



PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW



2024



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Staffing Highlights:

- The Prince Albert Fire Department consists of:
 - Fifty-two (52) uniformed members plus one (1) administrative secretary.
 - Six (6) out-of-scope personnel
 - (1) Fire Chief
 - (1) Deputy Chief
 - (4) Battalion Chiefs
 - Forty-four (44) in-scope fire operation's personnel (IAFF 510)
 - Two (2) in-scope fire prevention personnel (IAFF 510)
 - One (1) Administrative Secretary (CUPE 882)
- Full-time, career department operating from one (1) location
- Four (4) Retirements.
- Two (2) Resignations.
- Six (6) Probationary Firefighters were hired from the 2023 Recruit selection process.

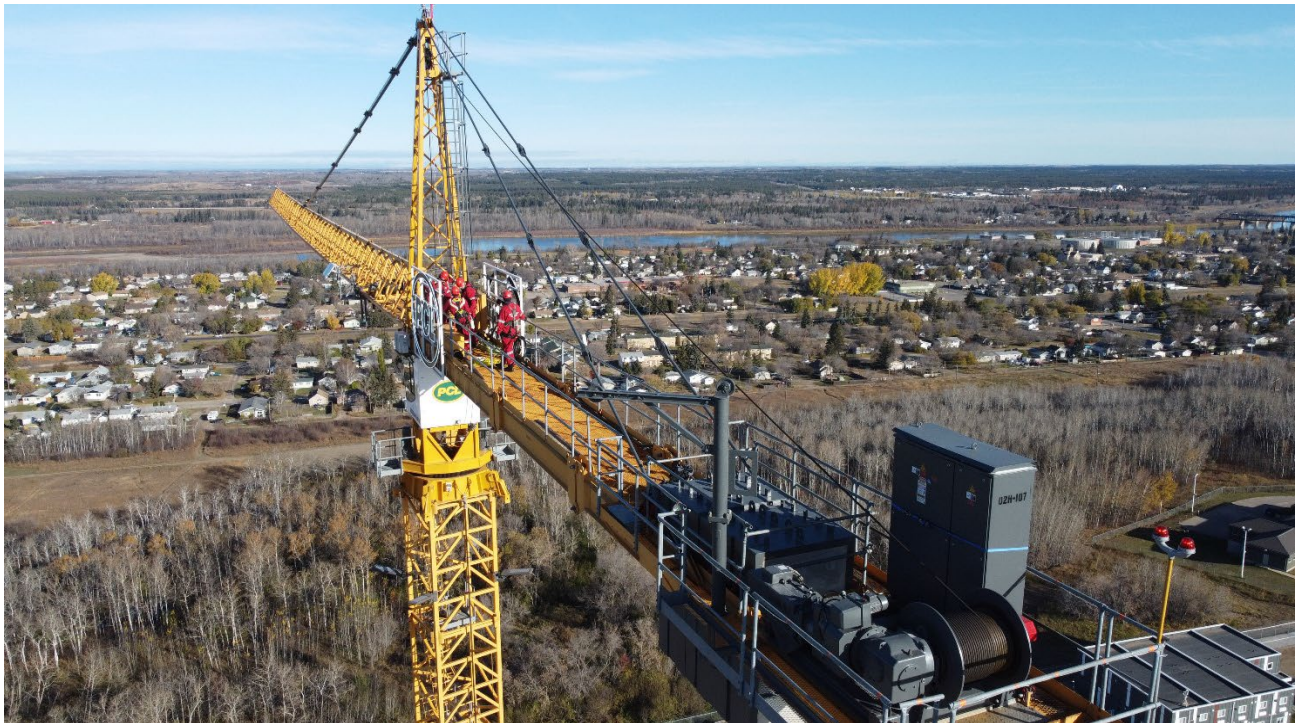
Fleet/Equipment Change:

- The Fire Department added three (3) Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to their firefighting inventory at a cost of approximately \$34,100.00. These SCBA are a part of an on-going replacement program to replace aging SCBA.
- Replaced a 2008 wildland unit with a 2024 wildland unit at a cost of approximately \$113,100.00. This unit consists of a one-ton 4x4 truck with a removable fire pump, water tank and hose reel.
- Prince Albert Fire Department, in conjunction with Fleet Services, began the process of replacing Engine 14. E14 has been in-service as a frontline apparatus since 2007. The department sought a custom-built fire engine that would meet specified requirements. In June of 2023 a contract was awarded to Westvac Industrial Ltd. at a cost of approximately \$1,300,000.00. We are anticipating delivery in 2025.

Training / Safety

- 8 members enrolled in Fire Officer Level 1, NFPA 1021, and are working towards completion and accreditation.
- 8 members enrolled in Fire Officer Level 2, NFPA 1021, and are working towards completion and accreditation.

- Acquired Structure Training - With the use of an acquired structure slated for demolition, each of the four platoons spent a minimum of two days honing their firefighting skills, including fire behaviour, thermal imaging camera use and rapid intervention team training in live fire situations. The structure was also used to practice forcible entry, vertical ventilation techniques, and proper hose advancement and search techniques.
- 1 Inspector completed the requirements for NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Level 2 and received his accreditation through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
- Ice Rescue continuing education – All operations staff hold Dive Rescue International certification to an Ice Rescue Technician level with several members certified as instructors. Four (4) new members certified to the Ice Rescue Technician standard which further strengthens the department's capabilities, ensuring a proficient and skilled response to any ice rescue operation that may arise.
- The Prince Albert Fire Department Rope Rescue Team, in collaboration with PCL Construction LTD. conducted a full-day training and pre-planning exercise at the Victoria Hospital construction site in October. This invaluable opportunity allowed our team to gain critical on-site education and familiarization with the tower cranes currently in use at this site. The knowledge acquired will significantly contribute to a successful response should an incident occur at the site. We extend our sincere gratitude to PCL for their cooperation and commitment to safety in facilitating this vital training.



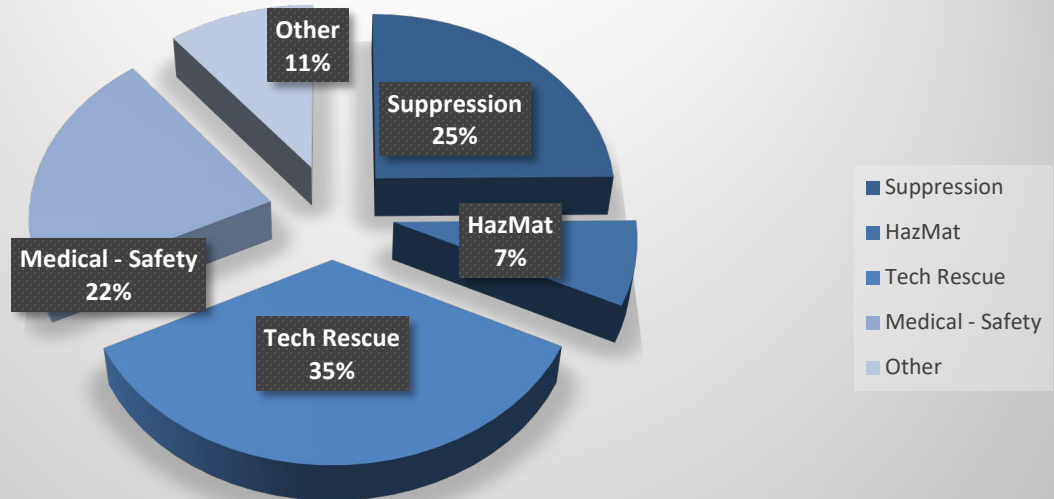
- One member attended and received certification as an EMR instructor through St. John Ambulance Canada.

- 1 Platoon (12 staff) received 96 hours of instruction and evaluation to be re-certified as Emergency Medical Responders, delivered by our in-house trainer.
- Heavy Vehicle Rescue—All Operation's staff participated in an intensive two-day heavy vehicle rescue training session. This training included hands-on simulations, where teams faced challenging scenarios like passenger vehicles vs. semi-trucks and trapped passengers, putting PAFD skills to the test. Through a combination of teamwork, problem-solving, and quick thinking, the shifts honed their abilities to respond effectively in high-pressure rescue situations involving heavy vehicles. The practical experience gained during the training would prove invaluable in real-life emergencies, ensuring a proficient and coordinated response from all involved.
- Rope Rescue—All Platoons participated in a two-day rope rescue technician level refresher and training. Theory as well as scenario-based evolutions focusing on both individual and rope rescue team current best practices for low slope, steep slope and high angle rescue techniques.



- Regular platoon training: **6357.55** total person training hours
 - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 25% of the total hours
 - HazMat Training accounted for 7% of the total hours
 - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 35% of the total hours
 - EMS / Safety training accounted for 22% of the total hours
 - Other training accounted for 11% of the total hours

Annual Training Hours by Discipline 2024



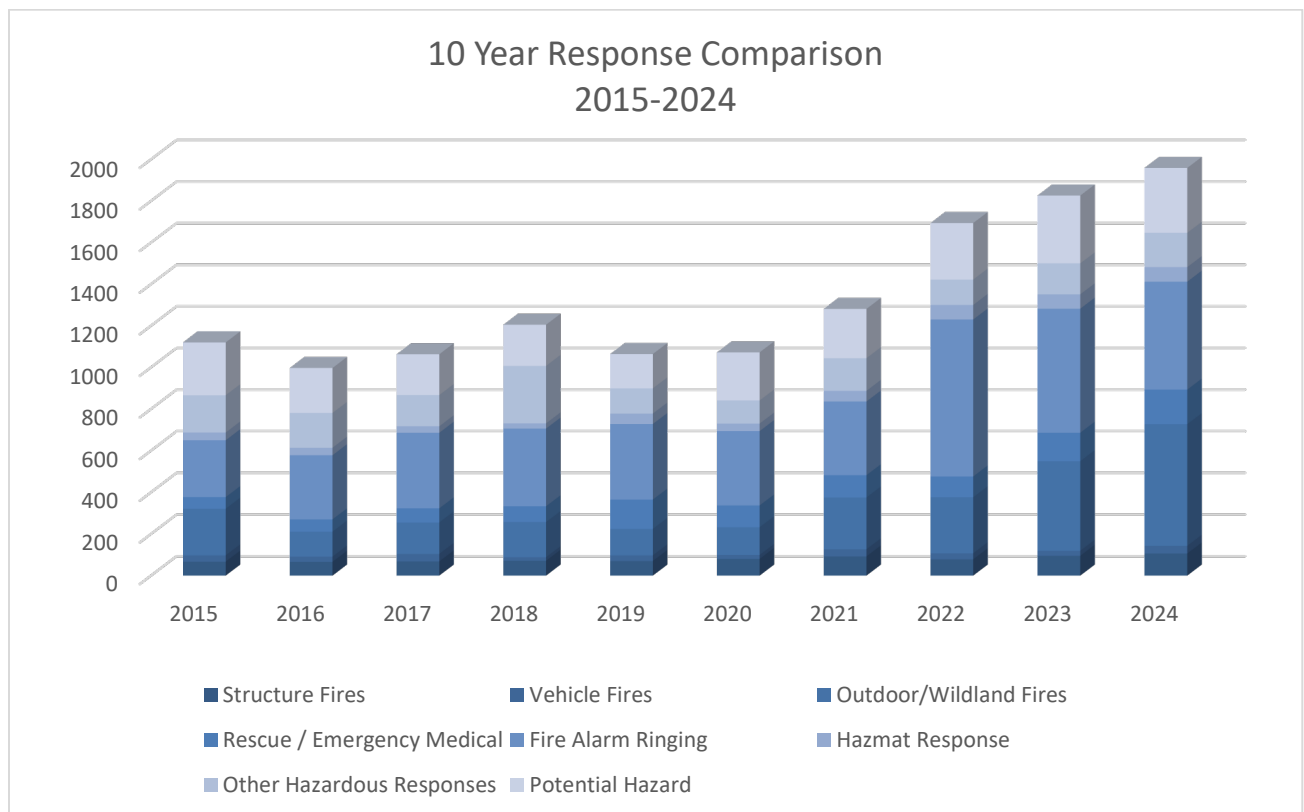
Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2024, the PAFD responded to 1959 calls for assistance

Type	2024	2023	2022	% Change Over Previous Year
Structure Fires	106	95	78	12%
Vehicle Fires	37	24	29	54 %
Outdoor / Wildland Fires	584	430	269	36 %
Rescue / Emergency Medical	166	137	100	21 %
Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)	519	596	754	-13%
Haz-Mat Response	70	69	70	1 %
Other Hazardous Responses	165	149	122	11 %
Potential Hazard Responses	312	326	272	-4 %
Total Responses	1959	1826	1696	7%

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

*** "Potential Hazards" are incidents that the department was called to, but did not pose a threat to public safety. For example, a response to someone in the river, but they could exit on their own.



Response Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to Thirty-Six (36) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2024 (an increase of 12.5% over 2023). A breakdown of the calls for service is as follows:

Structure fire	10
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	8
Extrication, rescue, Other	4
Grass fire	1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3
Vehicle fire	5
Wellness Check	5
Total	36



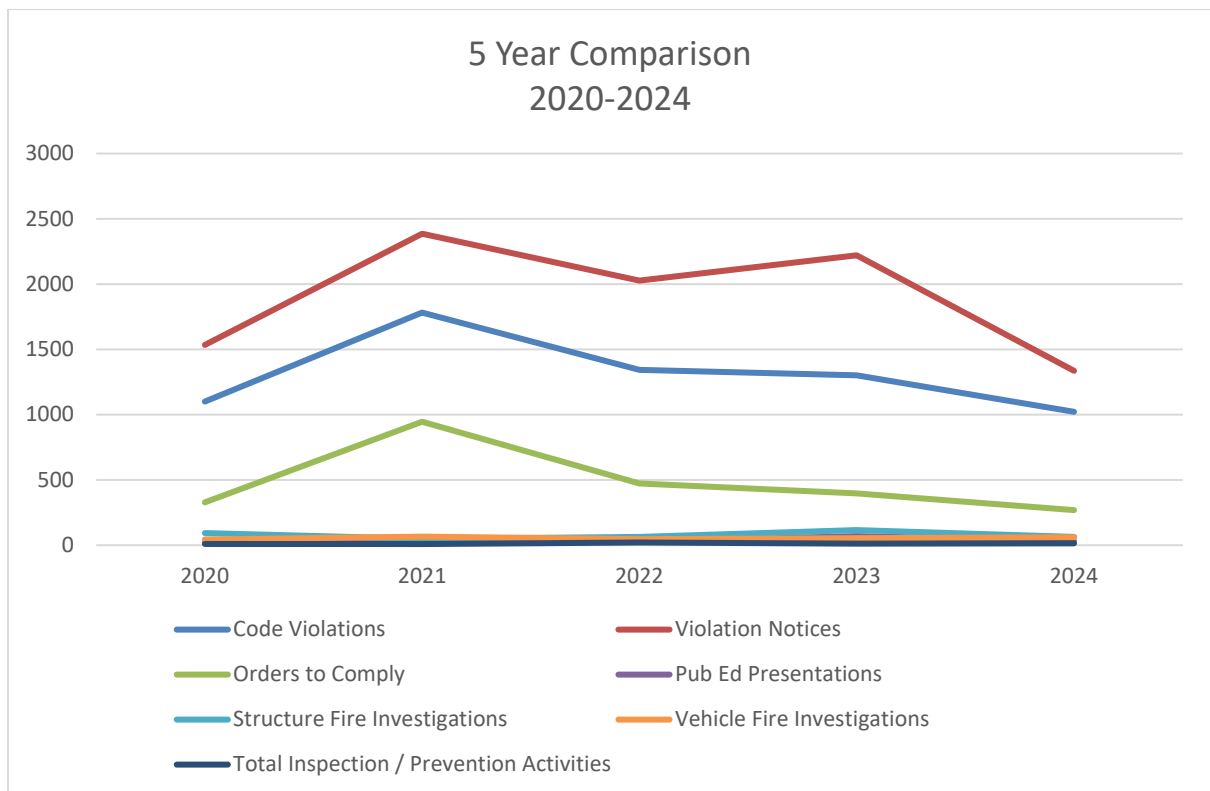
Prevention / Inspections Division

2024 Inspection Division Annual Report			
Activity Type			% Change
	2024	2023	
Inspections	1022	1302	-22%
Code Violations	1336	2220	-40%
Violation Notices	269	398	-32%
Orders to Comply	31	70	-56%
Pub Ed Presentations	64	116	-45%
Structure Fire Investigations	62	54	15%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	15	11	36%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	*2799	4171	-33%

* The vacancy created by the retirement of an Inspector in July of 2024 and the increase in structure fire investigations were contributing factors to the reduction in total inspections/prevention activities in 2024.

- *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 take place monthly. Inspectors have been working with licensed establishment owners to ensure their occupancies are in compliance with code.

Prevention / Inspections Division



Public Education and Community Engagement

- The Prevention and Suppression Divisions conducted 17 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups within the city.

Public Fire Safety initiatives include:

- Fire Safety Plan Creation Assistance.
- Approved Home Operators Fire Safety Presentation.
- Fire Safety Talk for New Immigrants and Seniors.
- School Presentations.
- Ice Safety.
- Open House.
- Daycare Fire Safety Presentations.



- Two Emergency Demolition Orders were issued in 2024.

Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2024 Consolidated Financial Statement for the City of Prince Albert.

Other Notables:

- Continued with an enhanced prescriptive burn program to strategically burn targeted grassland areas to reduce the available fuels for malicious ignitions.
- Fire Crews attended twenty-one (21) community-related events to promote fire safety and the PAFD.

