



City Council Workshop Report

Red Wing Fire Department
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In 2010, the Red Wing Fire Department staffing consisted of the following:
1 Fire Chief, 3 Fire Captains, 1 Fire Marshal, 20 Firefighter/Paramedics and 26 Paid-on-Call Firefighters. The Red Wing Fire Department's part-time clerical position was vacated in June and remains unfilled.

Fire Department Accomplishments for 2010

Fire EMS Master Plan: Continued Implementation of recommendations

32	Completed (5 new items in 2010)
25	In Process
1	Eliminated
<u>11</u>	Future Consideration
69	Total

Calls for Service: 2.1% increase in Fire responses, .8% increase in EMS responses

Personnel: Hiring of 2 firefighter/paramedics to fill vacancies created by retirements
Hiring of 1 firefighter/paramedic to fill vacancy created by resignation
Completed promotional process to fill one Fire Captain vacancy
Completed promotional process to fill two Captain in Training vacancies
Completed transfer and training to fill one training specialist assignment
Completion of phase 2 of the hiring process for 11 POC firefighters

Overtime: 2010 fire overtime 96% of budgeted amount (Reduced 46% from 2009)
2010 ambulance overtime 100.96% of budgeted amount (Reduced 44% from 2009)

Fire Prevention: 28% increase in fire inspections (thorough and detailed) while managing increased call volume
City Code updated to incorporate Minnesota State Fire Code and appropriate appendixes

Public Education: Fire Prevention Month activities including educational presentations in all public and private schools
RWFD Open House
Fire safety presentations at local businesses
Participation in "Night to Unite"
Stroke Awareness training added to EMS education program

Began “Star of Life” safety campaign to promote helmet use by children

- Training:** Fire and EMS training hours increased while managing increased call volume
Consistency of “Competency based fire training” for career and POC personnel maintained through use of a single instructor
Completed Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Haz-Mat Operations training and State Certification for 11 paid-on-call firefighters
Constructed reusable “Live Fire” training structure for firefighter skills training
Conducted live fire training for full-time and paid-on-call personnel
Conducted ongoing training on Engine 11 including, Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) training
Conducted rope rescue (Operations Level) training for all full-time personnel
Conducted clinical intubation training with Fairview Medical Center
Completed HIPAA compliance review, policy revision and HIPAA training for all full-time personnel
Participation in local Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) group
Maximized fire training opportunities with Chippewa Valley Technical College and training funded by the State of Wisconsin
- Fire Engine:** Worked with manufacturers to resolve Engine 11 warranty repairs and minor design modifications to ensure proper and safe operations
- Ambulance:** Worked with multiple manufacturers to resolve failure of Medic 4 on-board oxygen supply system (2009 ambulance), resulted in manufacturer issuing service bulletin for firmware update and additional alarm notification
- Technology:** Purchased pagers to replace obsolete, non-compliant units assigned to paid-on-call firefighters
Completed training on 800MHz radio operations and communications, awaiting 800MHz implementation date
- Equipment:** Purchased new extrication tools and power unit, compatible with modern automobile construction and design
Purchased rope rescue gear to enhance operational safety
Purchased one power cot as part of ongoing back injury prevention program
- Station:** Station 1 – Completed exterior masonry repairs to prevent and correct damage caused by ongoing water infiltration
Station 2 – Purchased land for future west Red Wing fire station
- Grants:** 2008 SAFER Grant - Hiring of 3 firefighter/paramedics (\$325,140.00)
Awarded in 2009, continues through 2013: All required quarterly reports and annual report have been submitted as required in compliance with award requirements.
- Execution of 2009 AFG - Operations and Safety Grant (\$165,287.00)
Purchased 19 complete SCBA's and 27 sets of PPE in accordance with award requirements. Competitive pricing allowed excess grant funds to be combined with budgeted funds to purchase 13 additional sets of PPE. All RWFD personnel are now outfitted with NFPA approved PPE.

Received \$8,000.00 for fire training reimbursement from Minnesota Board of Fire Training and Education (Funded by MN Fire Safety Account)

2010 AFG - Operations and Safety Grant (\$95,353.00) for purchase of SCBA air compressor and 3 power cots has received a favorable review, awaiting official notification of award.