

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND

EMERGENCY SERVICES





To: Mayor Walaker, Fire Commissioner Williams,
Board of City Commissioners, and Citizens
of Fargo

From: Chief Steven J. Dirksen, Fargo Fire Department

Date: April 17, 2013

Subject: Fargo Fire Department Annual Report

The dedicated professionals of the Fargo Fire Department (FFD) work every day to protect the residents of Fargo. This annual report provides an overview of their lifesaving efforts.

In 2012, the men and women of the FFD responded to 6,262 calls for service. This was a 27% increase from 2011. The FFD responded to 3,121 medical emergencies and 239 fires. Last year the City of Fargo suffered one fire death and approximately 3.2 million dollars in fire damage. These figures follow closely with what national statistics indicate for a community our size.

The FFD continues to provide many other value added services such as our HeartSafe Fargo, commercial building inspections, fire safety programs in the schools, fire hydrant flushing, and attendance in many community gatherings and neighborhood functions.

As you review the accomplishment of our firefighters, I am sure you will share my pride in the outstanding service they provide to our community. I respectfully submit for your review the activities and statistics of the Fargo Fire Department for 2012.



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Message From the Chief

Mission

The mission of the Fargo Fire Department is: *Protect lives and property from fire and other emergencies; to respond to emergencies in a professional and courteous manner; to reduce the rate of emergencies through public education and code enforcement.*

Services

The Fargo Fire Department Operations 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 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.

The Administration 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).

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.

Through a grant from the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services the FFD received 2 Polycom Units. These units allow for video conferencing with 7 other fire departments in the state that have hazardous materials or technical rescue regional responsibilities.

Insurance Services Organization (ISO)

Every ten years the ISO visits communities throughout the country to assess the community's abilities to answer emergency calls, water system capabilities, and fire department capabilities. Fargo is scheduled for evaluation in 2013.

ISO gives communities a rating from 1 to 10. Currently Fargo has a rating of 3 and that is what we hope to maintain. This rating affects the amount that insurance companies charge commercial and residential customers for insurance.

This past June two department members attended a two day training session with a member of ISO in Grand Forks in

preparation for the upcoming visit. Three members from ISO were in Fargo in October to conduct some preliminary studies of buildings and fire suppression systems. We anticipate a visit in the late summer or early fall of 2013.

Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Accreditation

In 2012 the Fargo Fire Department completed its second 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.

2012 Year in Review

- The City of Fargo ended 2012 with one fire fatality. National statistics show that a community the size of Fargo can expect one or two fire fatalities annually.
- HeartSafe Fargo Public Access Defibrillator program placed 62 PADS and trained 104 citizens in CPR.
- In 2012 the FFD said farewell to 5 personnel. Assistant Chief Dean Meyer retired after 27 years of service and then was hired as the Deputy Chief for the Bismarck Fire Department. Captain Terry Swanson retired after 31 years of service. FF Tom Westra retired after 33 years of service. FF Patrick Smith and FF Jim Dockter resigned to pursue other opportunities.

- In April of 2012 the FFD welcomed 5 new members, FF's Matt Dawson, Jordan Bernier, Cole Kyser, Erich Christlieb and Fred Strasser, to the staff.
- All Fire Companies completed annual training evolutions in accordance with EPA, NFPA, and OSHA standards.
- Took delivery of a Regional Technical Rescue vehicle, trailer and equipment.
- Took delivery of a 104' elevating platform ladder truck.
- All Operations Division personnel completed annual EMT training and were recertified.
- Annual medical exams were conducted for all personnel.
- Annual physical fitness testing was conducted for all personnel.
- Flu vaccinations were offered through Fargo/Cass Public Health for all employees.
- Continued with Officer Development Training.
- Conducted promotional examinations for the positions of Fire Captain, Fire Inspector/Investigator, and Battalion Chief.
- Began certification of 42 Operations Division employees to ProBoard Rope Rescue Level 1 and 2.
- Began development of certification requirements for members of the Hazardous Materials team to the Technician, Science Officer and Incident Commander levels.
- Started discussions to deal with the large number of deck fires on apartment buildings.

Immediate Future Plans

- Review current Standard Operating Guidelines and divide the book into

Administrative Policies and Standard Operating Procedures.

- Begin implementation of paperless record keeping for training and fire and life safety inspections.
- Participate in the Civil Support Team Exercise being conducted in Fargo in August.
- Certify rescue team members to Confined Space and Trench Rescue levels 1 & 2.
- Certify Hazardous Materials team members to Technician level.
- Update current physical fitness testing procedures.
- Conduct promotional testing for Fire Inspector/Investigator.
- Develop a new 2 year hiring eligibility list.
- Train 3 personnel per shift as Fire Investigation Technicians.
- Train all Fire Prevention Bureau personnel to Certified Fire Inspectors.

Long-Term Plans

- Identify land in Southeast Fargo for placement and building of Fire Station #8.
- Identify computer software to assist in fire safety inspections.
- Develop a pre-promotion training program where candidates for promotion will be trained for the position prior to being promoted.
- Develop an Acting Officer Program based on industry standards.
- Development of Internal Programs Experts.
- Explore and develop regionalization opportunities.

New Initiatives

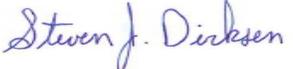
- Enhance the current records management system.

- Institutionalize company officer training and development.
- Institutionalize inspection training for stations.
- Develop an automated reporting system for fire sprinkler and fire alarm testing results.
- Expand elevator rescue training for all operations division personnel.
- Expand the Public Access Defibrillator program to include neighborhood CPR training.

It has been my sincere honor to serve as the Fire Chief for the City of Fargo for the past year. I am extremely proud to serve the City of Fargo, its citizens, and employees.

I owe all that has been accomplished in the past year to the hard work and dedication of the men and women that make up the Fargo Fire Department. I consider myself very blessed to work with and be associated with such an outstanding group of people.

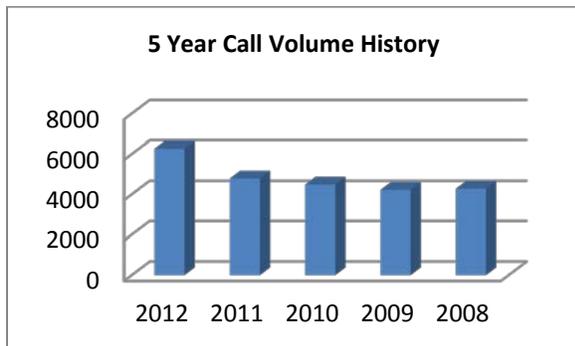
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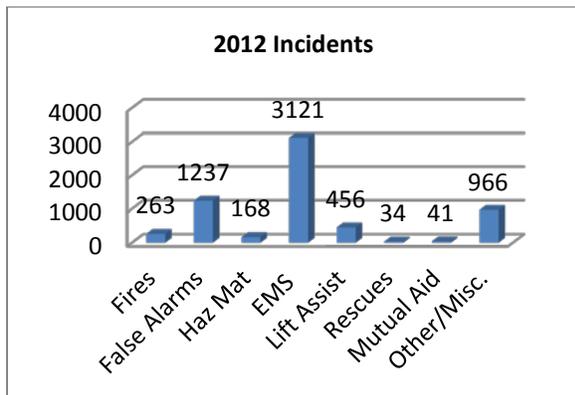
Steven J. Dirksen
Fire Chief
City of Fargo

OPERATIONS

The City of Fargo continues to grow; The FFD now provides fire and EMS services to 107,349 people within 48.82 square miles. In 2012, the FFD responded to 6,262 calls for service, an increase of 1,478 from 2011. The number of responses continues to climb. In the past 5 years responses have risen 46%.



Of the 6,262 calls in 2012, 49.7% of the incidents were EMS in nature. 19.7% of all incidents were false alarms. 4.2% of all incidents involved a fire. A breakdown of these calls for service is as follows: 3,121 medical emergencies, 510 smoke detector activations, 456 lift assists, 291 alarm malfunctions, 279 alarm system activations, 239 fires, and 1,366 miscellaneous calls.

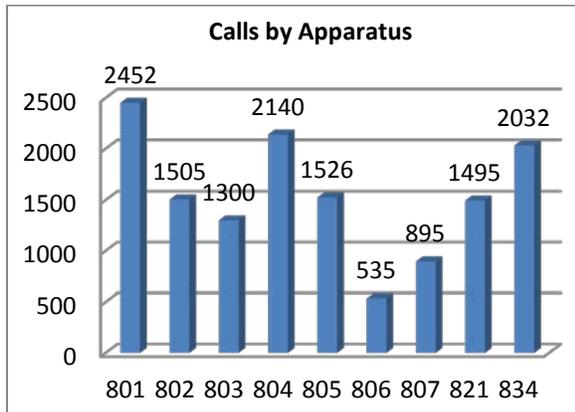


Notable Fire Incidents for 2012:

- Jan. 1st at 1820 40th St. S (apartment fire)
 - \$30,000 estimated dollar loss
 - Estimated 1% damage
- Jan 29th 21:28 @ 5216 17th St S. (single family home)
 - \$200,000 estimated dollar loss
 - Estimated 40% Damage
- Feb. 21st at 3122 8th St. N. (single family home)
 - \$168,000.00 estimated dollar loss
 - Estimated 80% damage
- May 10th at 825 14th St. N. (apartment garages)
 - \$59,000.00 estimated dollar loss
 - Estimated 20% damage
- Aug. 2nd at 810 2nd St. N (apartment)
 - \$85,500 estimated dollar loss
 - Estimated 61% damage
- Sept. 7th at 1900 Dakota Dr. N. (apartment building- under construction)
 - \$ 1 Million dollar estimated loss
 - Structure was a complete loss
- Sep 21st 14:06 @ 2626 Pacific Dr. S. (apartment complex)
 - \$130,000 loss.
 - Estimated 15% Damage
- Nov. 16th at 4264 Russet Ave. S (single family home)
 - \$235,000 estimated loss
 - Estimated 80% damage

Fire Station 1, located at 637 NP Ave, continues to be our busiest fire station. There were 1,806 calls for service in the assigned area. Engine 801, which operates out of Station 1, remains the busiest engine company in the city with

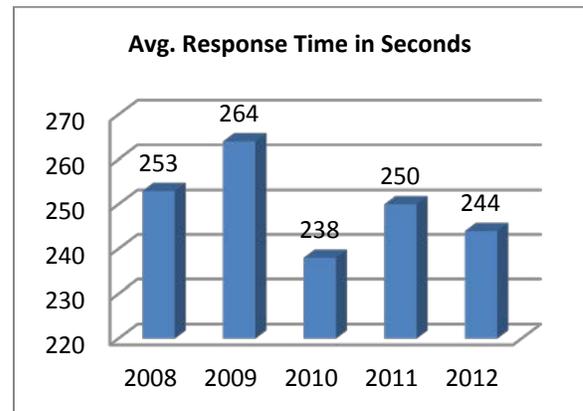
2,452 responses last year. The Rescue Truck located at Fire Station 4 was the second busiest apparatus with 2,032 responses.



The FFD responded on two Regional Responses for Hazardous Materials spills. Both events were minor spills but provided a good opportunity to exercise the State's Response System.

Fire prevention is the first line of defense for reducing fires and the number of emergency calls within the community. In addition to responding to emergencies, fire suppression personnel assisted with these prevention activities by conducting 4,223 commercial building inspections and 1,151 apartment building inspections. Fire crews and staff from the Hydrants and Mains Division of Public Works combined efforts to inspect, flush and pressure test 6,380 of the 6,442 public and private hydrants within the city. In addition, our crews provide fire station tours, school show and tell, ride along opportunities, and many other services.

The FFD understands that if we arrive on scene in an expedient manner we have the potential to save more lives and property. Therefore, strategically placing resources throughout the City is a critical element for providing this rapid response. The stated goal of the Fargo Fire Department is to travel to all emergency situations in 5 minutes and 12 seconds 90% of the time when responding with emergency lights and sirens; a baseline standard established by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. In 2012, crews exceeded this baseline by responding to all emergency responses in 5 minutes and 12 seconds 92.4% of the time. The average travel time for these same responses was 4 min. and 4 sec.



The FFD is committed to providing high quality professional service to the citizens of Fargo. To maintain this high degree of professionalism, fire crews in the Operations Division spent 25,580 hours training in 2012. Members of the Technical Rescue Team (TRT) began the initial training to become ProBoard certified, which required all members of the TRT to be trained to NFPA 1006

Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications Rope Rescue Level 1. Over the next 2 to 4 years TRT members will be tested and ProBoard certified to level 2 of rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue and structural collapse rescue.

Members of the Hazardous Materials Response team also completed monthly training throughout the year. We plan to certify all members of the HazMat Team to the NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents in the areas of Hazardous Materials Technician, Incident Commanders, Hazardous Materials Specialists, and Hazardous Materials Safety Officers.

The FFD also conducted four regional training nights within Cass County. Through a grant from the NDDDES we were able to take the Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Regional Response equipment to four communities and give a brief overview of the equipment and our capabilities. The training also provided a tabletop scenario where the local entities would call for the regional response. FFD members were integrated with the local departments and the initial incident action plans were produced.

In August a training drill was conducted in conjunction with the North Dakota Civil Support Team and the NDANG located at Hector Field. The drill

simulated an airplane crash with hazardous materials. The FFD appreciates the opportunities to train with the CST and NDANG.

FARGO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ROSTER

December 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Aakre, Ellis	Captain	Locnikar, Joseph	Captain
Ambrose, Michael	Firefighter	Lorenz, Gary	Assistant Chief
Anderson, Bruce	Captain	Mangin, Joe	Captain
Arens, John	Captain	Mehlisch, Jason	Captain
Balstad, Steve	Assistant Chief	Meidinger, Paul	Firefighter
Bergh, Brett	Firefighter	Mickelson, Luke	Firefighter
Bernier, Jordan	Firefighter	Mitchell, Nicholas	Firefighter
Bernier, Kevin	Captain	Muffenbier, Kevin	Captain
Besette, Brad	Firefighter	Neels, Michael	Firefighter
Binder, Michael	Firefighter	Nelson, Craig	Captain
Binfet, Timothy	Captain	Nelson, Doug	Firefighter
Bolstad, Jon	Captain	Nelson, Matt	Firefighter
Bossert, Steve	Firefighter	Nelson, William	Firefighter
Brand, Matthew	Firefighter	Ness, Jason	Firefighter
Brown, Michael	Firefighter	Nester, Darin	Firefighter
Brueske, Jason	Firefighter	Orvik, Kent	Firefighter
Buchholz, Daniel	Firefighter	Patterson, Everett	Firefighter
Buchholz, Matthew	Firefighter	Payne, Andrew	Firefighter
Burchill, Joseph	Firefighter	Pearson, Tyler	Firefighter
Bush, William	Firefighter	Peterson, Kirk	Firefighter
Carley, Dane	Captain	Petsinger, Brett	Firefighter
Christlieb, Erich	Firefighter	Pieper, Chris	Firefighter
Christofferson, Joshua	Firefighter	Rasmussen, Chris	Captain
Chromey, Kenton	Firefighter	Roscoe, Clayton	Firefighter
Cleary, Michael	Firefighter	Rysgaard, Trevor	Firefighter
Conrad, Dave	Captain	Sabourin, Joseph	Firefighter
Cuchna, Robert	Captain	Schlafmann, Leon	Captain
Czaplewski, Brett	Firefighter	Schmidt, Gregory	Firefighter
Darrah, Robert	Firefighter	Schmidt, Jesse	Captain
Dawson, Matthew	Firefighter	Schuh, Larry	Assistant Chief
Dietz, Christopher	Firefighter	Scott, Norman	Fire Marshal
Dietz, Clark	Captain	Seaberg, Michael	Firefighter
Dirksen, Steve	Chief	Senn, Dan	Firefighter
Dufty, Nicholas	Firefighter	Severson, Rob	Captain
Durensky, Brent	Firefighter	Shirley, Bruce	Data Services
Eisenlohr, Eric	Captain	Simmons, Shane	Firefighter
Erickson, Perry	Captain	Skarloken, LeRoy	Assistant Chief
Erickson, Ryan	Firefighter	Smith, Justin	Firefighter
Forness, Jason	Firefighter	Soeth, Lee	Captain
Forness, Marshall	Firefighter	Speral, John	Captain
Garvey, James	Firefighter	Sprout, Jeffrey	Firefighter
Gisselbeck, Jason	Firefighter	Stollenwerk, Dawn	Firefighter
Guggisberg, Ron	Captain	Svir, Joseph	Firefighter
Hendrickson, Mike	Captain	Swanson, Ben	Firefighter
Hoover, Jared	Firefighter	Sylvester, Steve	Firefighter
Johnson, Bonnie	Office Manager	Teets, Brandon	Firefighter
Johnson, Dan	Firefighter	Underdahl, Jason	Firefighter
Johnson, Keith	Captain	Viergutz, Ryan	Firefighter
Johnson, Kevin	Firefighter	Vosseteig, Erik	Firefighter
Johnson, Logan	Firefighter	Waller, Mark	Captain
Kankelfritz, Adam	Firefighter	Wehner, Brandon	Firefighter
Kankelfritz, Chris	Captain	Wehrle, Ross	Firefighter
Kelsh, Scot	Firefighter	Weiss, Randy	Captain
Knutson, Chris	Firefighter	Welder, Thomas	Firefighter
Knutson, Deric	Firefighter	Werlinger, Justin	Firefighter
Krueger, Mason	Firefighter	Willey, Benjamin	Firefighter
Kyser, Cole	Firefighter	Young, Paul	Firefighter
Laddusaw, Matthew	Firefighter	Young, Ryan	Firefighter



**Captain
Leon Schlafmann
Emergency Services Coordinator**

2012 Annual Report - Emergency Management, year in review.

As emergency services coordinator for the City of Fargo I represent the city on a number of different committees and boards, such as, the Sanford and Essentia emergency preparedness committees, VOAD (Volunteers Organizations Active in Disasters), LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), and many others.

Training, exercises, and meetings seemed to be the work load for 2012. The first exercise was a two day IMAT (Incident Management Assist Team) drill in Grand Forks. In April, all city facilities participated in the State tornado drill, taking shelter and reviewing procedures. We also set up a number of drills and exercises within the city to test Emergency operational plans for response departments and agencies. The exercises included mass care and sheltering, wide area searching, debris management, and the annual airport disaster drill. In August, we started the Fargo Emergency Planning Committee (FEPC). This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. It is designed after the LEPC, which is the countywide planning group and we focus only on departmental and city emergency operational plans. We review and update portions of the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) each month.

Training took me to Bismarck a number of times for various workshops and classes that included the annual Emergency Management conference, the ND Hazardous Materials conference, and Hazard Mitigation training. In December, we started the large project of reviewing and updating the multi hazard mitigation plan, and hope to have it completed by mid 2013 and sent to FEMA for approval.

Other exercises that were done this past year were regional response training for the outlying communities, in which we sent out the hazardous materials and technical rescue teams to West Fargo, Casselton, Gardner, and Buffalo and a set of Incident Command System (ICS) classes that included ICS 200, 300 and 400 that brought in about 130 students.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) - Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) Program

The Fargo Fire Department and Essentia Health teamed up in 2011 to launch the Heart Safe Fargo PAD Program. The program was incorporated to increase sudden Cardiac Arrest survival rates in Fargo and the surrounding area by increasing the number of accessible Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and by increasing the number of people trained in CPR/AED use. Other communities around the country with similar programs



have seen survival rates in their communities increase substantially. The program also helps to facilitate AED tracking and maintenance for the businesses who become members of the program.

In 2012 the Heart Safe Fargo program sold approximately 62 AEDs and trained approximately 104 people in CPR/AED use. The Fargo Fire Department continues to gather, track, and disperse information about AED's in the community during annual fire inspections. The partnership between Essentia and the Fargo Fire Department has made first aid and CPR more readily available for businesses and citizens to learn, as well as, provide them the service of tracking their AEDs through the computer aided dispatch system for use in emergency situations.

TRAINING



Captain Lee Soeth trained and evaluated the entire department on company level evolutions. These evolutions are designed so each firefighter can train with the equipment to accomplish the fire ground tasks that they may encounter during an emergency response. Fire suppression personnel completed on average a total of over 225 hours per person on fire ground training. Additional hours were also completed in technical rescue training and hazardous materials training.



River rescue training - To the left you see three firefighters that are entering the water to rescue a victim that has fallen into the river by the main avenue dam. This training was done in June to simulate someone trying to cross the river on the rocks. Firefighters are in cold water rescue suits to gain floatation and protect them from objects in the water.

All fire suppression personnel completed multiple live fire evolutions throughout the year at our training center. This allows the firefighters to practice skills they need in real life conditions in a safe environment.



The Fargo Fire Department Technical Rescue Team spent much of their year getting ready to be certified in Technical Rescuer & Rope Rescue level 1. This was completed in 2012 by over 40 member of the department.

FFD TRAINING 2012

- Emergency Operations Center planning and operations training for the chief officers and the general knowledge test for all members of the fire suppression division were given in February.
- In March, the annual training evolutions began for all Department members at the Station 4 training grounds, and continued into October. Wide area search training was presented by Captain Eisenlohr to the Department. A Southeast Regional Training event was hosted by the Department presented for members of the North Dakota Firefighter Association. Three classes presented by FFD members included:
 - Structural Fire Fighting
 - Rapid Intervention Teams
 - Crew Resource Management
- A recruit training class began in April, attended by four new members of the FFD, resulting in Pro Board certification in Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Fire Fighter I. A tornado response drill was conducted; the FFD played a large role in the unified command structure, and operations sections of the drill. Night training in conjunction with the Moorhead Fire Department was also conducted.
- In May, testing for Pro Board certifications in Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, and Fire Fighter I & II were given for those remaining incumbent members of the FFD who wished to obtain their certificates prior to the July incumbent deadline. Water rescue training for all members, was conducted in the Red River. The Department once again participated in a full scale exercise held at the North Dakota Air National Guard base at Hector Field, and involved ARFF, and Haz Mat operations.
- Testing for Pro Board Fire Fighter II certification for five probationary fire fighters was held in July, and resulted in their successful certification. Propane fire fighting training was conducted at the Station 4 training grounds for the Department.
- In September, automobile extrication training, involving the use of all types of extrication tools/equipment, was conducted with much appreciated assistance from 7th Ave Auto Salvage.
- October saw the presentation of a 40-hour new drivers training class at the North Dakota Air National Guard base, for members who had not previously participated in the class. An annual behind the wheel driving refresher class was held for the remainder of the department. Pro Board testing for Rope Rescuer Level I certification was given in October, for members of the FFD Technical Rescue Team. It will be followed in 2013 by testing for Rope Rescuer Level II certification.
- Officer Development classes were scheduled monthly throughout the year, and were conducted at the Company level. It is intended that additional Officer Development training will be presented by the Chief Officers in 2013, with testing for Pro Board certification in Fire Officer I to follow.

COMING & GOING

New Employees



Jordan Bernier



Erich Christlieb



FIREFIGHTERS

Matt Dawson



Cole Kyser



Fred Strasser

Retirees



Assistant Chief Dean Meyer
27 Years of Service



Captain Terry Swanson
30 Years of Service



Firefighter Thomas Westra
32 Years of Service

The Learn Not to Burn Program

The Fargo Fire Department has utilized the “Learn Not to Burn Program” in all the Fargo public and parochial elementary schools for the past thirty years. All kindergarten, first, and second grade students are taught two different fire safety lessons each year. The 2012 lessons were:



- Stay Low And Go
- Exit and Exit signs

In the stay low and go lesson, some of the topics covered are:

- Smoke detectors give advanced warning of smoke
- When smoke hits the ceiling it fills the ceiling and comes back down
- Stay low below smoke and get out
- Have a home escape plan
- Have a meeting place

In the exits and exit signs lesson some of the topics covered are:

- How to follow the exit signs to get outside
- Large buildings have more than one exit
- In an emergency, use the closest safest exit

The Fire Prevention Bureau went to 16 elementary schools and taught over 3,000 students on each visit.

Fargo Fire Explorer Program



POST 259

2012 was a year of stability for the Explorers. Only one member turned 21 and aged out of the program, and one new member joined, keeping the number of members at 6.

Paul Young continues to be a valuable asset as Co-advisor. His dedication and experience is greatly appreciated.



The Explorers received training in search and rescue, auto extrication, fire behavior, ropes and knots, communications, safety, rappelling, emergency medicine, and more.

The Explorers were a big help with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. Five explorers volunteered for three hour shifts to ring the bells. They participated in the MDA's Fill-the Boot campaign.

On average this is the oldest group of Explorers we have ever had. The goal for 2013 is to recruit a several younger members to take the place of the older members that will be leaving at the end of this year. It will be a great opportunity for the older members to take on a new role by becoming mentors to the new recruits.



Firefighter Paul Young

Co-Advisors



Firefighter Justin Smith

PUBLIC RELATIONS

It has been another great year for Fargo Fire Department Public Relations. Fargo Firefighters spent numerous hours teaching children fire safety in schools, giving station tours, raising thousands of dollars for multiple charities and participating in many other fire prevention events.



- We have conducted about 101 Fire Station tours.
- We have attended 86 community events
- We had 41 Engine Company visits at Fargo Schools.
- KVLV Morning Show Guests with John Trierweiler.
 - Fire Prevention Week
 - Christmas Tree Fire and Holiday Safety
 - Thanksgiving safety
 - Poison Control Safety
 - New Ladder Truck Showcase
 - Halloween Safety
 - Grilling Safety
 - 4th of July Safety
 - Battle of the Badges kickoff
- 27 Total Radio Station Visits
- 24 Press Releases
 - Fires/Rescues
 - Charities
 - Public safety advisements
- Bros On Broadway
- “The Bravest Wear Pink” campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
 - Largest blood drive in the State of North Dakota
- Salvation Army Fire Up The Kettle Campaign
 - Set North Dakota State Record at \$34,000 raised in 1 day.
- Christmas Wish (West Acres)
- Christmas Gift (US Bank)
- Hair Cuts For Kids
- Wish Burgers
- Block parties
- NDSU Homecoming parade
- St. Patrick’s Parade
- Holiday Lights Parade
- FM Junior League
- Career Days (South, North, Jefferson, Carl Ben Eielson and Discovery)
- Habitat for Humanity

Fargo's Ranking in *Firehouse Magazine Survey**

BUSIEST ENGINE COMPANY

	DEPARTMENT	UNIT	TOTAL RUNS
131.	Clifton, NJ.....	E6.....	1,808
131.	Newport News, VA.....	E8.....	1,808
133.	Fargo, ND.....	E801	1,803
134.	Jefferson City, MO.....	E1.....	1,797
135.	Lincoln, CA.....	E34.....	1,793

BUSIEST LADDER COMPANY

	DEPARTMENT	UNIT	TOTAL RUNS
92.	Horry County, SC.....	SCL4.....	1,418
93.	St. Charles, MO.....	MOL9412.....	1,416
94.	Fargo, ND.....	L821.....	1,397
95.	Renton, WA.....	WAL11.....	1,379
96.	Clearwater, FL.....	FLT48.....	1,352

BUSIEST HAZMAT UNIT

	DEPARTMENT	UNIT	TOTAL RUNS
51.	Surprise, AZ.....	HM305.....	59
52.	Long Beach, CA.....	HM24.....	58
53.	Fargo, ND.....	HM846.....	57
54.	Columbus, OH.....	HM4.....	55
55.	Portland, OR.....	HM7.....	51

BUSIEST STATION

	DEPARTMENT	STATION	RUNS	UNITS
104.	Wilmington, DE.....	1.....	4,895.....	6
105.	Dunedin, FL.....	60.....	4,846.....	4
106.	Fargo, ND.....	1.....	4,787.....	3
107.	Marion County, FL.....	Friendship..	4,666.....	7
108.	East Hartford, CT.....	3.....	4,582.....	3

BUSIEST CHIEF

	DEPARTMENT	CHIEF	TOTAL RUNS
23.	Minneapolis, MN.....	BC1.....	1,673
24.	Nashville, TN.....	D9.....	1,612
25.	Fargo, ND.....	BC800.....	1,587
26.	Reading, PA.....	C7.....	1,580
27.	Jacksonville, FL.....	F3.....	1,462

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL CALLS

	DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CALLS	FIRE CALLS	EMS	FALSE ALARM
154.	Golden Gate, FL...	5,249.....	363.....	2,758.....	338
155.	Montebello, CA.....	4,870.....	685.....	3,930.....	393
156.	Fargo, ND.....	4,785.....	247.....	1,746.....	1,309
157.	Salem, NH.....	4,678.....	917.....	3,072.....	689
158.	Jefferson City, MO	4,412.....	137.....	2,740.....	163

*This data is 2011 statistics published in FIREHOUSE 2012 issues

2012 Number of Responses



Station 1

Assistant Chief 800 – 1906 Responses
Engine 801 – 2452 Responses
Ladder 821 – 1495 Responses



Station 2

Engine 802 – 1505 Responses



Station 3

Engine 803 – 1300 Responses



Station 4

Engine 804 – 2140 Responses
Rescue 834 – 2032 Responses



Station 5

Engine 805 – 1526 Responses



Station 6

Engine 806 – 535 Responses



Station 7

Engine 807 – 895 Responses
Haz Mat Unit 857 – 18 Responses



Fargo Firefighters Local 642
Charitable events and striving to maintain a high quality service for the citizens of Fargo kept the firefighters of Local 642 busy in 2012.

- The Muscular Dystrophy Association is the flagship charity of the Local. Millions of dollars have been raised nationally by firefighters for children who suffer from this disease.
- Firefighters recruited blood donors for United Blood Services sixth annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.
- Firefighters from Local 642 broke the single day dollar amount raised for the Salvation Army with over \$34,000.
- Christmas morning firefighters have delivered Christmas presents to children that were in the hospitals over the holidays. The presents are bought with money from a charity account that is donated by the firefighters.
- Firefighters assisted with other charity events, such as, Wish Burgers and Christmas Wish.



FIRE LOSS SUMMARY

<u>INCIDENT TYPE</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
BUILDING FIRE.....	\$2,721,960
PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE.....	\$71,150
FIRES IN OTHER VEHICLES.....	\$39,200
OTHER	<u>\$426,763</u>
TOTAL	\$3,259,073

TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS = 6286



SUPPRESSION DIVISION HOURS

Fire Emergencies	16,649
Medical Emergencies	8,640
Inspections	5,105
Hydrants	2,569
Emergency Training	23,745
Medical Training	1,835
Routine Maintenance	11,017
Emergency Equipment Maint.	13,488
Equipment & Building Maint.	2,625
Personal Health & Safety	3,752
Data Entry	5,423
Public Relations	1,378
Special Inspections	64
Administration Projects	3,054
Misc. Duties	<u>2,465</u>
TOTAL	101,809



Fire Prevention Bureau Hours

Recordkeeping/Reports	779
Research/Other	696
Building Inspections	583
Recheck Inspections	260
Special or Requested Inspections	807
Church Inspections	53
School Inspections	51
Flammable Liquid Inspections	115
Plans Review	414
Investigations	217
Training	653
Fire Drill Activities	6
Permits	470
Public Relations	<u>207</u>
TOTAL	5,311



Fire Hydrants Inspected 2012

6380 of 6442 public and private hydrants were inspected, flushed and pressure tested in 2012.

Plan Reviews for 2012

183 plans for new construction and remodeling were approved in 2012

Number of Inspections

Fire Suppression Inspections

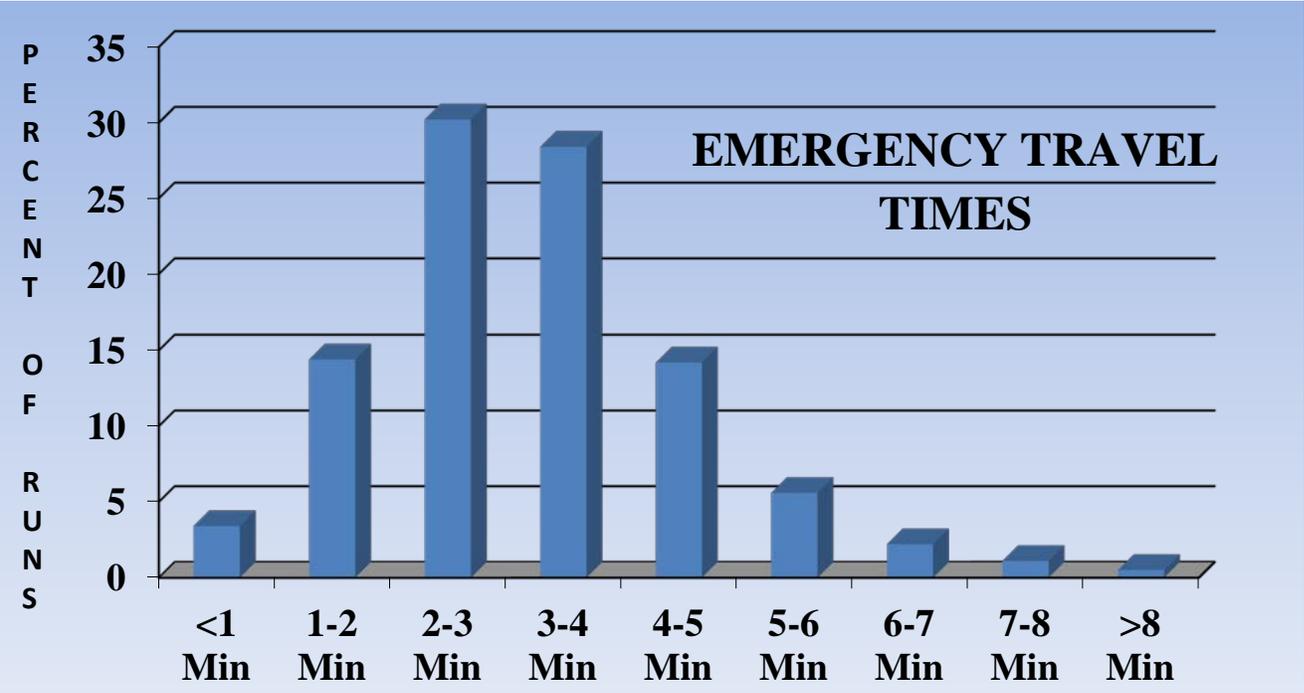
Commercial	4223
Apartments	<u>1151</u>
TOTAL	5374

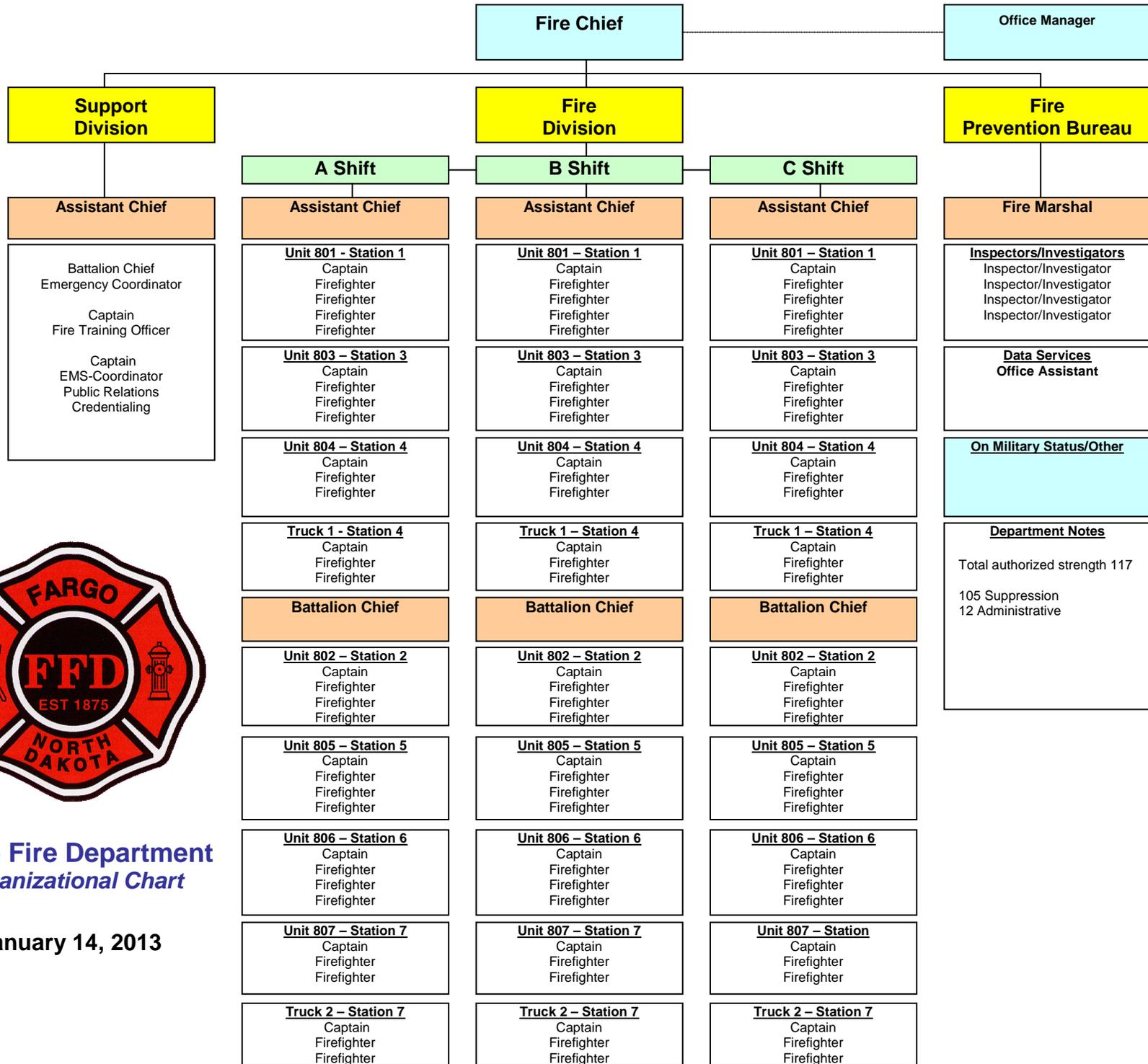
Inspection Percentages:

- A) Inspected 100% of the commercial properties and
- B) inspected 91% of the apartment properties.

Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections

Public Assembly.....	168
Offices.....	67
Educational.....	141
Factory.....	84
Hazardous Materials.....	166
Institutional.....	17
Mercantile.....	85
Residential.....	112
Storage.....	84
Utility.....	7
Special Inspections	<u>804</u>
TOTAL	1,735





Fargo Fire Department
Organizational Chart

January 14, 2013