



City of
**Prince
Albert**

PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPT



PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

2023

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2023 PAFD Year in Review

Staffing Highlights:

- The Prince Albert Fire Department consists of:
 - Fifty-two (52) uniformed members.
 - Six (6) out of scope personnel
 - (1) Fire Chief
 - (1) Deputy Chief
 - (4) Battalion Chiefs
 - Forty-six (46) in scope personnel (IAFF 510)
- Full time, career department operating from one (1) location
- Three (3) Retirements.
- Six (6) Probationary Firefighters were hired from the 2022 Recruit selection process.

Fleet/Equipment Change:

- The Fire Department added three (3) Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to our firefighting inventory at a cost of approximately \$29,500.00. These SCBA are a part of an on-going SCBA replacement program to replace aging SCBA.



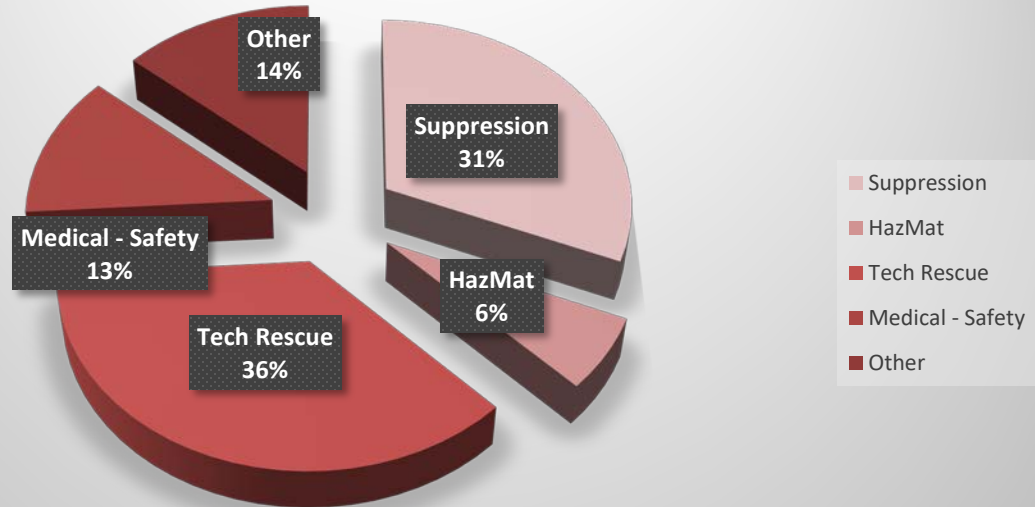
- Prince Albert Fire Department in conjunction with Fleet Services began the process of replacing Engine 14. E14 has been in-service as a frontline apparatus since 2007. The department sought a custom-built Engine that would meet our specified requirements. In June of 2023 a tender was awarded to Westvac Industrial Ltd. at a cost of approximately \$1,300,000.00. We are expecting delivery in late 2025 or early 2026.

Training / Safety

- 9 members attended and completed the requirements for NFPA 1006 and 2500 Rope Rescue Operations accreditation.
- 9 members attended and completed the requirements for NFPA 1600 and 2500 Rope Rescue Technician accreditation.
- All members attended and participated in vehicle extrication training.
- 11 members attended and completed the requirements for UTV operator's certification.
- 4 members attended 40 hours of instruction and evaluation to become certified Fire Ground Survival Instructors.
- All members received 40 hours of instruction in Fire Ground Survival from our in-house trainers.
- 10 members attended and completed the requirements for NFPA 1006 Structural Collapse Level 1 accreditation.
- 1 member attended and received certification as a EMR instructor through St. John Ambulance.
- 3 of 4 Platoons received 96 hours of instruction and evaluation to be re-certified as Emergency Medical Responders from our in-house trainer.
- Regular platoon training exceeded **7,932.5** total person training hours
 - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 31% of the total hours
 - HazMat Training accounted for 6% of the total hours
 - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 36% of the total hours
 - EMS / Safety training accounted for 13% of the total hours
 - Other training accounted for 14% of the total hours



Annual Training Hours by Discipline 2023



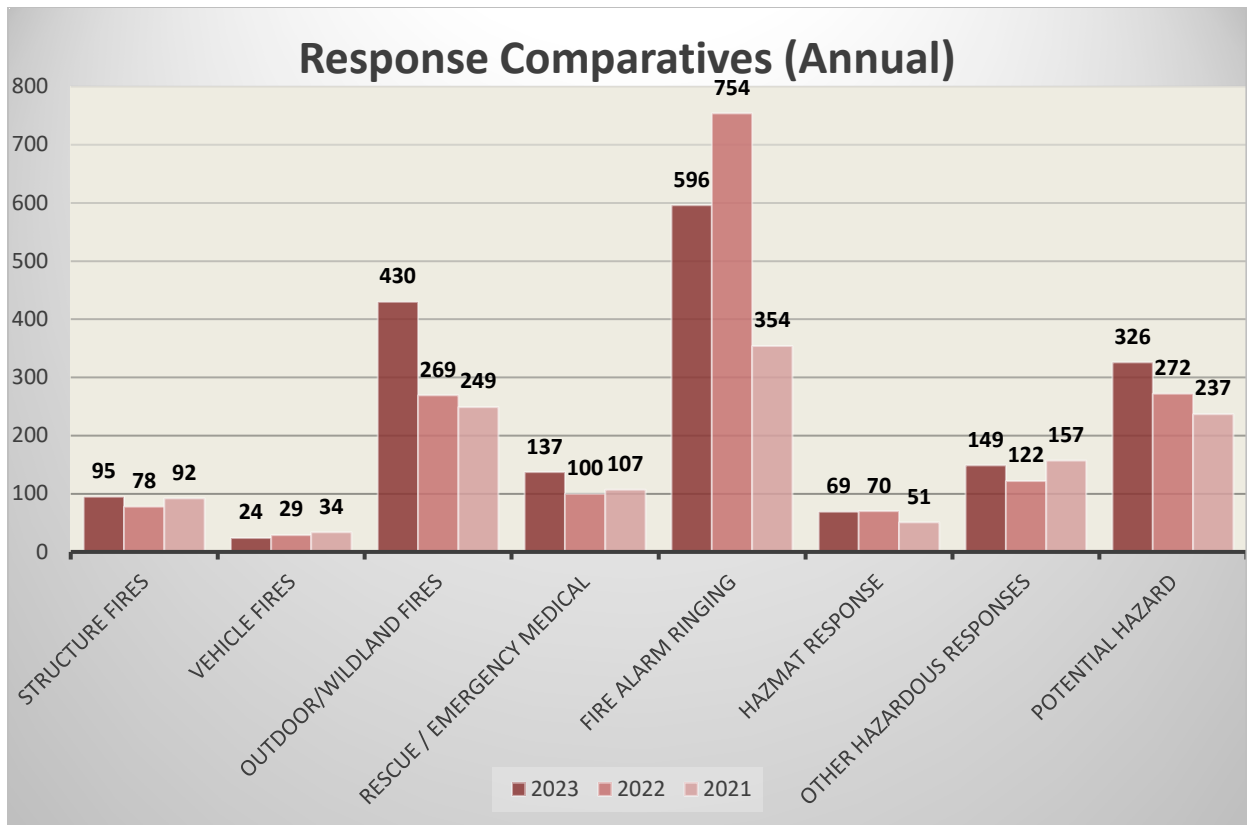
Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2023 the PAFD responded to 1826 calls for assistance

Type	2023	2022	2021	% Change Over Previous Year
Structure Fires	95	78	92	22%
Vehicle Fires	24	29	34	-17 %
Outdoor / Wildland Fires	430	269	249	60 %
Rescue / Emergency Medical	137	100	107	37 %
Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)	596	754	354	-21%
Haz-Mat Response	69	70	51	-1 %
Other Hazardous Responses	149	122	157	22 %
Potential Hazard Responses	326	272	237	20 %
Total Responses	1826	1696	1283	8%

*** "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 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 Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to Thirty-Two (32) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2023 (an increase of 78% over 2022). A breakdown on the calls for service are as follows:

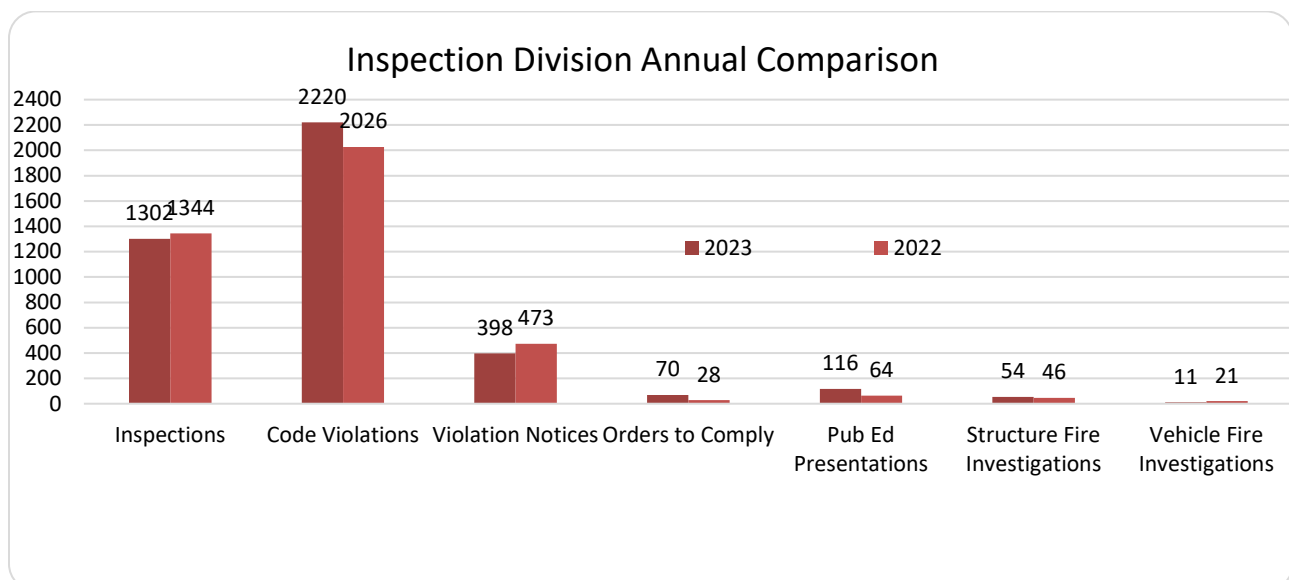
Structure fire	4
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
Extrication, rescue, Other	3
Grass fire	7
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2
Vehicle fire	10
Wellness Check	3
Total	32

Prevention / Inspections Division

2023 Inspection Division Annual Report

Activity Type			% Change
	2023	2022	
Inspections	1302	1344	-3%
Code Violations	2220	2026	10%
Violation Notices	398	473	-16%
Orders to Comply	70	28	150%
Pub Ed Presentations	116	64	81%
Structure Fire Investigations	54	46	17%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	11	21	48%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	4171	4002	4%

- *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 to ensure their occupancies are in compliance with code.



Prevention / Inspections Division



- The Prevention and Suppression Divisions conducted 13 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups in 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.
 - Babysitting Course.
 - Ice Safety.
 - Open House.
 - Daycare Fire Safety Presentations.
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- Six Emergency Demolition Orders were issued in 2023.

Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2023 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.
- Fire Crews attended thirty-three (33) community related activities to promote fire safety and the PAFD.

