



***"We will remember
every rescuer who died
in honor. We will
remember every family
that lives in grief.
We will remember..."***

-George W. Bush

HUTCHINSON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission Statement	“To Help People”
Our Mission	“Be Honest, Be Safe, Be Nice, Treat People Like They Are Family”
Our Vision	“To Provide the Best Service and Protection Possible”
Our Guiding Principles	“Pride, Honor and Integrity”



To the Community We Serve

This past year (2021) was much different, yet much the same as the previous year. We were still dealing with issues pertaining to the pandemic and the challenges that it continues to bring us. We did take delivery of a new rural tanker truck and are in the build process for a new rescue/grass rig truck. Our newest group of Firefighters completed all of their Firefighter training and were put to work. Time was taken in September to properly honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11 in conjunction with our annual open house which drew a record crowd. We celebrated the accomplishments and retirements of three veteran Firefighters in the presence of their families. Some opportunities arose for us and we were able to conduct two live fire training house burns. Call volume stayed very consistent from the previous year. Unfortunately there were two fire fatalities that occurred. Our Firefighters see the highest of highs and the lowest of lows on a routine basis and we try to balance that with a strong focus on the health and well-being of our entire Firefighter family.

We truly appreciate the support we receive from the Townships and Cities that we serve! We are very blessed to have a dedicated group of Firefighters that are ready and willing to perform at the highest level, whenever they are called to duty.

Chief Schumann – Assistant Chief Abelson – Battalion Chief Sturges – Battalion Chief Vik

Dedication:

We honor those who have come before us and paved the way for the current and future success of our organization and we thank them for their dedicated service to the community.

Richard Popp- passed away June 2021 with 28 years of service from 1961-1989

Howard Riggle- passed away October 2021 with 11 years of service from 1979-1990



Awards: Our peer recognition program annually votes on awards that celebrate the accomplishments of those who have performed at the highest levels throughout the year. These individuals have been excellent performers throughout their careers and we proudly honor them.

“Distinguished Service” **Tony Mackedanz**

“Officer of the Year” **Jason Sturges**

“Firefighter of the Year” **Greg Peller**



Special Events

In September we held our annual open house and also spent a tremendous amount of time preparing activities and presentations to properly honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We promise to never forget the events of that day 20 years ago. Over 700 community members came to our event that day.



Note: special thanks to the open house/fundraiser, lunch/banquet committees and all others for their time and hard work put into making this such an amazing event!

Special Events

We were honored to participate in the “Salute to Service” Tiger Football game.



Thank you Firefighter Kirk Ondracek for 25 years of coaching the HFD youth football team.



Participated in the Annual “Spooky Sprint” event supporting the “Reach Program” and had some fun.



Special Events

We supported Firefighter Doug Foote and his 200 mile walk across MN to bring awareness to Firefighter health issues. We walked with Doug and also went back and walked from Cosmos to Hutchinson to cover the miles that he couldn't walk because of physical injuries he incurred during his journey.



- McLeod County Fair grandstand events (fire suppression and EMS support).
- Multiple escorts of Hutchinson High School state team events.
- The “Reach Team” Chad Greenway football camp.
- Annual Memorial Day Parade, water carnival parade and activities including “Tiger Time Challenge.”
- Active involvement with the MN State Fire Chiefs Assoc. and the McLeod County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
- Engaged with community members at multiple city and rural “National Night Out” locations.
- Conducted joint training events with some of our commercial business/manufacturing partners.
- Supported our fire service families at funerals, and other numerous special events.



Ceremonies

Our newest group of Firefighters completed all of their training and received badges at a special ceremony supported by their families and Firefighting brothers. Congrats to Firefighters: Jason Donnay, Nick Pagel, Robert Piehl, Steven Olson and Nick Steinhaus! There was also cause for celebration for Chris Dostal and Eric Inselmann who were both pinned as new Lieutenants.

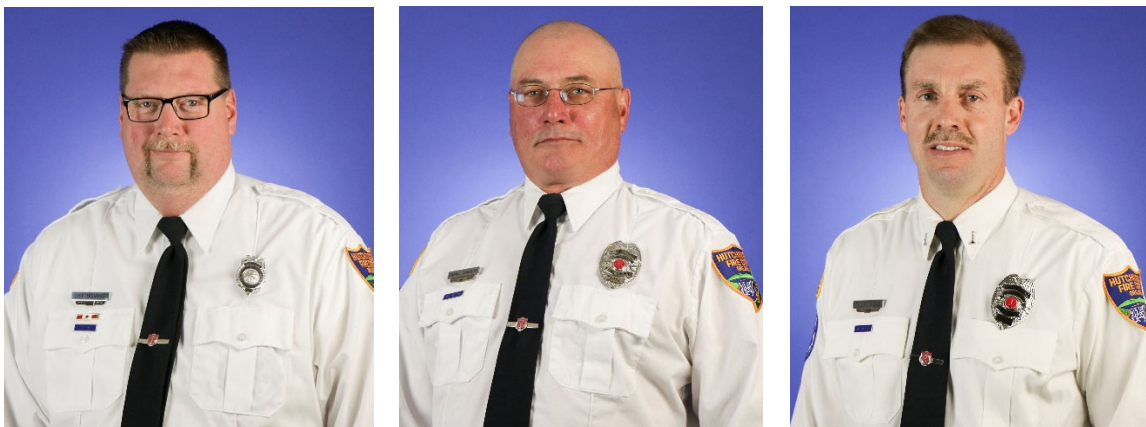


We also celebrated the retirements of three veterans of our organization and we thank them for their dedicated service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Lyle Nybakke- 15 years of dedicated service from 2006-2021

Dan Sargent- 20 years of dedicated service from 2001-2021

Tim Peterson- 23 years of dedicated service from 1998-2021



Accomplishments



- Completed all annual requirements to maintain Firefighter licensing and certification. Worked with our medical training partner (Allina) to keep up with all EMS continuing education needs.
- Conducted annual Firefighter physicals, blood tests, SCBA and N95 fit testing along with all other health and safety requirements.
- Completed annual testing, certification and required maintenance on all apparatus, breathing air compressor, SCBA packs, and small/tools equipment.
- Continued annual replacement of PPE/gear to stay ahead of minimum NFPA requirements.
- Continued using hybrid and online training whenever possible to improve our training delivery methods to all of our Firefighters.
- Worked on many small projects at our training facility to improve usage for our Firefighters as well as other Regional Fire Departments that utilize the space.
- Our NEW Tanker-4 truck committee put in countless hours finalizing details for our new truck (see pic above right). They conducted department wide training for all of our Firefighters to quickly and effectively get this truck into service.
- Completed a major refurbish to existing Tanker 6 to fix corrosion issues, lighting issues and pump issues and it now looks and operates better than when it was new (see pic above left).
- Worked closely with the Townships, McLeod County and the MN DNR to develop and change the burn permit process throughout the county. This simplifies the process to a quick phone call to dispatch and eliminates the paper permits all together. The go live date will be early 2022.
- Replaced failing wireless 800MHZ radio headsets in Engine-2, Engine-7 & Ladder-1.
- Pandemic response protocols continued with only minimal adjustments.
- Completed several LED lighting upgrades on multiple apparatus.

Accomplishments



-Installed new signage at the fire station honoring ALL Firefighters that dedicated 20 or more years of service to the community that we serve (see pic above left).

-Fireman's Park Committee worked hard on details for adding playground equipment (see pic above right) and making major improvements to the shelter and other aspects of the park. Great progress was made in 2021 and there are hopes to finalize everything in 2022.

-Old Tanker-4 (see pic below left) was decommissioned and sold at auction. This ends a multi-decade existence of yellow trucks serving our community and is the last one to ever make its home in our station. It is continuing its fire service life at a small FD in northern Iowa.

-The committee spent many, many hours working on New Rescue-8 (see pic below right). This truck will be a multi-purpose unit providing EMS, grass fire fighting capabilities and more. The project is partially built now and will be completed and put into service in early 2022.



-Major one-time repairs and maintenance items were required on multiple trucks which was expensive and difficult to incorporate into our annual budget.

-Summer duty crews (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) continued with great success.

-Added several SCBA air bottles to expand our breathing air capacity for training and fires.

Operational Data**Emergency Call Breakdown**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
FIRE-General	28	47	28	20	42	40	41	33	27	47	57
FIRE-Structure	14	15	12	14	12	16	19	17	7	12	11
Rescues and MVA	30	21	23	47	46	75	81	69	70	74	81
Medicals	140	117	109	124	125	156	167	170	155	155	178
Alarms and Sprinklers	112	92	97	116	105	92	83	91	70	85	63
Hazardous Condition	105	96	73	93	87	78	89	64	95	67	60
Other	43	49	47	51	50	48	52	48	39	44	48

Emergency Calls Total

Year	1990	2000	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
City	156	215	253	317	309	342	348	307	318	332	318
Rural	76	132	136	148	158	163	184	185	145	152	180
Total	232	347	389	465	467	505	532	492	463	484	498

Structure and General Fires

Year	2001	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Fires	50	61	37	33	52	53	58	44	37	59	68

Firefighter Injuries (per OSHA)

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Injuries	0	1	4	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	1

Fire Event Fatalities

Year	2001	2002	2003 - 2010	2011	2012 - 2020	2021
Fatalities	*3	1	0	1	0	2

Response Time (Alarm to Truck Out the Door) for the City & Rural Fire District

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Time	5:18	3:48	3:24	3:58	4:27	5:06	5:33	6:10	5:50	5:39	5:17

Officer Only Calls for the City & Rural Fire District

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Calls	136	126	106	149	143	156	161	130	130	135	126
Dollars Saved	\$24,752	\$22,932	\$19,292	\$27,118	\$26,026	\$30,576	\$31,564	\$25,480	\$25,480	\$26,460	\$22,932
Hours Saved	2,040	1,890	1,590	2,235	2,145	2,340	2,415	1,950	1,950	2,025	1,890

Estimated Property Value Saved: **\$3,761,500** Lives Saved: **8**

Emergency Call Hours: **City-2,755** **Rural- 3,002**

Total Training Hours: **3,066**

Public Relations and Fire Safety Education

Our doors were opened at the station again and we were able to host tours and education events as usual. Education was conducted at the fire station as well as on site at various locations.

We appreciate the relationship we have with the Hutchinson Schools and we were able to deliver our fire safety education at both West Elementary and Park Elementary as normal. Since the New Tiger Elementary School is now up and running and the grades will be shuffled around a little, this was likely our last year working with the tremendous staff and students at Park Elementary.

35 Public Relations Events / 561 Hours

16 Fire Safety Education Events / 80 Hours

1,698 Total Students



Inspections and Permits

-Our approach on rental inspections for 2021 remained similar to the previous year and we limited entering private living units (apartments, rentals, etc.) or occupied commercial spaces unless there was an emergency or an immediate safety concern that required attention.

-Daycare and Foster Care facilities were still inspected only as requested (approx 18) and all new construction was inspected to ensure proper installation and operations of fire alarm and sprinkler systems (approx 51).

-Building plan reviews were also conducted jointly with the City of Hutchinson Building Department.

-New phone in burn permit system has been approved by the McLeod County Commissioners and will be going into effect soon. 102 burn permits were ultimately written to rural residents out of the HFD.

Goals for 2022

- Continue our firefighter health and safety initiative by making facility and equipment improvements as needed and also focusing on personal health and well-being
- Aggressive replacement of PPE items (helmets, etc.) as needed to ensure NFPA compliance
- Proactively conduct maintenance and upgrades to all apparatus and analyze future CIP needs
- Put into service new rescue truck and decommission older utility pickup
- Continue training on new armor vests and protocols with HPD and MCSO
- Complete the next phase of improvements to Fireman's Park and finalize
- Identify and improve on facility needs
- Regional/state training school options
- Conduct training using alternative delivery models, hybrid and staggered start models
- Learn something, Teach something
- Resume and expand inspection program ramping up to pre-pandemic numbers
- Work closely with MCSO on the Dispatch Center transition and proficiencies
- Plan for future replacement of aging 800mhz radio equipment MCFA and MCSO
- Continue to review and update SOG/policies
- Expand on technology upgrades were possible for apparatus and tools
- Conduct a hiring of new firefighters
- Conduct advanced, hands on live burn training at an acquired house
- Continue with summer duty crews on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day

Primary Services

We will continue to delivery excellent emergency response with a focus on professionalism and consistency. Community fire safety education will remain one of our cornerstone programs. Utilizing technology and analytics we will strive to make improvements to our operations whenever and wherever possible. High quality and frequent training will continue ensuring Firefighter proficiency in all duties. Firefighter health and safety is, and will continue to be, our #1 priority so that "Everyone Goes Home."



Vehicle Maintenance

Cost / Mileage / Hours Measurement



Vehicle	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Ladder 1 2001 Pierce	\$4,117	\$7,175	\$1,863	\$10,624	\$1,136	\$5,469	\$12,128
Engine 3 1992 General	\$8,355	\$718	\$690	\$2,896	Sold to SLFD	n/a	n/a
Engine 2 2016 Rosenbauer	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,496	\$2,742	\$2,048	\$11,299
Tanker 4 1990 Chevrolet	\$1,182	\$992	\$136	\$585	\$1,859	\$0	\$3,500
Tanker 6 1996 International	\$2,140	\$1,010	\$1,201	\$1,570	\$1,949	\$8,783	\$24,860
Engine 7 2008 General	\$3,084	\$5,258	\$3,936	\$7,133	\$8,414	\$1,362	\$5,700
Rescue 8 2002 Ford CC	\$1,993	\$3,856	\$1,161	\$2,631	\$402	\$2,744	\$538
Utility 5 2009 Chevy CC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$6,867	\$1,545	\$333
Ranger Polaris 6x6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$72	\$0	\$4,569
Chief 1 2013 Dodge Drg.	\$569	\$90	\$1,352	\$2,672	\$722	\$2,228	\$2,098
Command 2017 Ford Int.	n/a	n/a	\$110	\$154	\$73	\$81	\$1,258
Vehicle	2014 Miles / Hours	2015 Miles / Hours	2016 Miles / Hours	2017 Miles / Hours	2018 Miles / Hours	2019 Miles / Hours	2021 Miles / Hours
Ladder 1	417 / 98	524 / 83	584 / 94	694 / 91	434 / 60	410 / 71	461 / 84
Engine 3	266 / 33	499 / 66	245 / 42	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Engine 2	n/a	n/a	1,241 / 73	1,989 / 135	2,462 / 144	2,325 / 158	3,543 / 210
Tanker 4	53 / 17	235 / 31	242 / 43	299 / 30	248 / 27	168 / 18	440 / 59
Tanker 6	165 / 24	636 / 62	533 / 52	516 / 39	423 / 45	317 / 30	215 / 22
Engine 7	2,016 / 119	2,149 / 129	3,022 / 163	1,720 / 113	1,388 / 88	957 / 85	2217 / 130
Rescue 8	1,420	1,910	1,758	2,031	1,656	1,435	1,785
Utility 5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	250	3,523	3,192
Polaris (6x6)	8 hrs	19 hrs	20 hrs	10 hrs	10 hrs	11 hrs	19 hrs
Dodge Drg.	8,837	9,145	9,248	8,496 / 681	7,040 / 630	7,430 / 655	8530 / 660
Ford Intercept.	n/a	n/a	New *2,246	9,448 / 697	8,827 / 691	9,806 / 680	9548 / 628

Note: 2020 data not available in new report format at time of printing.

Major Capital Improvement Schedule							
15+ Year Equipment Replacement Plan (2022 estimates)							
Vehicle	Description / Code	Model Year	Replace Year	Total Miles	Total Hours	Original Cost	Estimated Replacement Cost
Ladder 1	Pierce, 100' Aerial Ladder	2001	2026	13,363	2,041	\$730,000	\$500,000 Refurbish
							\$1.7 mil Replace
Utility 5	Chevy Crew Cab pickup**	2008	2022	48,109	-	*from HPD	Current Rescue 8 will become Utility 5
Chief 1	Dodge Durango	2013	2023	68,585	5,201	\$28,000	\$42,000
Command	Ford Interceptor	2017	2027	48,979	3,422	\$38,000	\$47,000
HERT Trailer	Hazardous Material Trailer	2000	2023	-	-	\$6,000	\$9,000
Tanker 4	Chevrolet, Tanker 3000	1990	2021	15,257	1,520	\$81,721	\$265,000
Tanker 6	International, Tanker 3000	1996	2031	13,476	1,209	\$77,912	\$315,000
Engine 2	Rosenbauer, Engine/Pumper	2016	2036	14,646	929	\$579,000	\$750,000
Engine 7	Rosenbauer, Engine/Pumper	2008	2028	29,799	1,718	\$321,955	\$685,000
Rescue 8	Ford, Grass/Medical**	2002	2021-22	30,339	-	\$33,164	\$59,000
R-8 Skid	Slide in Skid Unit / Bed	1999	2021-22	-	-	\$6,000	\$49,000
Ranger	Polaris 6 Wheeler w/skid	2006	2024	-	228	\$17,752	No skid \$27,000
Boat	Inflatable w/25hp Yamaha	2007	2032	-	-	\$5,961	boat only \$4,000
Boat	Metal Ice Boat	1998	-	-	-	\$300	Do Not Replace
Med. Trailer	Mass Casualty Trailer*	2004	-	-	-	-	N/A
	*Owned by private health care group and housed by HFD						
	City Owned vehicle						
	Rural Owned vehicle						
	Shared 50/50 vehicle						
Note: Estimated replacement cost is speculative assuming a 3-6% annual inflation rate and/or current market analysis.							

Thank you again to the citizens of the Hutchinson Fire District for your continued support of our organization, our firefighters and our mission!

Firefighters in Action



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