

2018

PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT
YEAR IN REVIEW



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2018 PAFD Year in Review

Staffing Highlights:

- The 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
- Fire Chief Jason Everett Resigned June, 2018
- No retirements or terminations in 2018

Fleet/Equipment Changes

- Completion of SCBA 45 minute bottle replacement program. The last 13 cylinders were received and placed in-service.
- Apparatus replacement team completed and signed off on specifications for a 65' Aerial from Rocky Mountain Phoenix / Rosenbauer. The build is anticipated to be completed in October/November, with an expected delivery date of December 2019.

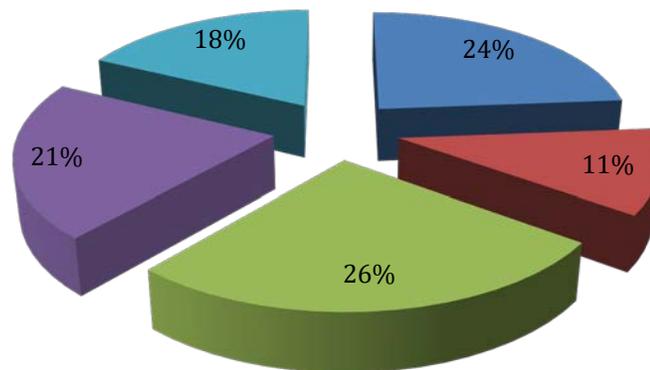


Training / Safety

- All members were recertified with Emergency Medical Responder certification.
- Two members attended hazard assessment training when encountering a hoarder's home.
- All members received training on Anhydrous Ammonia
- Five members received UTV Operation training
- SaskPower provided carbon monoxide training to all members
- Four members received a Controlled Burning Ignition Course provided by Saskatchewan Wildfire. This was hosted at the Buckland Fire Department
- One member was certified as a Fire Ground Survival Instructor
- Three platoons received Red Cross Psychological First Aid training
- Regular platoon training exceeded 4436 total person training hours
 - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 24% of the total hours
 - HazMat Training accounted for 11% of the total hours
 - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 26% of the total hours
 - EMS / Safety training accounted for 21% of the total hours
 - Other training accounted for 18% of the total hours

Annual Training Hours by Discipline 2018

■ Suppression ■ HazMat ■ Tech Rescue ■ Medical - Safety ■ Other



Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2018, the PAFD responded to 1205 calls for assistance, inclusive of responses to the RM of Prince Albert.

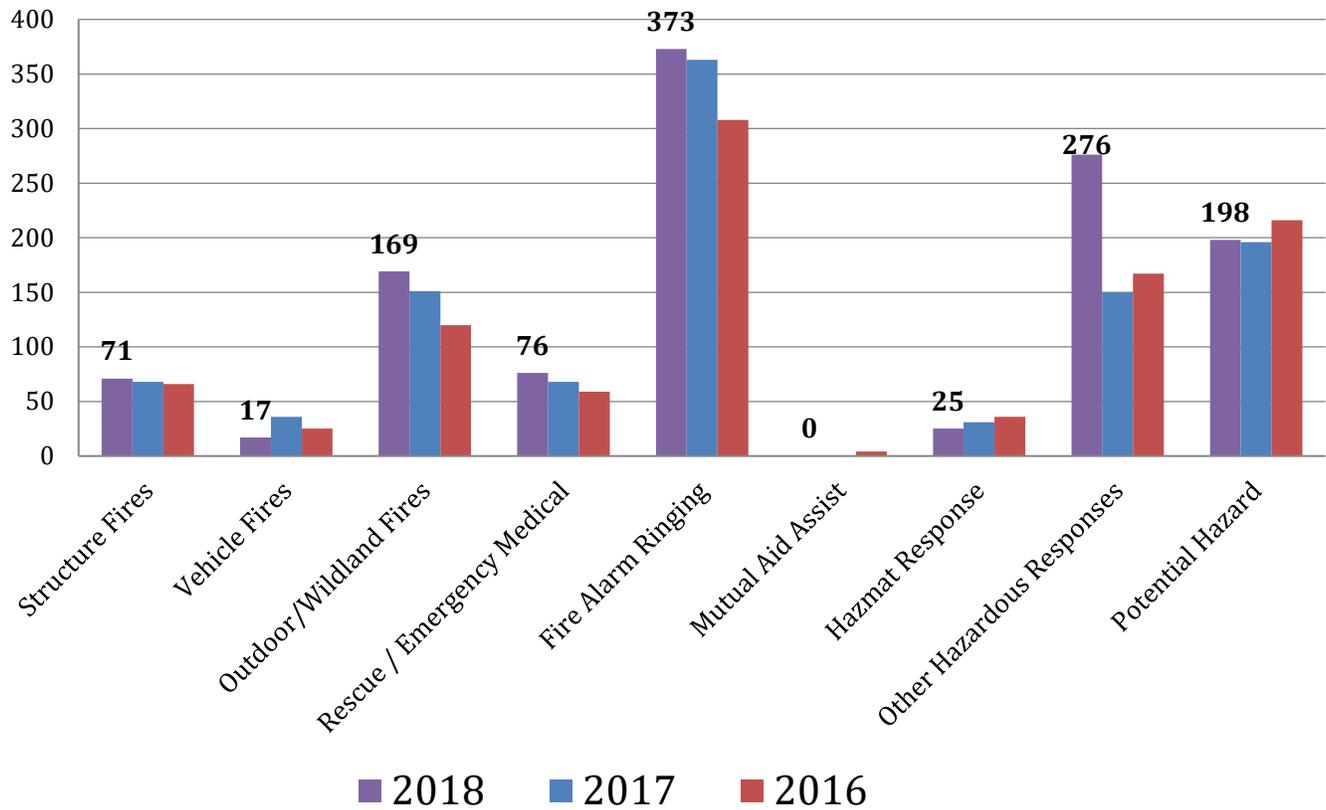
Type	2018	2017	% Change Over Previous Year
Structure Fires	71	68	4%
Vehicle Fires	17	36	-53 %
Outdoor / Wildland Fires	169	151	12 %
Rescue / Emergency Medical	76	68	12 %
Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)	373	363	3 %
Mutual Aid Assist	0	0	0 %
Haz-Mat Response	25	31	-19 %
Other Hazardous Responses	276	150	84 %
Potential Hazard Responses	198	196	1 %
Total Responses	1205	1063	13%

*** "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 Comparatives (Annual)



Response Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to Twenty Five (25) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2018 (a decrease of 17% from 2017). A breakdown on the calls for service are as follows:

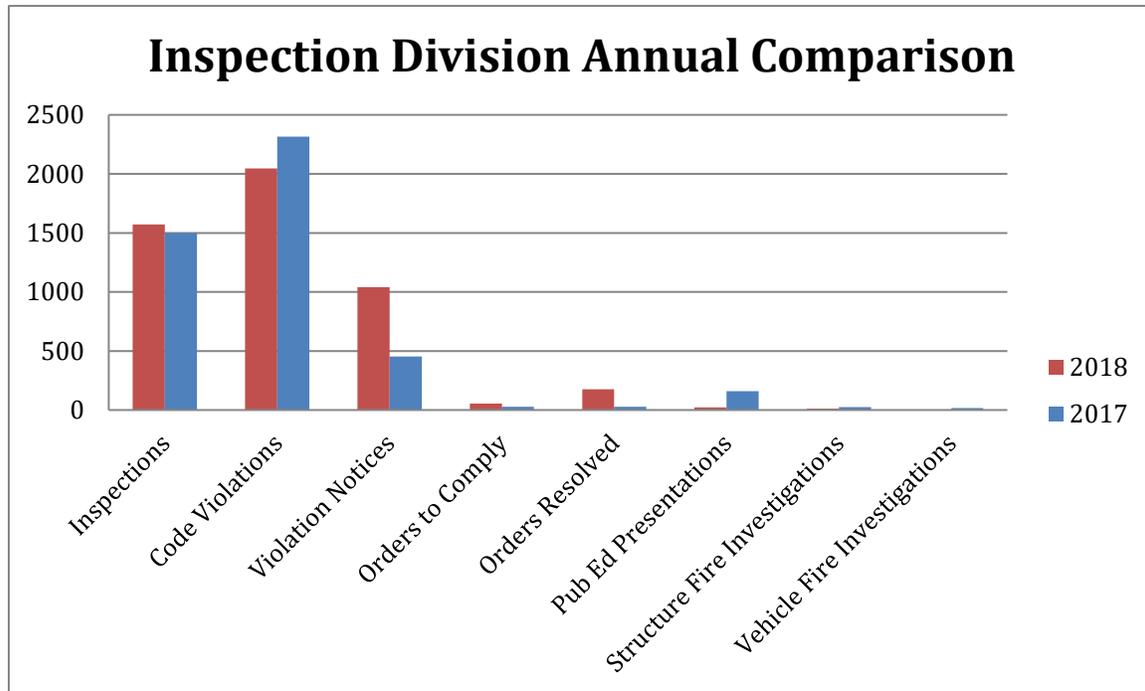
Row Labels	Sum of Count
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	4
Building fire	2
Chimney Fire	1
Extrication, rescue, Other	1
Grass fire	7
Natural vegetation fire, Other	5
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	0
Passenger vehicle fire	3
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	0
Electrical/Downed Power line	2
Vehicle accident, no injuries	0
Grand Total	25

Prevention / Inspections Division

2018 Inspection Division Annual Report

Activity Type			% Change from Previous Year
	2018	2017	2018 - 2017
Inspections	1573	1500	5%
Code Violations	2045	2316	-12%
Violation Notices	1042	452	131%
Orders to Comply	54	28	93%
Pub Ed Presentations	175	160	9%
Structure Fire Investigations	22	25	-12%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	11	17	-35%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	4922	4498	9%

- *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 175 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups in the City, including fire evacuation drill observations, including:
 - Fire Safety Talks (Senior’s)
 - Fire Safety Plan Creation Assistance
 - Mental Health Approved Home Operators Fire Safety Power Point Creation and delivery.
 - Shift Training to PAFD members
 - New Immigrant Fire Safety Talk for New Immigrants
 - 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 2018.

Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2018 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.
- Hosted Three (3) 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 400 people attended.