

2019

PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW



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2019 PAFD Year in Review

Staffing Highlights:

- The Prince Albert Fire Department consists of:
 - Forty-nine (49) uniformed members plus one (1) Administrative Professional
 - Six (6) out of scope personnel
 - (1) Fire Chief
 - (1) Deputy Chief
 - (4) Battalion Chiefs
 - Forty-three (43) in scope personnel (IAFF 510)
 - One (1) Administrative Professional (CUPE 882)
- Full time, career department operating from one (1) location
- Four (4) Officers Retired in 2019-Deputy Chief, Inspector, and two Captains.
- Four (4) Probationary Firefighters were hired from the 2019 Recruit selection process
- Six (6) Promotions - Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 Battalion Chiefs and 2 Captains

Fleet/Equipment Change:

- The Fire Department received a 2019 Kingfisher Extreme Shallow jet boat in August of 2019. This boat was built to include a rear mounted console creating space for a rescue deck and ample lighting. Added features include a shallow hull with recessed jet allowing for operations in the shallow North Saskatchewan River.

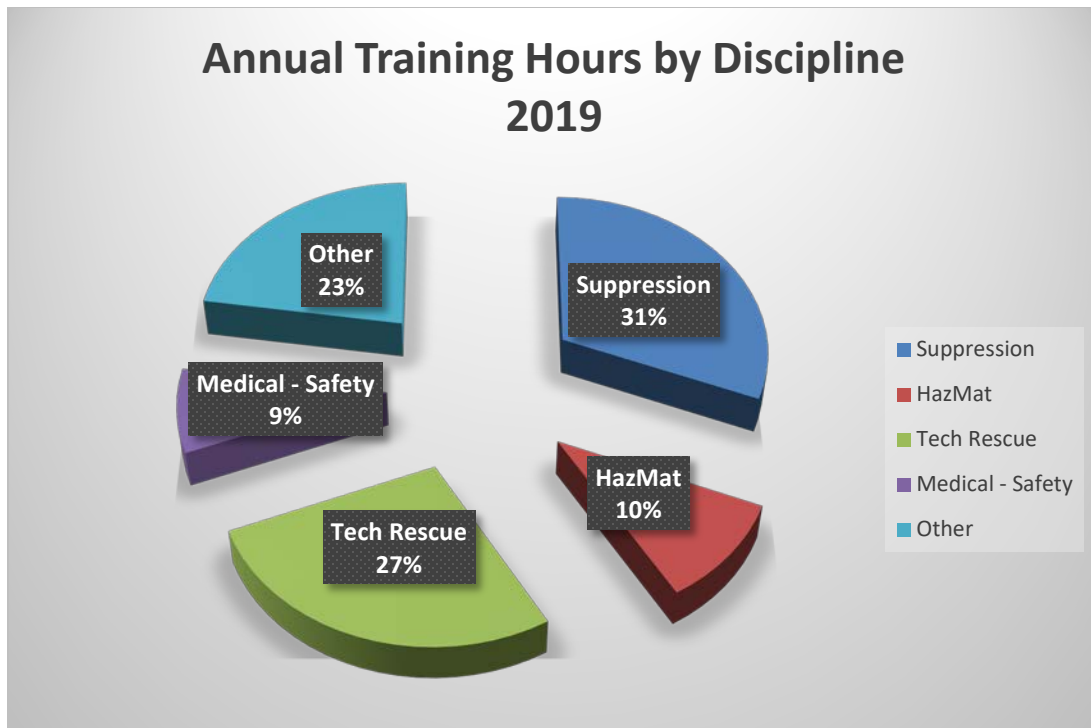


- Prince Albert Fire Department in conjunction with Fleet Service began the process to replace old Engine 11 in 2017. Prince Albert sought a custom built aerial that would meet the needs of Prince Albert for years to come. In December 2019, Prince Albert took delivery of a 65' Rosenbauer Viper Aerial. E11 is currently assigned to lead engine.



Training / Safety

- All members continue to maintain their certification as Emergency Medical Responders
- With assistance from SGI, 37 members obtained their heavy trailer endorsement (G endorsement) allowing them to tow trailers over 4,600 kg
- Dive Rescue International certified thirty six (36) members in ice rescue
- Twelve (12) members were certified as SCOTT SCBA Specialists
- Nine (9) members attended Rapid Damage & Coordination of Rapid Assessment course
- Two (2) members attended FI210-Wildland Fire Origin & Cause Determination
- Two (2) members became certified Oxygen Delivery Instructors
- Five (5) members received certification in IAFF Fire Ground Survival. This training was hosted by the Swift Current Fire Department
- Platoon training exceeded **4356** total person training hours:
 - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 31% of the total hours
 - HazMat Training accounted for 10% of the total hours
 - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 27% of the total hours
 - EMS / Safety training accounted for 9% of the total hours
 - Other training accounted for 23% of the total hours



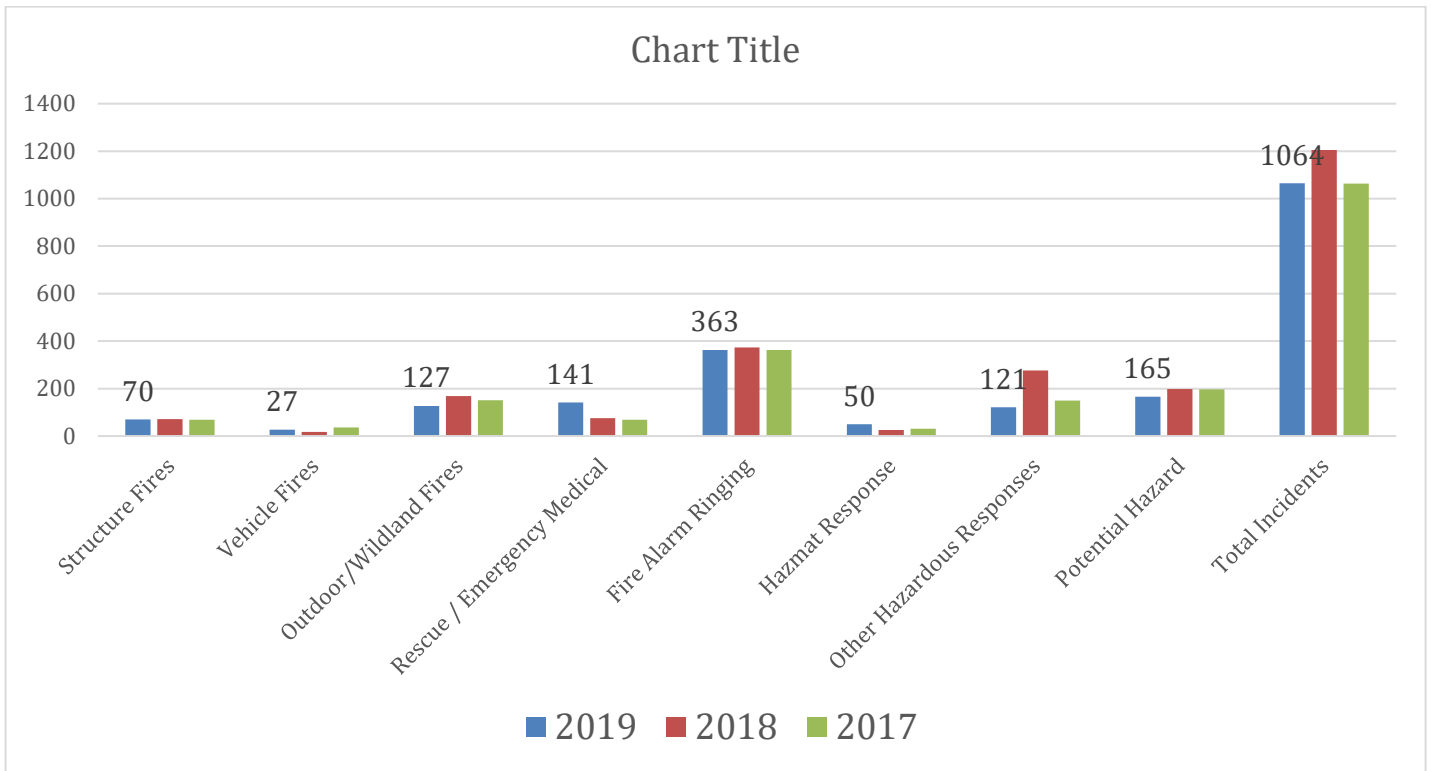
Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2019, the PAFD responded to 1064 calls for assistance, inclusive of responses to the RM of Prince Albert.

Type	2019	2018	2017	% Change Over Previous Year
Structure Fires	70	71	68	3%
Vehicle Fires	27	17	25	59 %
Outdoor / Wildland Fires	127	169	120	-25 %
Rescue / Emergency Medical	141	76	59	86 %
Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)	363	373	308	-3%
Haz-Mat Response	50	25	31	100 %
Other Hazardous Responses *	121	276	150	-56 %
Potential Hazard Responses **	165	198	196	-17 %
Total Responses	1064	1205	1063	-12%

* "Other Hazardous Responses" includes motor vehicle collisions with no entrapment, carbon monoxide calls, and possible smell of natural gas calls.

** "Potential Hazards" are incident that the department was called to, but did not have a threat to public safety. For example; a response to someone in the River, but they were able to exit on their own.



Response Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to thirty three (33) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2019 (an increase of 94% over 2018). A breakdown on the calls for service are as follows:

Row Labels	Sum of Count
Authorized controlled burning	2
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
Building fire	3
Extrication, rescue, Other	7
Grass fire	5
Natural vegetation fire, Other	2
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2
Passenger vehicle fire	6
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
Vehicle accident, no injuries	2
Grand Total	33

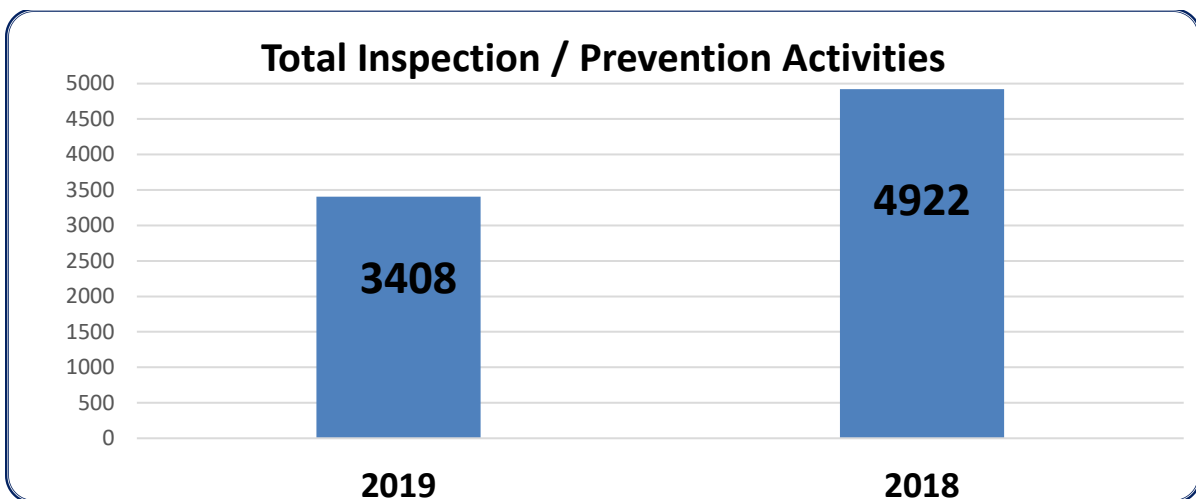
Prevention / Inspections Division

2019 Inspection Division Annual Report

Activity Type	Year		% Change from Previous Year
	2019	2018	2019 - 2018
Inspections	837	1573	-47%
Code Violations	1773	2045	-13%
Violation Notices	600	1042	-42%
Orders to Comply	17	54	-69%
Pub Ed Presentations	131	175	-25%
Structure Fire Investigations	36	22	64%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	14	11	27%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	3408	4922	-31%

*** Negative Variance attributed to vacancy in inspection due to retirement.

- *Orders to Comply* are typically resolved prior to taking further action
- Most common violation noted from inspecting multi-residential and businesses occupancies are primarily *Portable Fire Extinguisher 'Due for Service'* (Section 6.2.1.1 (1)) , Fire Separation Deficiencies (Section 2.2) and Emergency Lighting/Exit Signs (section 2.7.3 of the National Fire Code of Canada.)
- Public Safety Compliance Inspections took place monthly and inspectors have been working with licensed establishment owners from the start of that program to ensure those occupancies are in compliance with code.



- The Prevention and Suppression Divisions conducted approximately 131 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups in the City, including:
 - Fire evacuation drills
 - Fire Safety Talks (Seniors)
 - Fire Safety Plan Creation Assistance
 - Mental Health Approved Home Operators Fire Safety Power Point Creation and delivery.
 - Shift Training to PAFD members
 - Updated all Fire Safety Presentations
 - School presentations, Babysitting Course, Ice Safety, New Immigrant, Family Fire Safety, etc.
 - Fire Hall Tours
 - Daycare Fire Safety presentations
- No Emergency Demolition Orders were issued in 2019.

Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statement for the City of Prince Albert.

Other Notables:

- Continued with an enhanced prescriptive burn program to strategically burn targeted grasslands areas to reduce the available fuels available for malicious ignitions.
- In coordination with Community Services selected drainage ditches were burnt to help control the spread of the Himalayan Balsam.
- Hosted two (2) Emergency Services Technology practicum students from Lakeland College.
- Hosted Fire Prevention Week Open House with better than anticipated turnout from the public. It was estimated that up to 500 people attended.