

Springfield News and Views

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Springfield Fire and Rescue Service Statistics

In 2006 the Fire and Rescue Service dealt with 19 structure fires, 73 motor vehicle collisions, 72 fire alarms, 50 emergency medical responses, 35 vehicle fires, 11 gas/electrical emergencies, 2 carbon monoxide incidents, 5 hazardous material incidents, 19 garbage fires, 40 grass/bush/bale fires, 12 public assists, 1 farm machinery fires, and 1 animal rescue.

The SFRS 2006 operating expenses were \$364,000.00 and they generated \$78,400.00 of revenue to the treasury. Anola and Oakbank Fire Halls are staffed with roughly 44 volunteer firefighters which include a Chief, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 6 Captains, and a Safety Officer.

Council Expands Emergency Medical Response

Council approved an additional \$16,000.00 for the training of 8 more firefighters in the Fire Based Emergency Medical Response Program. The goal of the program is to reduce the response time of first arriving trained medical people enhancing the chain of survival for those with life threatening medical emergencies. We are now able to deliver at least one medical trained firefighter to a medical emergency within 5 minutes 80% of the time. This action is essential to supplement the provincial's single ambulance service system in our municipality.

Emergency Preparedness Simulation

The municipality must review and revise its emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans from time to time as required by the regulations, to ensure that they continue to meet the standards prescribed by regulation. Beginning in 2007, Council will now annually perform in partnership with our Emergency Coordinator, Administration, Public Works, Springfield Fire and Rescue Service, RCMP and Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization an Emergency Simulation Event. The RM of Springfield has experienced or is likely to experience the following emergencies: aircraft crash, forest fire, flood, dangerous goods accident, severe weather, utility outage, train derailment, health incident and a mass casualty motor vehicle collision. By actually implementing our Emergency Plan, we will improve our Emergency Preparedness.