CENTRAL PEACE
FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION
REPORT 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2020 has been very busy and productive year for the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission. We have had 135 incident responses this year as compared to 129 incident responses in the same time frame as last year.

This department, with members that truly envisioned the path laid out for them have become one family, and as the Fire Chief, I am honoured and very proud to a part of this organization that without their hard work and foresight, would not be where we are today.

Our long-term goals have started to come into play, and we are well on our way to have members certified as NFPA 1001 levels 1. With the restrictions for Covid-19, most of our programs had to be altered greatly or postponed until we get back to a place where the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Fire Department recruitment has been put on hold this year with hopes of reinstating it next year if the restrictions for Covid-19 have been lifted.

Succession planning continues with more responsibilities being given to the junior officers including some of the weekly training. One of the members has been promoted to fulfill the position of Safety Officer. This position is needed on any emergency incident event to assist senior fire officers with accountability, scene safety and member safety.

Our service is strong and getting stronger every year. This department and its staff are pro-active and are dedicated to serving our community to the best of their abilities.

On average our Volunteer Firefighters put in over 200 hours a year between weekly training, weekend training, public education, public events, and specialized courses. All of this happens for the community at large so they can better serve.

Once again, I am very proud to be serving along side of these genuine pillars of the Community.

Sincerely,

Brian Kroes,

Fire Chief

VISION STATEMENT

"To be a highly effective Fire and Rescue Service that serves the needs of the Central Peace Region"

MISSION STATEMENT

"To protect and save lives and property by providing effective, efficient, economical, sustainable, Fire and Rescue Services to the people of the Central Peace Region"

CORE VALUES

Professionalism – The Fire Department demands the highest standards of excellence, integrity, commitment, and dedication from all of its members.

As professionals, we must treat all others with respect and dignity. The public deserves nothing less.

Integrity – The Fire Department is entrusted with protecting the public and enforcing fire and other related codes.

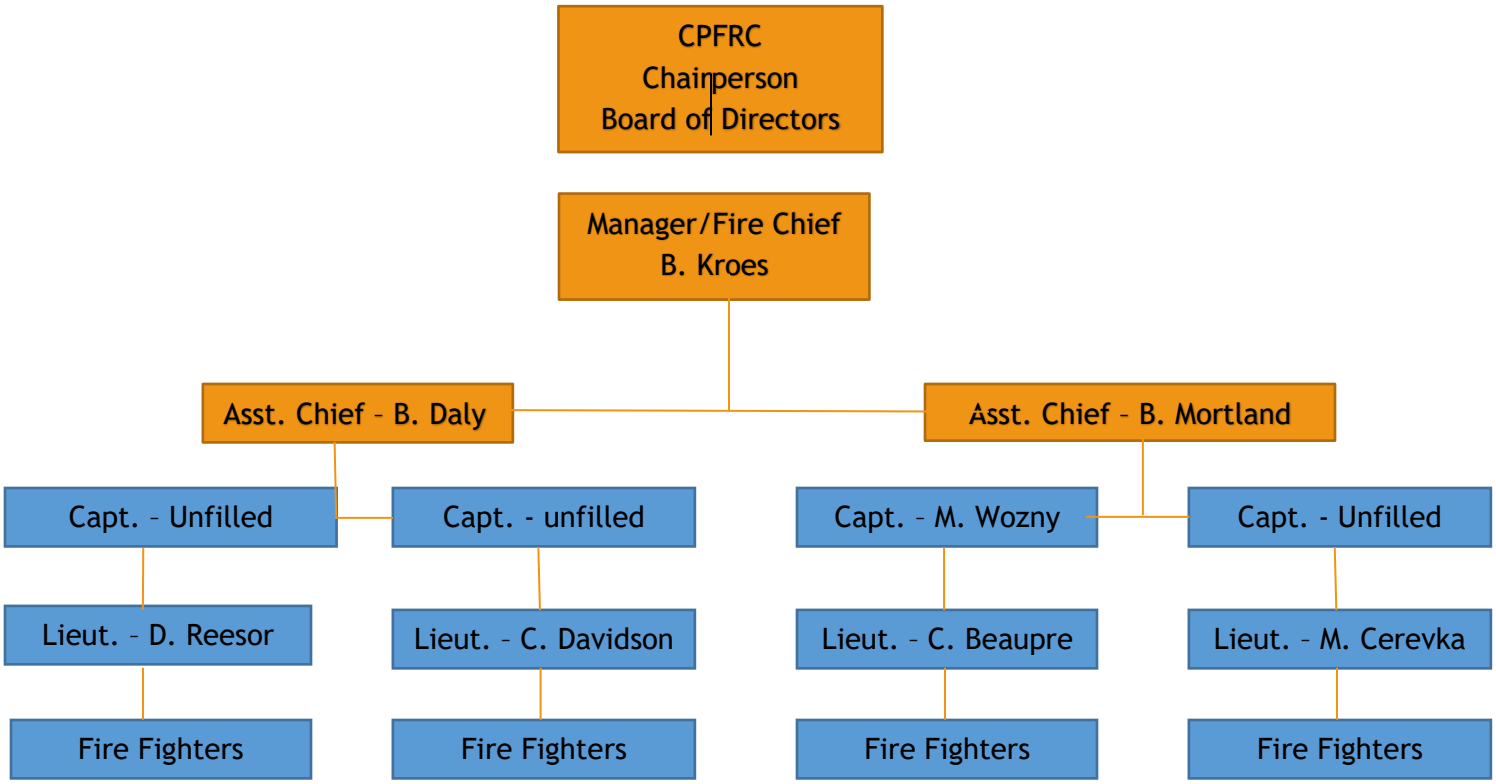
Each member has a personal responsibility to demonstrate the highest ethical standard to inspire confidence, and trust for the public we serve, as well as each other.

Accountability – When carrying out our duties, all members must hold themselves accountable to the public, and personally for their own actions.

Respect – Every member of the Fire Department should be treated with the upmost consideration and respect. Personnel must be free to contribute fully to this Fire Department without any fear of disrespect.

All members of this Fire Department must respect the dignity and rights of co-workers and the public they serve.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Department Staff

Brian Kroes	Manager/Fire Chief - MFR
Brice Daly	Assistant Fire Chief - EMT
Bill Mortland	Assistant Fire Chief
Mike Wozny	Captain
Corbin Davidson	Lieutenant
Corey Beaupre	Lieutenant
Marek Cerevka	Lieutenant - MFR
Dan Reesor	Lieutenant
Thomas Cadwell	Firefighter
Wayne Wells	Firefighter
Megan Reesor	Firefighter
Tracy Lapping	Firefighter – MFR
Daniel Viel	Firefighter – Safety Officer/ FPO
Robert Parragh	Firefighter
Ian Zan	Firefighter - MFR
Tyler McMillan	Firefighter
Rochelle Dufour	Firefighter
Rachelle Conrad	Firefighter
Bailey Mosure	Firefighter
Kyle Miller	Firefighter – Trainee
Brandon Wallace	Firefighter – Trainee
Chloe Savard	Jr. Firefighter
Paige Imes	Firefighter - Trainee
Forest Conrad	Jr. Firefighter
Tyler Knells	Jr. Firefighter
Tristan McNally	Jr. Firefighter

Promotions

Dan Viel – Safety Officer & Training to be a Fire Prevention Officer

Tracy Lapping – Health and Safety Committee

Rochelle Dufour – Health and Safety Committee – Co-Chair

Brice Daly – Health and Safety Committee – Co-Chair

Brian Kroes – Health and Safety Committee

Paige Imes – From Jr. FF to FF Trainee

Medal Presentations

Retirements

Lee McKay

Monty Kuhar

Greg Slowka

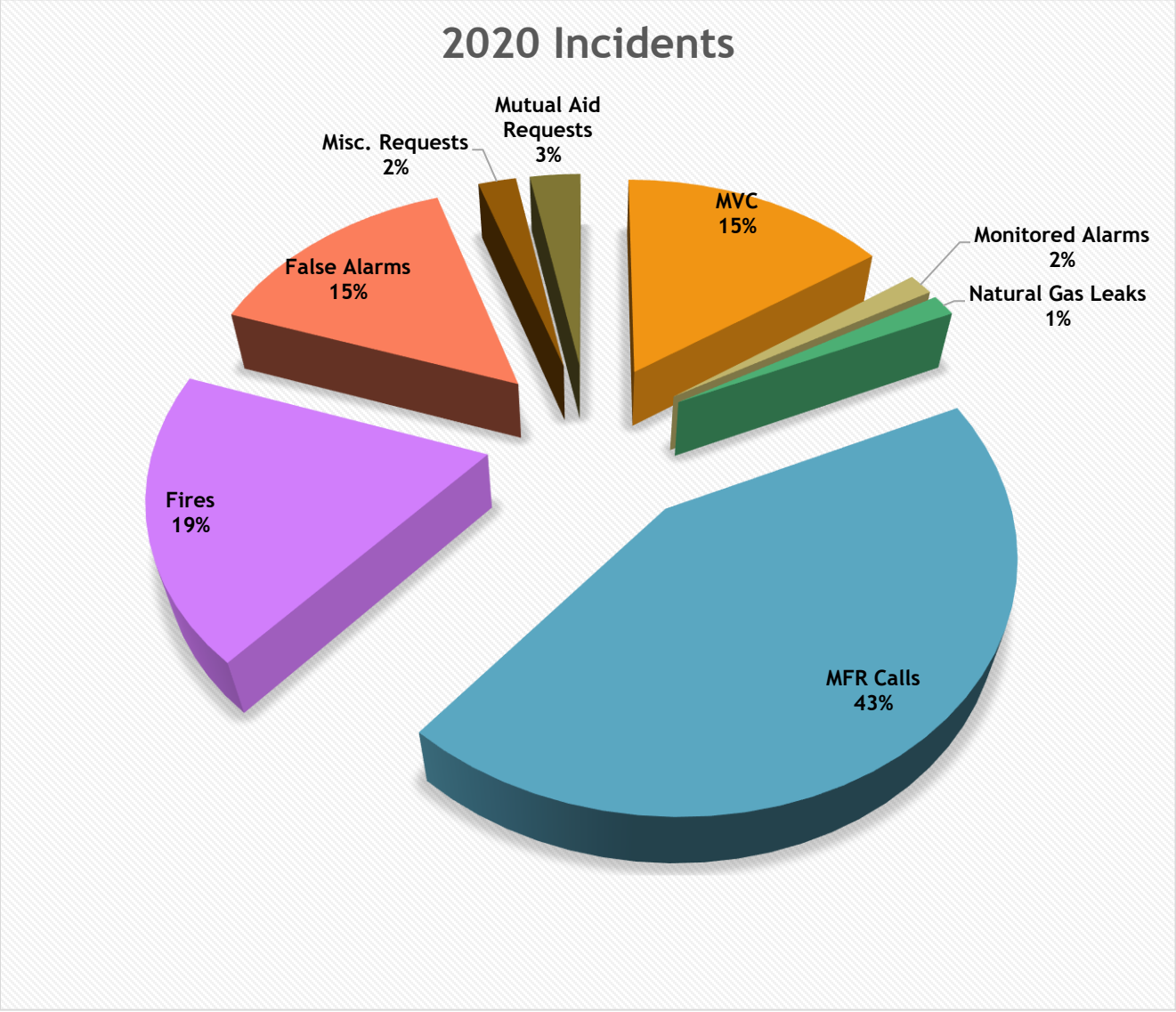
Ken Macfarlane

INCIDENTS

2020 Incidents (January 1st – December 31st)

Incident Types:

The Central Peace Fire and Rescue Department responds to several types of incidents throughout the year. Misc. category represents eg. Star's landings, Drone Deployments for RCMP etc.



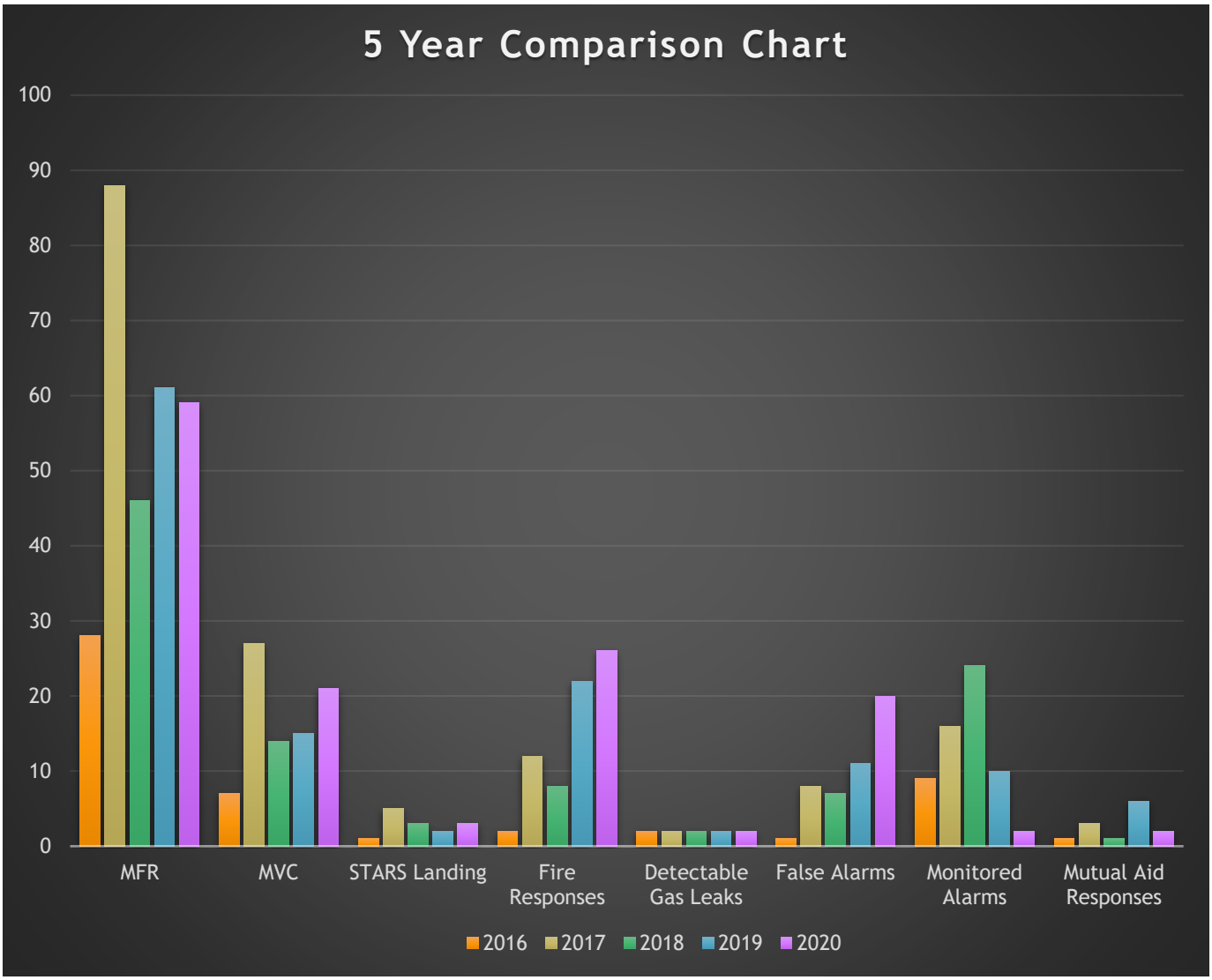
Comparison of Emergency Responses
STN.1 AND STN.2
2020

Stn.1 Spirit River		**Stn. 2 Rycroft**	
MFR	41		21
MVC	6		15
Fire (all)	11		19
Alarms	13		9
	71		**64**

Yearly Comparison of Emergency Responses

July 1st, 2016 – Dec.31st, 2020

Emergency Responses	2016	2017	2018	2019	**2020**
Total # of Medical First Responder Calls	28	88	76	61	59
Total # of Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVC)	7	27	19	15	21
Total # of Misc. Calls – STARS Landing etc.	1	5	3	2	3
Total # of Fire Responses	2	12	13	22	26
Total # of Detectable Natural Gas Leaks	2	2	3	2	2
Total # of False Alarms	1	8	10	11	20
Total # of Monitored Alarms	9	16	27	10	2
Total # Mutual Aid Responses	1	3	11	6	2
Total # of Emergency Responses	**51**	**161**	**162**	**129**	**135**



PUBLIC SERVICE

Smoke Alarm Campaign

The MD of Spirit River is still ongoing but due to Covid-19 restrictions are goals are being extended for completion. New smoke detectors and batteries given out to those who needed replacing. 160 homes were visited and once again due to Covid-19 restrictions our visits were limited. Great work from our firefighters for the dedication they have to provide for their Community.

Kids Fire Fit Challenge

Cancelled due to Provincial Restrictions for Covid-19

Candy Cane Check Stop

Cancelled due to the Provincial Restrictions for Covid-19

Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive

Cancelled due to the Provincial Restrictions for Covid-19

School Visits

Cancelled due to the Provincial Restrictions for Covid-19

Junior Firefighter Program

The Junior Firefighter program is proceeding very well with the Juniors integrating very well into the rest of the department. One of the Jr. Firefighters, Paige Imes has been promoted from Junior to a Firefighter Trainee and has become a valuable resource for this department. The other Junior firefighters have adjusted well and are fast becoming invaluable members of the department.

Reverse Santa Claus Parade

Cancelled due to the Provincial Restrictions for Covid-19

TRAINING

Live Fire Training

Live fire training has been conducted on an annual basis at the Wanham live fire training facility. This facility has three main stakeholders. Saddle Hills County, Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission and the Birch Hills County Fire Department.

Together the three entities put on the annual live fire training program, designed to give the participants good controlled realistic fire training in several disciplines.

2020 live fire training schedule was cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The hope is that we can continue this invaluable training once the restrictions have been lifted.

Medical First Responder (MFR) Training

In 2020 there were no local courses offered for the Medical First Responder program. Our hope is that in 2021, our regional partners will be hosting an MFR program so that we can have two more of our members qualified for this service.

NFPA 1001 Level I

Weekly training continues as we move closer to our goal that members of the CPFR Fire Department receive certification for NFPA 1001's. This training is a very lengthy process having the volunteers commit to the program.

We have about five members very close to completing the skills testing and the international knowledge testing.

Large Animal Rescue

The Large Animal Rescue training took place the end of October and first of November. The program allowed multiple fire agencies to take part. All government Covid-19 protocols were followed to allow this training to take place. The Rycroft Ag Centre provided ample space for social distancing in the theory portion of the course. Twenty-eight fire department members from six different agencies enjoyed this program and have requested it again in the future.

Critical Incident Stress Management – CISM

We have three members of the CPFRC that have been Provincially trained for CISM.

Our members continue to move forward with this program and have completed their required refresher courses to maintain their status as active members for the provincial team.

Emergency Exercise

Nothing planned at this time for our members

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The CPFRC continues to support and participate in the G5 emergency management program. This year's tabletop exercise will be a Large Animal event and I am really looking forward to it, as it should give us some insight to our plan and any shortcomings.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

The Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission maintains a fleet of seven apparatus.

Apparatus and Model	Purchased Year	Life expectancy	Replacement Year
2017 Chev Sierra Truck – Command Vehicle	2016	10 years	2026
2013 Freightliner Hub Eng.	2012	20 years	2033
2009 Freightliner	2009	20 years	2029
2003 Freightliner Rescue.	2019		
2000 GMC	2000	20 years	2020
1995 Freightliner Tanker	2016		
2013 Chev Tahoe	2017	10 years	2027

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report will be submitted to the Members of the Board of Directors to present to their individual Councils after the audit completion later this year.

SUMMARY

Fire Protection, Education and Prevention are the cornerstones of the Fire Service. Each working together side by side to provide a successful service. The CPFR takes each one of these disciplines seriously in the delivery of our services to the Community and its visitors.

In the past year, the CPFR has continued the great work the former municipal fire departments provided to the communities and at the same time strengthening our communities under one mandate.

2020 was a different year for our Fire Prevention and education demonstrations for the public due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will be resuming these programs again once the restrictions have been removed by government.

We will strive to not only maintain but to improve the delivery of our services in the coming years.

We do appreciate all the partnerships that we have established and the programs that we could deliver to our communities and continue to again in the future.

Sincerely,

Brian Kroes

Fire Chief