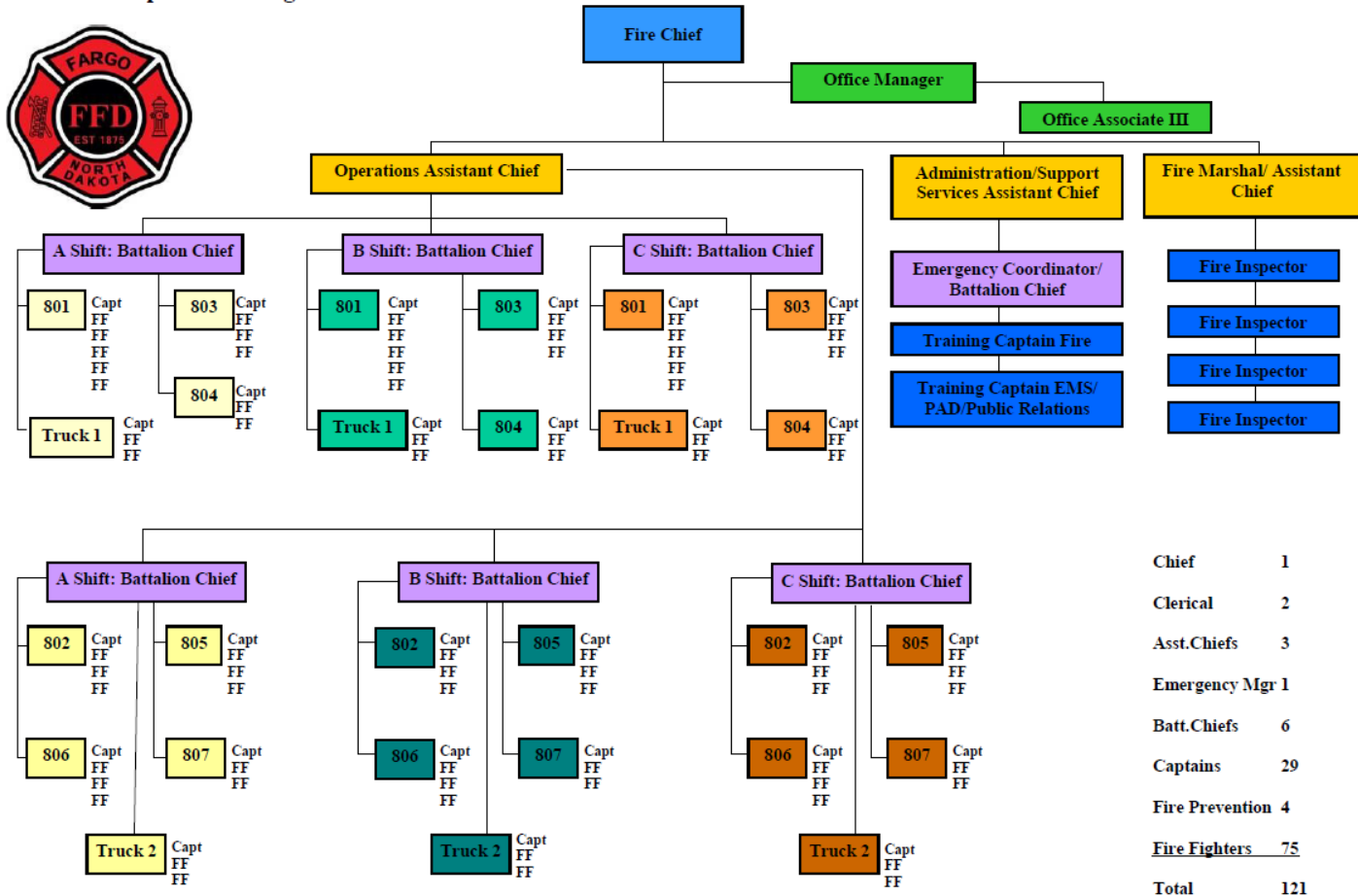
PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.



Fargo Fire Department Organizational Chart 2014



2014 Fire Department Organizational Chart



Message From the Chief



On behalf of the members of the Fargo Fire Department I am truly honored to present to you our 2014 Annual Report. 2014 was another outstanding year for the Fargo Fire Department. As you will see in this report Fargo continues to remain one of the safest communities to live in when it comes to fire and other related emergencies. While our number of calls for service has again increased, the number of fires and the property loss has decreased compared to 2013.

The mission of the Fargo Fire Department is:

Protect lives and property from fire and other emergencies; to respond in a professional and courteous manner; to reduce the rate of emergencies through public education and code enforcement.

This report reflects the hard work and dedication of the employees of the Department who make significant sacrifices to ensure that the citizens and visitors of the City of Fargo receive the quality level of service they have become accustomed to.

The following are some of our major accomplishments for 2014:

- Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rates Fargo as a Class 2 community. The Public Protection Classification rates communities on a scale from 1 to 10. This rating places Fargo in the top 725 fire departments out of nearly 42,000 in the country.
- Regional Response Training. Fargo Fire and Jamestown Fire conducted three training exercises geared toward ensuring both departments are able to meet response requirement expectations of the Memorandums of Understanding that each department has with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services.
- Community Resiliency Program. The Fargo Fire Department partnered with the American Red Cross to provide smoke detectors and safety information to the Madison Neighborhood and Countryside Trailer Court.
- Fire Protection System Plan Review Class. Members of the Fire Prevention Bureau and other fire prevention specialists from around the state met in Fargo to work to become certified as fire sprinkler plan reviewers.
- Retirements. 2014 saw the retirements of three long time employees. Fire Marshal Norm Scott and Assistant Chiefs Steve Balstad and Larry Schuh retired after a combined 123 years of service. These three gentlemen are among only 16 employees to reach 40 years of employment with the Fargo Fire Department.
- Policy and Guideline Review. The department completed a review of all policies and guidelines to ensure they meet industry standards.
- 14 fire department personnel attended Crude by Rail Training at the American Association of Railroad's Transportation Test Center in Pueblo, Colorado.
- 12 fire department personnel attended a number of classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.

As the community continues to grow so do the needs of the Fargo Fire Department. The need for a fire station in south Fargo is becoming more evident. In this area, there continue to be more calls for service and response times from the nearest fire station are longer.

I am reminded daily of the great service the Fargo Fire Department provides this community. I am proud of the work we do and I am thankful for the support we receive from our City Commission, other city departments, and the community. I want to thank everyone who helped make 2014 a safe year.

Fire Chief
Steven J. Dirksen

2014 Year Review

Services

The Fargo Fire Department Suppression Division responds to all fires, fire alarm notifications, emergency medical calls, hazardous materials responses, and technical rescues. The operations members also perform company level inspections in all businesses within the city. This division also works in conjunction with the City of Fargo Hydrants and Mains Division to flush all 6,400 fire hydrants in the city.



The Support Services Division is staffed with an Assistant Fire Chief, one Emergency Manager/Battalion Chief, and 2 Training Captains. This division is responsible for all training conducted within the department. This division also oversees all equipment, maintenance, and training records for the department. The Administration Division coordinates all public relations activities, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and the HeartSafe Fargo Public Access Defibrillation Program (PAD).

The Fire Prevention Bureau is staffed with 4 Fire Inspector/Investigators and an Assistant Chief who serves as the Fire Marshal. The FPB annually inspects all schools, churches, gas stations, medical facilities, bars and restaurants. The FPB also provides the "Learn Not to Burn Program" in all schools in the city.

2014 Year Review Continued...

Resources

The Fire Department operates out of 7 fire stations strategically located throughout the City. Our daily staffing is 35 personnel with a minimum of 27 personnel on duty each day. There are 7 engine companies and 2 truck companies and 2 command vehicles in service each day to serve the needs of the citizens and visitors of the City of Fargo.



The Fargo Fire Department has entered into two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the State of North Dakota. The MOU's are for Hazardous Materials response and Technical Rescue response to the Southeast Region of the State.

2014 Year Review Continued...

Insurance Services Organization (ISO)

Public Protection Classification (PPC) ISO collects information on more than 47,000 municipal fire-protection communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria. Fargo Fire Departments currently has a community classification of 2. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. By securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

2014 Year Review Continued...



Mission

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2014 Year Review Continued...



Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Accreditation

In 2014 the Fargo Fire Department completed its fourth year as an accredited fire department. The accreditation was initially granted for a five year period. Out of 32,000 fire departments in the United States, there are 155 accredited fire departments. The Fargo Fire Department is the only fire department in North Dakota that is accredited. During the interim years fire departments are asked to submit annual compliance reports. The FFD submitted its report in August and received information that we continue to be a member in good standing.



2014 Year Overview

All Operations personnel completed annual EMT training and were recertified by the National Registry Of Emergency Medical Technicians

All Fire Companies completed annual training evolutions in accordance with EPA, NFPA, and OSHA standards.

Annual medical exams were conducted for all personnel in compliance with NFPA 1582.

A new Ladder Truck was ordered from Spartan ERV and is scheduled for delivery later in 2015

Annual physical fitness testing was conducted for all personnel.

Flu vaccinations were offered through Fargo/Cass Public Health for all employees.



2014 Year in Overview Continued...

All hose and appliances were tested to NFPA standards.

Conducted promotional examination for the position of Fire Captain.

All ground ladders were tested to NFPA Standards.

A new rescue pumper was received and put into service.



Technical Rescue personnel were Pro Board certified in Confined Space Level 1 and 2, Trench Rescue 1 and have started certification for Structural Collapse. Trench Rescue 2 final testing will be done this summer.

- Eight new Firefighters hired.
- Four Firefighters were promoted to Captain.
- Three Captains promoted to Battalion Chief.
- One Firefighter promoted to Inspector.
- One Inspector promoted to Fire Marshal.

Hiring Firefighters

To Become a Fargo Firefighter candidates must have one of the following:

1. An Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technologies and Administration

-or-

2. Fire Fighter I/II curriculum as approved by the National Fire Academy or 60 college semester hours in any subject.

-or-

3. Completion of 90 college semester hours in any subject.

-or-

4. Equivalent education and experience

Once candidates meet hiring criteria they must complete the following:

- Written examination
- Physical agility test
- Oral interview
- Background investigation
- Pre-employment drug screening
- Psychological examination
- Polygraph examination
- Eye Examination
- Medical examination
- Face piece fit test

2014 Promotions

Promotion to Battalion Chief

5 years experience as a Fargo Fire Captain are required to apply to test for the position of Battalion Chief.



**Battalion Chief
Lee Soeth**



**Battalion Chief
Tim Binfet**



**Battalion Chief
Craig Nelson**

2014 Promotions

Promotion to Fire Captain.

In addition to Firefighter 1 & 2 certifications , and 5 years of experience as a firefighter, firefighters wishing to apply for promotion to captain need to study 6 additional texts in various firefighting disciplines with almost 2000 pages of information and pass a written test and assessment centers.



**Captain
Brad Bessette**



**Captain
Jared Hoover**



**Captain
Paul Meidinger**



**Captain
Jason Underdahl**

2014 Promotions

Inspector Ryan Erickson was promoted to Fire Marshal

Firefighter Dawn Stollenwerk was promoted to Fire Inspector/Investigator



**Fire Marshal
Ryan Erickson**



**Fire Inspector/Investigator
Dawn Stollenwerk**

40 Years Of Service



**Fire Marshal
Norm Scott
1970-2014**

**Only 16
members in the
history of the
Fargo Fire
Department
have served 40
years or more.**



**Assistant Chief
Lawrence Schuh
1974-2014**



**Assistant Chief
Steven Balstad
1974-2014**

30 Years Of Service



**Fire Fighter
Steve Bossert
10-29-1984 to 11-2-2014**



**Captain
Perry Erickson
12-3-1984 to 12-10-2014**

New Firefighters



**Fire Fighter
Jeff Kagol**



**Fire Fighter
Jeremy Engelstad**



**Fire Fighter
Jacob Premo**



**Fire Fighter
Collin Kelly**



**Fire Fighter
Nick Kindelspire**



**Fire Fighter
Andrew Olson**



**Fire Fighter
Gene Keller**



**Fire Fighter
Gerald Loher**

Immediate Future Plans

- Support certification of nine shift personnel as Fire Investigation Technician.
- Refine paperless record keeping for inspections, hydrants, and training.
- Work with regional partners in regional response training.
- Certify rescue team members as Trench and Structural Collapse Rescue Technician Level II.
- Conduct entrance examination.



Immediate Future Plans



- Support certification of Fire Prevention Bureau personnel as Certified Fire Inspectors and Certified Fire Investigators.
- Certify Hazardous Materials team members to Technician Level.
- Complete reaccreditation process.
- Complete acquisition of 2nd ladder truck.
- Update Capital improvement plan.
- Participate in interagency training exercises with the Fargo Police Department

Long-term Plans

- Assess response data to support station needs.
 - Continue to develop Internal Experts.
 - Conduct needs assessment of fixed facilities, apparatus, and equipment.
 - Establish a 3 year training schedule.
 - Remodel of Fire Headquarters Station
- Study the relocation possibilities of Station 2.
 - Identify location of Station 8.
- Continue community resiliency program with the Red Cross.

New Initiatives

- Develop Career Development program.
- Expand recruitment of fire department candidates.
- Develop a neighborhood CPR program.
- Study the possibility of a Data Analyst position.



Fire Prevention Bureau



Fire Marshal
Ryan Erickson

The Fire Prevention Bureau continues to reduce risk through public education, fire prevention inspections, and fire investigations.

In February of 2014 Fire Marshal Norm Scott retired. Fire Marshal Scott positively impacted the fire prevention bureau and the City of Fargo. We are grateful for his significant contribution towards fire prevention and risk reduction. We wish him the best in retirement.

We continue to reach out to the children in the community through the "Learn not to burn" program. This year 3,025 children were taught "Two ways out" and 3,090 were taught "Burn Prevention".

Our adult education system gave safety talks, presentations, and fire extinguisher training to over 500 individuals. The audience includes apartment building managers, building safety professionals, and childcare providers.

Annually, in October we participate in the National Fire Prevention Association fire prevention week. Fargo Fire Department along with the American Red Cross kicked off fire prevention week by installing 225 smoke detectors in the Madison Neighborhood.

In December, the Fire Prevention Bureau along with the American Red Cross installed 87 smoke detectors in the Countryside Trailer Court. The smoke detectors that were installed during these events were 10 year sealed smoke detectors, which will continue to protect families with little to no maintenance.

Fire Prevention

Inspections are done to determine compliance with the Fire code. The fire prevention bureau along with suppression personnel inspect commercial and residential occupancies. Inspections for new construction have increased substantially. The city of Fargo issued building permits for over \$1 billion of construction value during 2014. The Fire Department has worked diligently to ensure that new construction is built safely, while still ensuring the safety of existing structures.

Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections

Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections

Plan Reviews	143
Fire Systems	
Acceptance Tests	259
Permit Inspections	650
Complaints	33
Daycare	
Inspections	102
Airport	76
Hospitals/	
Nursing Homes	118
NDSU	87
Hotels	56
Churches	65
Schools	37
Total	1483

Fire Suppression Inspections

Commercial	4285
Apartments	702
Total	4987

Fire Prevention Bureau Personal Hours

Recording Keeping & Research	761
Bldg Inspection	602
Recheck Insp.	169
Special/Req. Insp.	696
Church Inspection	73
School Inspection	80
Flam. Liquid Insp.	98
Plans Review	410
Investigations	315
Training	1332
Fire Drill Activity	6
Permits	549
Public Relations	308
Totals	6537

Fire Investigations

Fargo Fire Department has three Fire Prevention Bureau investigators and five shift investigators that have achieved Fire Investigation Technician (FIT) Certification through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).

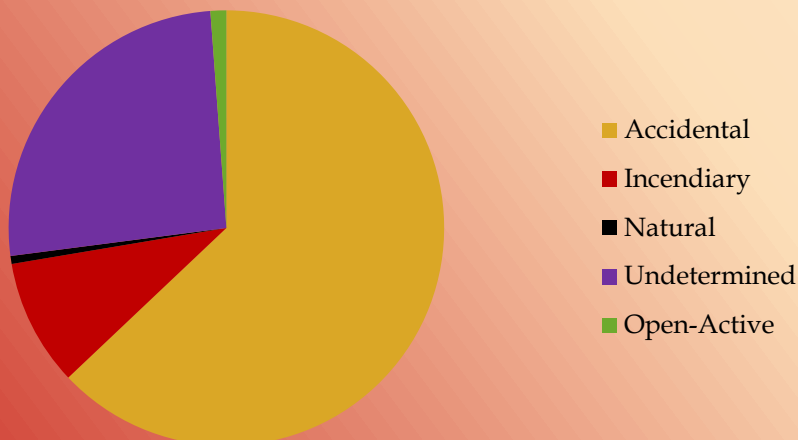
Investigations are conducted to determine origin and cause. The results of 2014's fire investigations are below. Fargo's fire problem is consistent with national trends. Cooking fires and smoking material fires are the most common cause of fires in the City of Fargo.



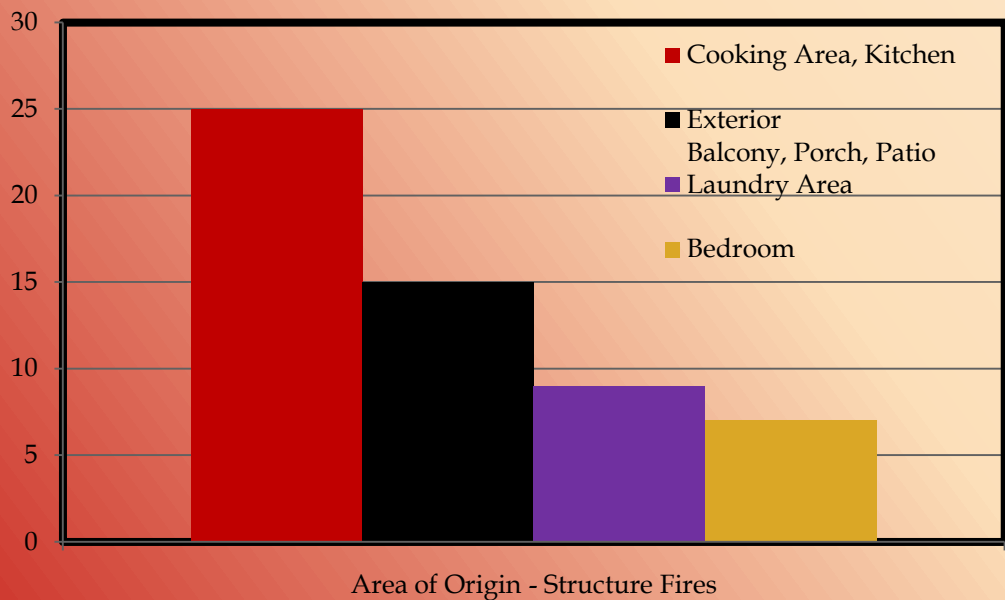
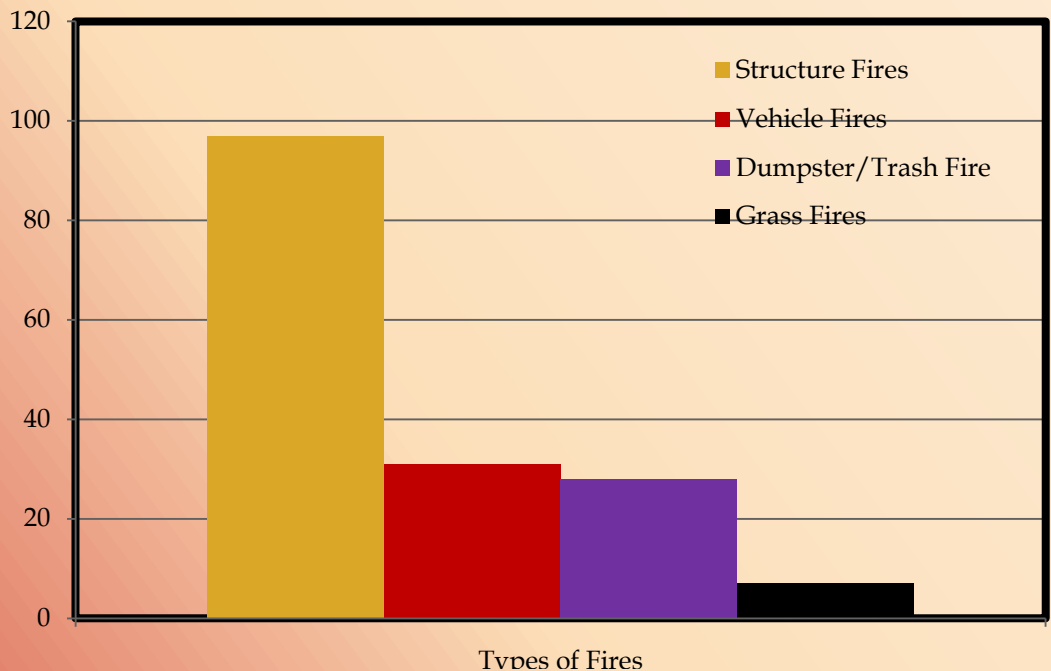
Accidental	107
Incendiary	16
Natural	1
Undetermined	44
Open / Active	2
Total	170

2014 Investigation Results

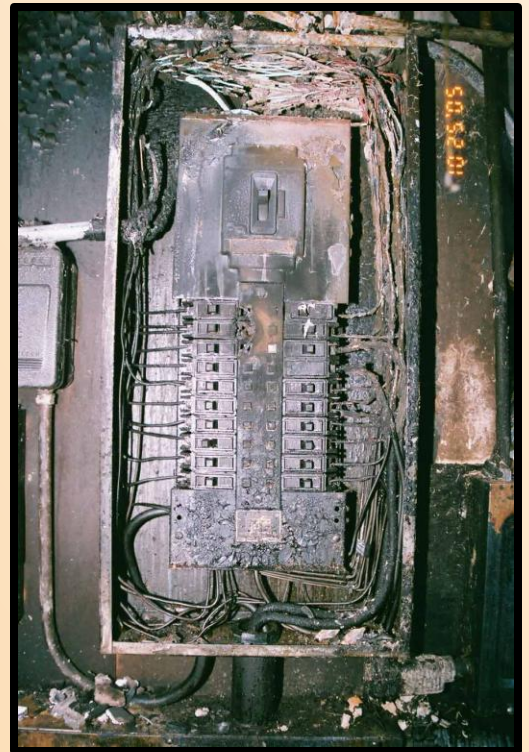
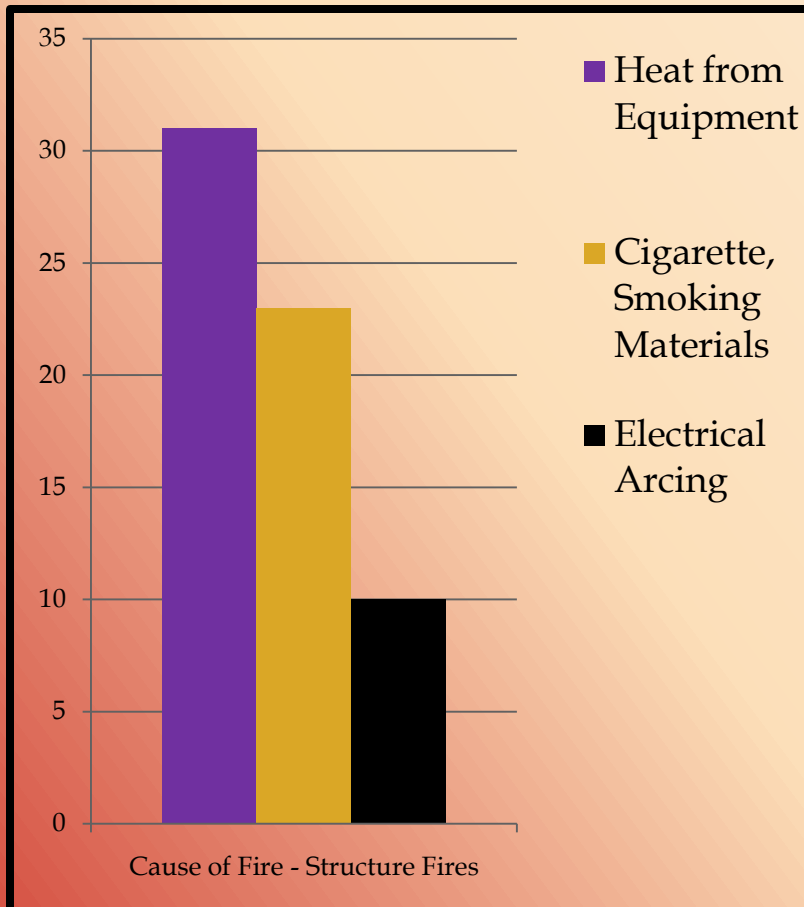
Fire Investigation Classification



Types Of Fires & Area Of Origin



Causes of Structure Fires



Notable Fires in 2014

2101 12 ST N - \$350,000

1017 7 ST N - \$174,000

715 32 AVE N - \$245,000

4385 COVENTRY DR S - \$150,000

3514 RAINIER RUE ST - \$66,280

1217 MONTECARLO - \$35,000

4264 RUSSET AV - 120,000

1105 8TH AVE N - \$80,000



801 BROADWAY - \$30,000

2809 15 ST S - \$57,000

728 23 ST S - \$55,000

3543 10 ST S - \$95,000

3233 16 AVE S - \$100,000

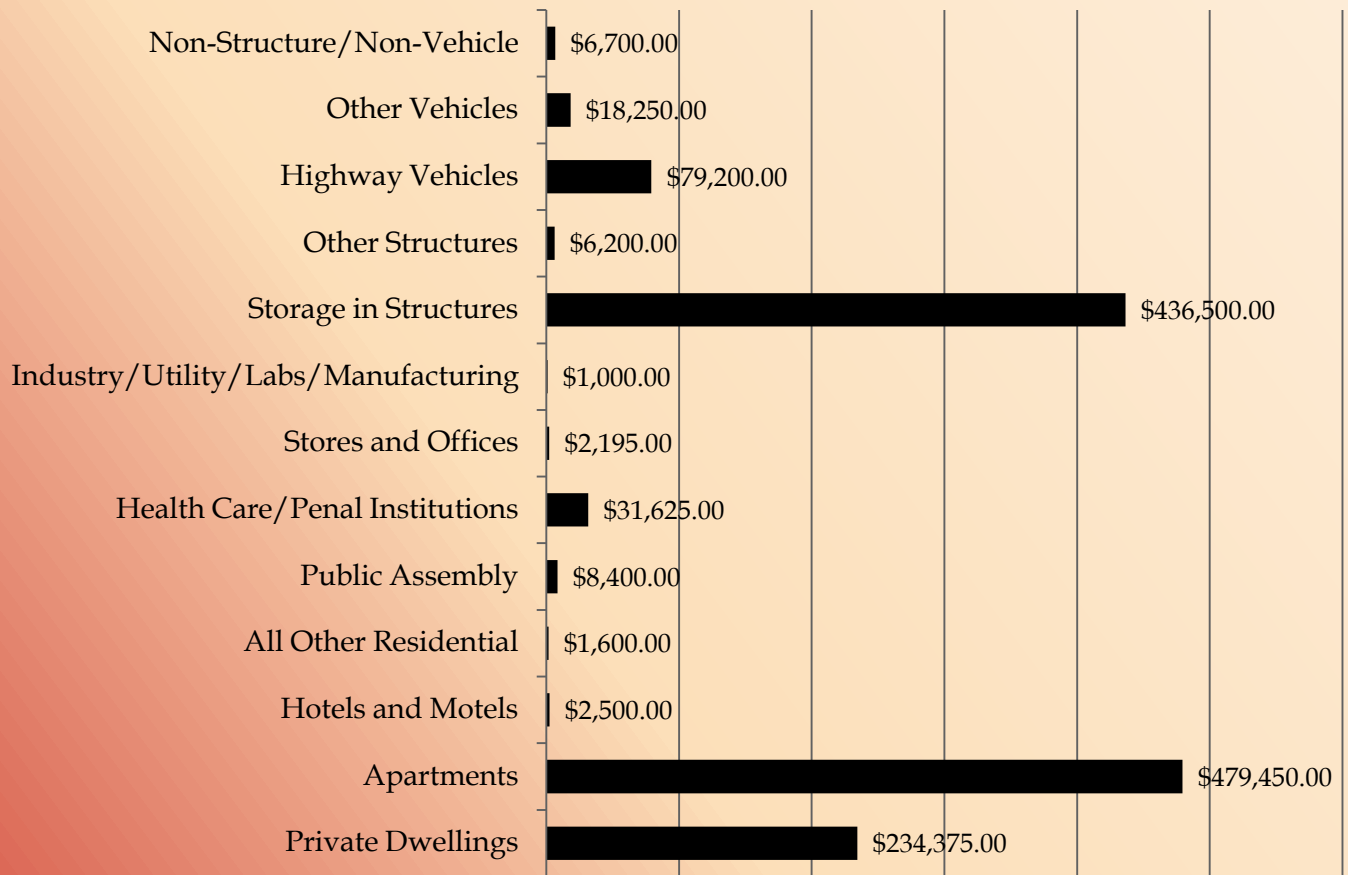
1017 1ST ST N - \$52,000

1545 7TH ST N - \$27,000

1118 8TH AVE S - \$60,000



Fire Loss By Type



Total Fire Loss 2014: \$1,315,715.00



Stations & Apparatus Calls for Service



Station 1

Engine 801 – 2818 Calls
Batt. 1 - 1280 Calls



Station 2

Engine 802 – 1889 Calls

Stations & Apparatus Calls for Service



Station 3

Engine 803 - 1449 Calls



Station 4

Engine 804 - 2446 Calls
Truck 1 - 1634 Calls

Stations & Apparatus Calls for Service



Station 5

Engine 805 - 2218 Calls



Station 6

Engine 806 - 1036 Calls

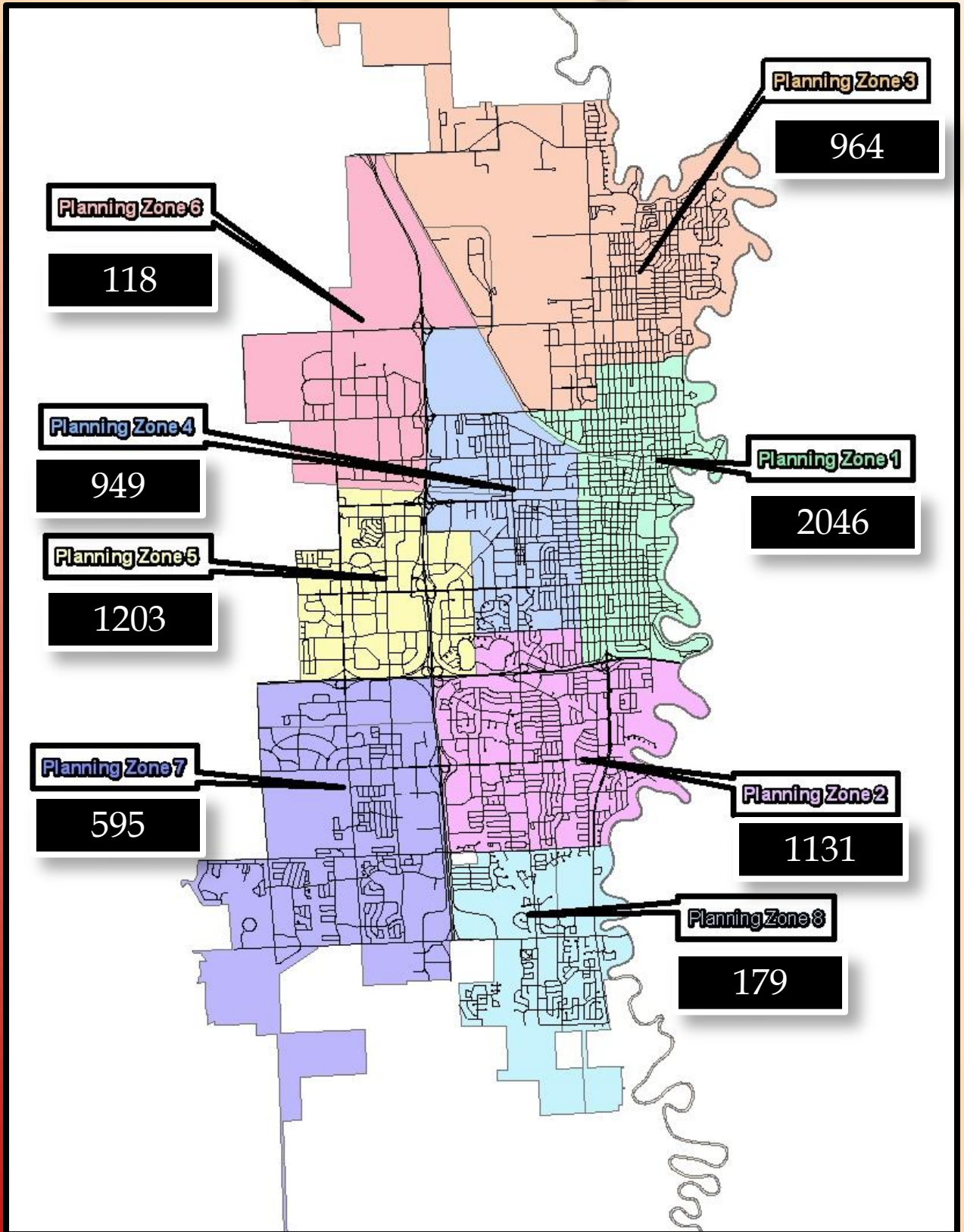
Stations & Apparatus Calls for Service



Station 7

Engine 807 -	1203 Calls
Truck 2 -	840 Calls
857(Hazmat) -	17 Calls
Batt. 2 -	1079 Calls

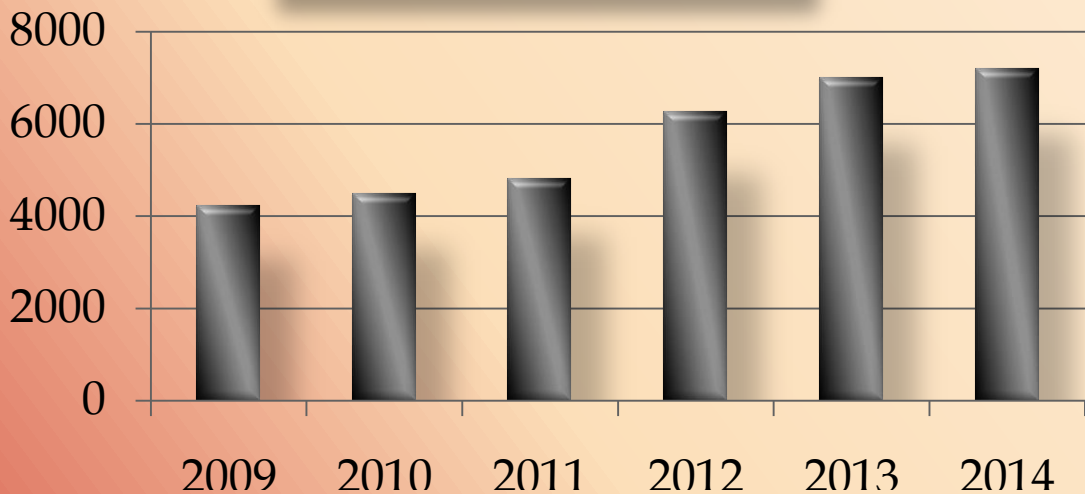
Runs per Station Area/Planning Zone



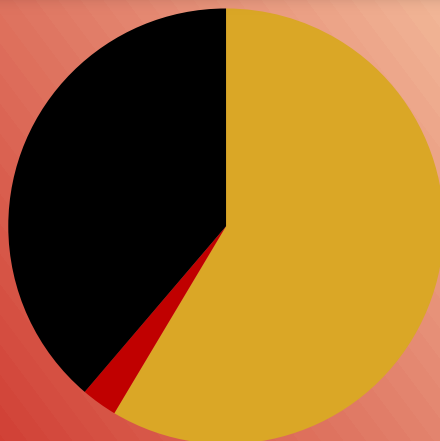
Operations

As the City of Fargo continues to grow, so do the number of emergency calls that the FFD responds to. In 2014 the FFD went on 7,196 calls for service which is an increase of 212 from 2013. The average number of calls per day is 19.72. This is an increase of 60% from 5 years ago.

Total Runs per year



Nature of the calls in 2014.



- EMS - 4215
- Working Fires - 192
- Other - 2789

Activity Hours of Crews

Category	A-Shift	B-Shift	C-Shift	Total
Fire	4,899	5,204	5,251	15,353
Medical	2,571	2,350	2,715	7,637
Inspections	1,826	1,547	1,935	5,309
Hydrants	827	761	738	2,326
Emergency Training	8,255	8,189	8,424	24,867
Medical Training	703	786	498	1,986
Routine Maintenance	3,000	2,989	3,008	8,997
Emergency Equipment Maintenance	3,910	4,336	4,408	12,653
Equipment & Building Maintenance	1,360	790	1,070	3,220
Personal Health & Safety	1,657	1,122	1,267	4,045
Data Entry	1,730	2,052	1,982	5,763
Public Relations	444	458	418	1,320
Special Inspections	29	61	37	127
Administrative	524	655	550	1,728
Misc. Duties	865	915	632	2,412
Total	32,599	32,213	32,932	97,743

EMS Training Report



Captain Ryan Viergutz



Roughly 75% of the emergency calls responded to by the Fargo Fire Department are medical in nature. The fire department is committed to ensuring that the citizens of Fargo receive the highest quality emergency medical care possible

111 firefighters were trained in the knowledge, skills and abilities required to provide quality emergency medical care.

- Patient assessment
- Care and treatment for potentially life threatening medical conditions
- Care and treatment for traumatic injuries
- Emergency cardiac care
- Auto extrication
- Swift water rescue

48 Firefighters received training and were transitioned from the current EMT-Basic standard to the new EMT standard for national certification; this completes the FFD's transition to the new standard. Continual training to the requirements of the new EMT standard will aid in providing an even higher quality of care in the future



The Fargo Fire Department continued its partnership with Essentia Health and the American Red Cross in an attempt to increase sudden cardiac arrest survival rates in the Fargo community by increasing awareness, the number of trained citizens in our community and public access to Automated External Defibrillators

714 citizens were trained in traditional CPR, Compression Only CPR and Automated External Defibrillator Use

Pulsepoint.org continues as a Heartsafe partner

- Pulsepoint is a smartphone application allowing citizen responders to be notified in the event that CPR is needed in their immediate vicinity
- It provides the user with the location of the emergency
- It provides the user with the location of the AED nearest to the location of the emergency
- Pulsepoint is currently available from Google Play and the Apple App Store (click the cell phone above)

Public Relations Report



Representatives from the Fargo Fire Department attended a number of media events to increase an awareness and respect for public safety, safe practices and meet local members of the fire service.



Representatives from the Fargo Fire Department attended numerous career and job fair events at local schools and universities to educate students on the merits of public service and encourage career paths into the fire service

Representatives from the Fargo Fire Department attended various safety events and public gatherings sponsored by local businesses and organizations to educate their staff, patrons and neighbors on safe practices at work and in the home with respect to fire safety and emergency preparedness



Social Media

#FargoFireDepartment

 **Fargo Fire Department** shared Fargo Police Department's post.
November 24, 2014 · 🌐



Fargo Police Department added 2 new photos.
Twelve. The number of DUI arrests made last weekend.
Friday night (Nov. 21st), officers responded to a one vehicle injury accident in the 50 block of 2 St S. ...
[See More](#)

Like · Comment · Share · 👍 1 ↻ 1

 **Save a Life Saturday** 
February 15, 2014 - West Acres

Social media is currently being used to disseminate information about our department's day to day operations, providing updates on emergency information, public education, public safety messages, promoting charity functions, and for current news and events.

 **Fargo Fire Department**
January 3 at 3:23pm · 🌐

Firefighters are on scene of a two alarm fire near downtown Fargo. No injuries.



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Facebook and Twitter are two social media tools that have been previously established with the intent to reach out to the public.



Fargo Fire @FargoFireDept

Fargo's Bravest who proudly serve within the City of Fargo!
Fargo, North Dakota · fargofire.com

Twitter

2,525 Followers



5★

You saved my sister. There isn't enough thanks in the world for your services.

Like · Comment · about 2 months ago · 10 Reviews



5★

They were amazing when my apartment flooded and some of it caused my ceiling to collapse. I was scared cause i had nowhere to go, and they helped so much. Bless you all.

Like · Comment · about 6 months ago · 69 Reviews

Facebook

2014 Likes

•4,251

45 countries represented speaking 31 languages

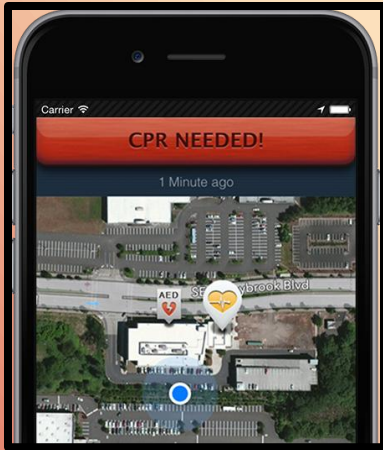
Average monthly 'People Reached'

•9,000

5 of 5 star rating

Technology Update

The fire department continues with and expands the use of technology to better server the citizens of Fargo.



Pulse Point CPR phone app.

IPads are being used for fire prevention inspections and hydrant inspections.



Getac Computers have been mounted in each unit for receiving calls from dispatch and getting information on scene.



Thermal imaging cameras are used for search and rescue, Haz Mat, water leaks, and overhaul at fires.

Fire Training

Fire suppression personnel completed an average of 180 hours per person of fire ground training. Additional training hours were completed in technical rescue, driver/pump operator, aircraft fires, and hazardous materials.

Recruit Training

In 2014 eight new firefighters completed the six week Fargo Fire Department Fire Academy. Firefighters received training on how to respond to incidents involving: fire, EMS, vehicle extrication and hazardous materials. Candidates have 250 hours of classroom and hands on training before being assigned to an apparatus.



Fire Training Continued...

During summer months the Fargo Fire Department took advantage of the warm weather to gain experience in moving large volumes of water. Here firefighters are training on the use of one of our two aerial apparatus that is capable of flowing 1500 gallons per minute.



Apparatus Driver/Operator

Seven firefighters received training qualifying them for Fire Apparatus Operation. This is a 60 hour course that teaches firefighters how to safely maneuver and operate Fire Apparatus. All drivers with the FFD are required to attend this training prior to operating fire department apparatus.

Recruit Training

- 8 New Firefighters in 2014
- New Drivers Training
- 7 FF's received New Apparatus Operation Training
- 15 FF's attended Crude Oil by Rail training in Pueblo, CO
- ND Air National Guard Training to meet new Airport Response Guidelines
- All firefighters completed required ISO training.

Emergency Services Coordinator



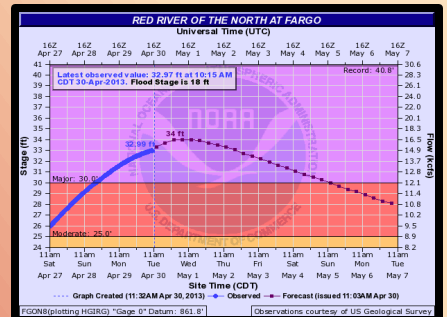
Battalion Chief
Leon Schlafmann



As Emergency Services Coordinator I represent the City of Fargo in a number of planning meetings.

- Local & Federal Emergency Planning Committees
- SE Regional Emergency Management
- ND Incident Management Assistance Teams
- ND EM Conference
- ND Haz Mat Conference
- National Weather Service Flood Stage
- FEMA Red River flood plan
- IPAWS
- ND Pipeline operators
- City Flood and Tornado Preparedness.

Emergency Management worked with local, regional and state partners for the overall preparedness for the City of Fargo.



Planning For Emergencies Before They Happen Is Critical to Public Safety

In 2014 Train derailments were the hot topic and a number of plans were developed and training set up to evaluate the City's readiness. We set up training with BNSF and held a state wide tabletop exercise with the Department of Emergency Services and the Governor's office.



Onsite Emergency Preparedness

We worked with the largest construction project in Fargo to train on response to an onsite emergency and maintain a level of situational awareness as this project continues.



Warning Systems



CODE RED

CodeRED FOR IPAWS

The CodeRED for IPAWS service is designed to enable local government officials to send secure, critical communications to their residents.

This year we had some major changes to our emergency warning system. CodeRED our primary mass notification system was updated, and we added IPAWS to the mix. The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is a modernization and integration of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure and will save time when time matters most, protecting life and property.

CodeRED emergency calls will now come from 701-364-2633; CodeRED non-emergency calls will come from 701-364-1277; and CodeRED weather calls will continue to come from (800) 566-9780, the release said. This year the City also has added four new outdoor warning sirens to our system, coverage to and every growing city.



Mobile Alert



Training, Exercise and Planning Meetings for 2014 Included:

Sanford Construction site exercise

ND National Guard CST Full Scale Exercise (Civil Support Team)

Fargo Marathon table top exercise and Event

Governors Table top (Train Derailment)

Public Information Officer Table top

Incident Command System
FEMA ICS 300 Training
FEMA ICS 400 Training

Quarterly LEPC Meetings (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

Airport Tabletop

Red River Fair Table top

Train derailment Table top Exercise for City Leaders

City Wide Tornado Drill

EOC training for City Staff (Emergency Operation Center)

BNSF training

CST at Scheels Arena Full Scale exercise

Cass Fargo Multi Hazard Plan-Liaison Training for the North Dakota National Guard (LNO)

Regional North Dakota IMAT Training (Incident Management Assist Team)

Villa Maria Radio Training

Hazardous Material Team



The Fargo Fire Department maintains a Hazardous Materials Response Team based out of Fire Station 7. The team is comprised of 30 members divided between three shifts. They respond to Haz Mat calls in the city of Fargo and are contracted as the Southeast Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for the state of North Dakota. As the regional team, we respond to Haz Mat incidents in Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, and Stutsman Counties. The primary funding of the Haz Mat Team comes from grants distributed by the ND Department of Emergency Services.

Hazardous Material Team Continued...



The Haz Mat Team trains on a monthly basis to maintain competency in a skill set derived from national standards and local needs. During the past year, Fargo Fire Department members logged 4151 hours of Haz Mat training. Our monthly training was supplemented with several special classes and drills.

In March, we participated in the ND Civil Support Team's readiness drill. The Civil Support Team is a group of 22 North Dakota National Guard Soldiers with extensive Haz Mat training and advanced equipment. Scenarios were held over several days simulating terrorist Haz Mat releases at a public arena and the City of Fargo Water Treatment Plant. Over the summer, we performed three drills with the Jamestown Fire Department's Haz Mat Operations Team. Jamestown is our support team for Haz Mat response in the SE region of North Dakota.

In May, two members were able to attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs Haz Mat Conference in Baltimore, MD. They were able to take classes from instructors who wrote the textbooks and national standards used by all Haz Mat teams.



Hazardous Material Continued...



In July, a grant from the ND Department of Emergency Services funded a Haz Mat IQ class. Haz Mat IQ is a system used to classify chemicals into groups to help team members determine the level and type of protection needed for entry into the contaminated area.

Also in July, BNSF provided training on the foam trailer staged at Station 6. Through a memo of understanding, the FFD houses a foam trailer for BNSF that the FFD can use as it see fit.

In October, the GATX railcar trainer was brought to Fargo for hands-on training by the Fargo Haz Mat team and other emergency responders from the area on the inner workings of all styles of railcars.

Throughout the fall, with funding provided by BNSF, we were able to send 14 members of the Haz Mat team to the Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo Colorado for a three day class on Crude By Rail. Team members were shown how to work with rail cars and how to extinguish crude oil fires during live fire evolutions.



Technical Rescue Team



Training

906 total man hours of TRT training

- 2 firefighters to Structural collapse class in Sioux Falls SD:C. Kankelfritz, Simmons
- 1 firefighter to grain bin rescue class: Chris Dietz
- 3 firefighters to TEEX for structural collapse 1 & 2 class Czaplewski, Willey, Mitchell
- 6 firefighters to Vestas wind tower training in Valley City Rysgaard, Orvik, Dietz, Pieper, A. Kankelfritz, Meidinger
- Capt Guggisberg taught confined space class to 25 public works personnel
- Purchase and trained on new Multi Purpose Devices
- Started Structural Collapse 1 training
- On site high angle drill at Sanford construction site



Technical Rescue Team Continued...

Pro Board Testing

- Confined Space 1, tested 26 personnel
- Confined Space 2, tested 26 personnel
- Trench Rescue 1 & 2, written test 30 personnel
- Trench Rescue 1, skills test 26 personnel

High Angle Rope Rescue
Training at the Fargo
Dome



Confined Space Training

F A R G O F I R E F I G H T E R S

IAFF LOCAL 642

Local 642 Members donate time and money to various organizations and causes in the community.



*Donate blood and receive a T-SHIRT!

Also be entered to WIN an Android Tablet

2014 BATTLE of the BADGES

8TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, July 22 - Friday, July 25
11am - 7pm each day!

West Acres Food Court

To schedule an appointment call:
293-9453 or toll free @ 1-800-917-4929
or go to: www.bloodhero.com,
sponsor code: badges

Save time
Go online
Complete your health history at:
www.unitedbloodservices.org
(Must be done the DAY OF the drive)

United Blood Services

Essentia Health

GO FAR WOMAN

5K/10K/HALF MARATHON/RELAY

FILL THE BOOT

A PROUD
IAFF
MDA
TRADITION

FOR "JERRY'S KIDSH"

SEE THIS

DO THIS

Move Right and Stop for Lights

www.fargofire.com

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Local 642 members give Christmas presents to a children in the hospital every Christmas.

Members donated time to Salvation Army, Gift Burgers, Wish burgers, United Blood drive, MDA camps, and other various events.

In 2014 Local 642 helped raise \$31,777 for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.



\$1,775 in various donations to events such Christmas Day presents at the children's hospital, Fargo St. Patrick's day parade and the Go Far Women marathons.

Muscular Dystrophy with the fill the boot campaign.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
of
FIRE FIGHTERS
DO TH GRANT THIS
Certificate of Affiliation

To **Thomas C. Spalberg,** *Christopher Taylor,*
John C. Kelley, *Albert Cree,*
James Egan, Patrick Glenn,
Alison Quinn,

and to their successors lawfully qualified to constitute the UNION herein named and known under the title of **City Fire Fighters Union No. 28, Schuettevady, IA**

be it therefore known that, under the authority of the constitution, laws, and usage of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS we have caused to be issued to the petitioners and their successors this CHARTER for the establishment of a local CITY FIRE FIGHTERS UNION, and the Union being duly formed, is empowered and authorized to induct into its membership any person or persons in accordance with its own laws, and to terminate the membership of said Union in compliance with the best interest of the fire fighters in general. The autonomy of the Union is hereby declared and secured.

Whereby, that the said Union do conform to the CONSTITUTION, LAWS, and REGULATIONS of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS and in default thereof, or any part, this Certificate of Affiliation may be suspended or revoked according to the laws of this Association. And should the said CITY FIRE FIGHTERS UNION be dissolved, suspended, or federal this Certificate of Affiliation, then the persons to whom this Certificate of Affiliation is granted, or their successors, bind themselves to surrender the same with such other property as shall properly belong to this Association and further, in consideration of the due performance of the above, the

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
do hereby bind itself to support the said CITY FIRE FIGHTERS UNION in the exercise of all its rights, privileges, and autonomy as an affiliated Union.

In Witness Whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS this _____ day of _____ A. D. one thousand nine hundred and _____

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The Fargo Fire Department
Sponsors Explorer Post 259

Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire & Emergency Services. Fire & Emergency Services Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes participants to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and country.



Hands on Training



**Be Involved In The
Community**



Explorers, Past Successes, Future leaders



Dylan Griffin

Dylan is currently an Air Force Firefighter stationed in Alaska. "Explorers gave me a huge leg up in school". Dylan deployed to Afghanistan and received 3 awards for work with a 6 man firefighting team. After Afghanistan Dylan went to Tucson AZ and became an instructor training new military firefighters.



Brittany Ragan

Brittany is currently employed by the City of West Fargo. She is very involved in the West Fargo Fire Department. She participates in community activities including Night to Unite, Sylstad family Benefit, donating blood for the battle of the badges, giving tours at the station. She attended Texas A&M for exterior industrial training in 2014.



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Jason Carriveau

Jason is currently employed by the City of West Fargo. Jason worked at Scheels through college where he received a bachelors degree in criminal justice. While going to college he also attended M State for their fire program. Jason Joined West Fargo Fire Department in 2011.



Toren Mohs

Toren is currently employed by the AGR with the 164th Regiment in Devils Lake as a Supply Sergeant. In 2009 Toren deployed to Kosovo with the military. He is a member of the Devils Lake Fire department.



1924 La France being pump tested in 1928 at the Red River

1924 La France after being restored in 2013

