



HOPKINS FIRE
DEPARTMENT

2015

ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

To the Hopkins City Council, Hopkins city manager, and citizens of Hopkins:

I submit the annual report for the Hopkins Fire Department for the year 2015. This year in review compares the past 12 months with previous years and demonstrates that the Hopkins Fire Department, like fire departments across the nation, continues to provide much more than fire response. (For a full list of the services the department provides, see page 14.)



The Hopkins Fire Department places a strong emphasis on fire prevention and continues to focus on inspections. Through the efforts of Fire Inspector Garrett Grniet, effective fire and life safety inspections, pre-planning, public education, and public relations continue to be conducted throughout Hopkins.

Training also continues to be a focus. Thanks to the work of Assistant Chief of Operations/ Training Pat Sandon and Training Captain Paul Odden, highly skilled firefighters serve the Hopkins Fire Department. Our training covers firefighting, all types of rescue, medical, hazardous materials, and other special skills. The members and officers of the department devote much additional time and effort in developing firefighting, leadership, and management skills to more effectively lead the department.

With the continued efforts of Assistant Chief Curt Mackey, the department's State Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) continues to train and be ready for response to any incidents in our response area.

I would like to express my utmost thanks to the members of the Hopkins Fire Department, who carry out dedicated and effective service day and night. They provide unselfish and dedicated response, training, and prevention 24 hours a day. I would also like to express thanks to Administrative Specialist Jane Ale for her dedicated efforts that happen behind the scenes.

Thank you to the City Council and all City staff who have been so supportive and assisted the members of the fire department in our accomplishments.

The Hopkins Fire Department will continue to face increasing challenges: financial stability; all-hazard preparedness and training; recruitment of firefighters and staffing; and increasing training requirements and responsibilities. Yet in the midst of all these challenges, personnel will continue to perform their duties with the highest regard.

Continued dedication to both training and emergency response will provide the highest quality emergency response for the citizens of Hopkins.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dale Specken".

Dale Specken,
Hopkins Fire Chief

February 2016



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SUPPRESSION

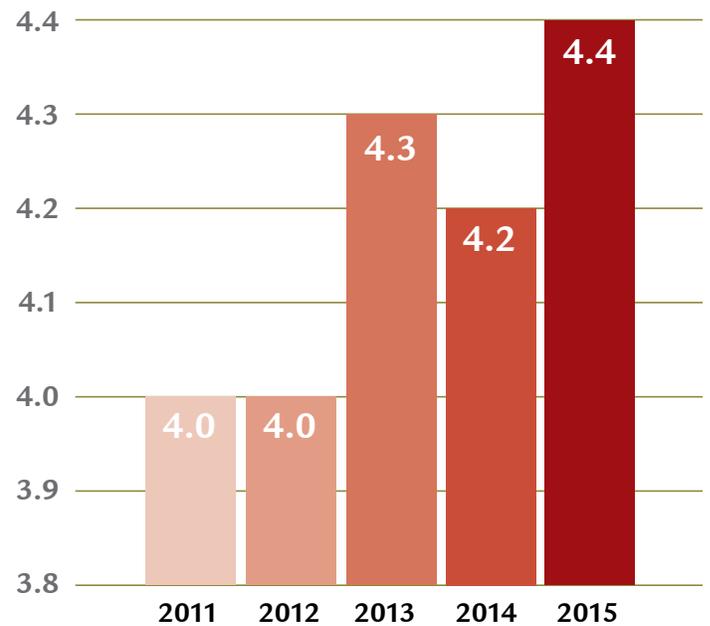
In 2015, the Hopkins Fire Department responded to fires, fire alarms, gas leaks, gas line breaks, smoke, and downed or arcing wires. The data for fire call responses is listed below and detailed in the charts on these two pages.



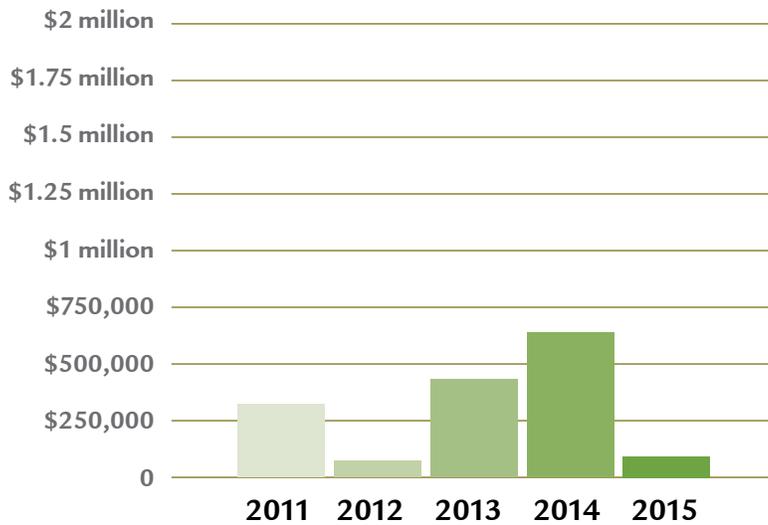
2015 Call Responses

Home Fires	6
Other Structure Fires	12
Total Structure Fires	18
Car Fires	5
Non Structure Fires	15
Total Fires	38
Hazardous Condition	56
Service Calls	100
Good Intentions	100
False Alarms	103

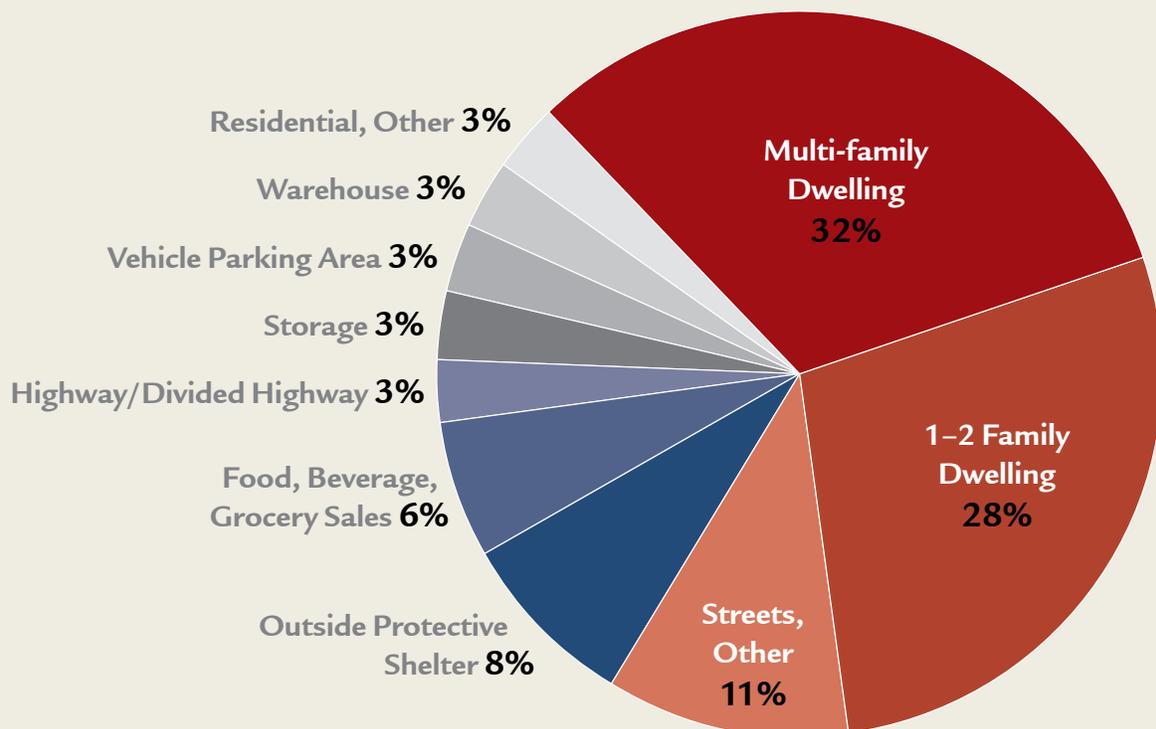
Average Response Times (Minutes)



Dollar Loss



2015 Fires by Occupancy



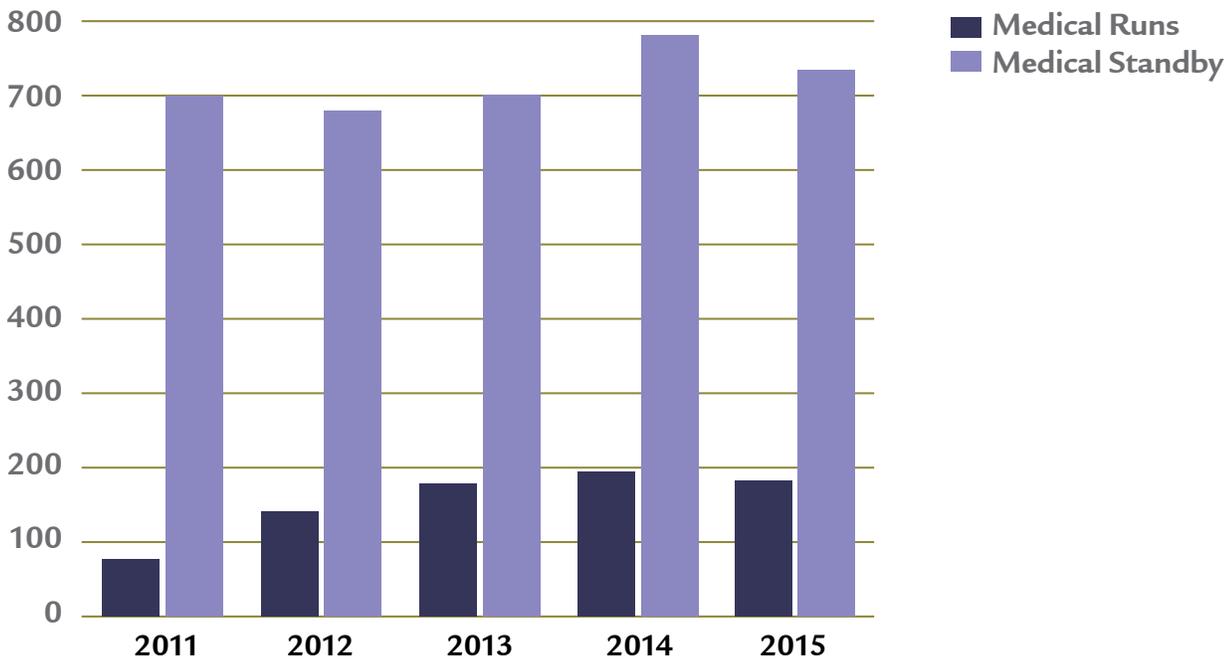
RESCUE



The Hopkins Fire Department responded to medical calls and crashes and provided personnel to ride along in the ambulance with critical patients. It also assisted police departments when additional personnel was needed to provide lift assist to citizens and responded to mental health incidents.

The fire department provides duty crew response Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Friday nights from 7:00 pm to 3:00 am; and Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 am.

Rescue Response Breakdown

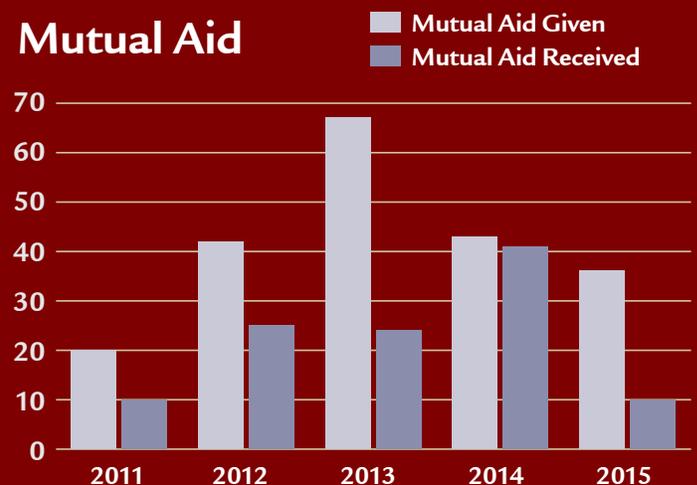


SPECIAL RESPONSE

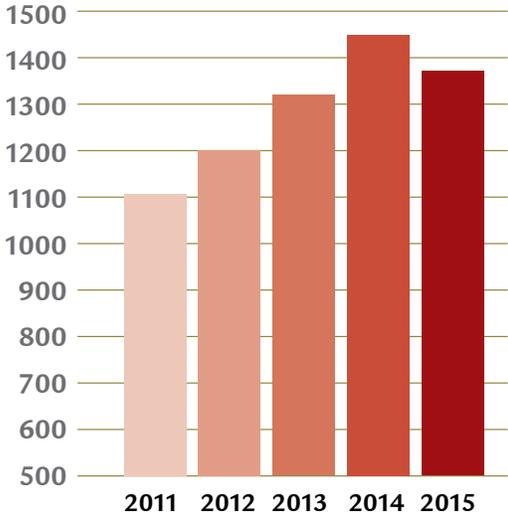
In addition to fire and medical calls, the Hopkins Fire Department provided **weather stand-by** at the fire station and responded to **incidents resulting from severe weather**. It also responded to **missing persons** and **hazmat incidents**, including gas spills, leaks, and carbon monoxide alarms.

Additionally, the Hopkins Fire Department responded to mutual aid and auto aid calls for assistance to other cities and agencies.

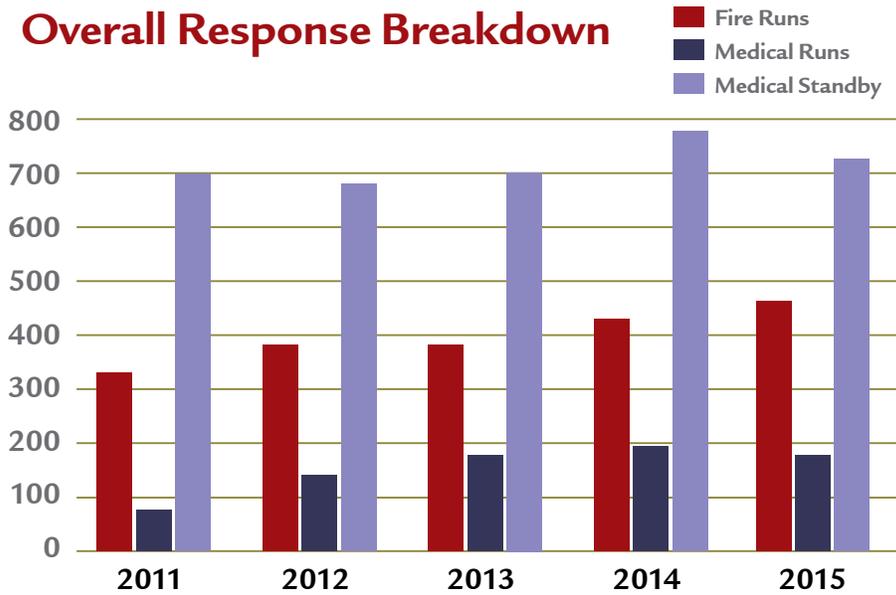
Mutual Aid



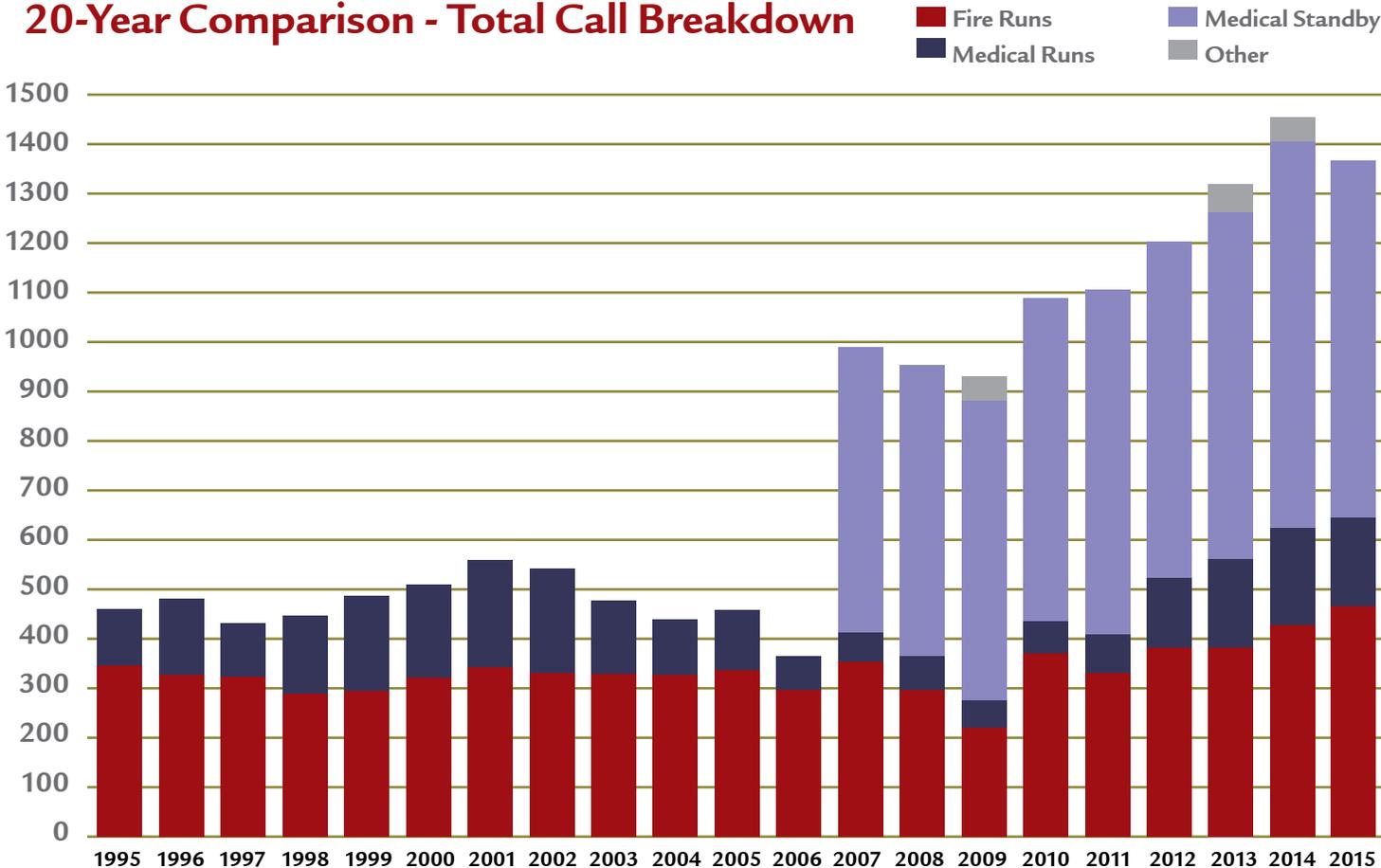
Total Calls



Overall Response Breakdown



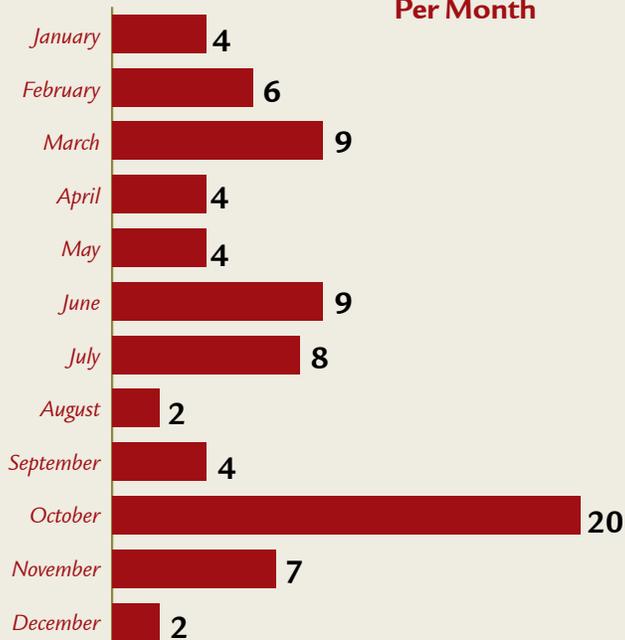
20-Year Comparison - Total Call Breakdown



PREVENTION



2015 Public Education Events Per Month



In 2015, the Hopkins Fire Department's prevention activities included coordinating and conducting the following events and activities:

- Fire Department Open House
- Training in the schools
- Station tours
- Public education CPR classes
- Fire investigations
- Home fire safety inspections
- Park Nicollet home visits
- Fire extinguisher training for the public
- Life safety classes:
 - Scout badges
 - Fire safety
 - First aid
- Business/industry fire and life safety training
- Health and safety classes for City personnel

The Hopkins Fire Department participated in the following special events in 2015, continuing to develop special event plans for those events requiring more strategy.

- National Night Out
- Juvenile Firesetters Program
- Parades
 - Interlachen 4th of July Parade
 - Raspberry Festival Grande Day Parade
 - Avenues Parade
- Fire Prevention VIP events
- MN Fallen Firefighter Memorial at the State Capitol
- Funerals
- Firefighter Day at the Capitol
- Fire truck ride to school
- Block parties
- Home Remodeling Fair
- Mainstreet Days
- School district activities/Fire Safety Camp
- Fire Department Open House
- Activity Center Health Fair
- Interlachen Park, Knollwood, and Park Valley picnics

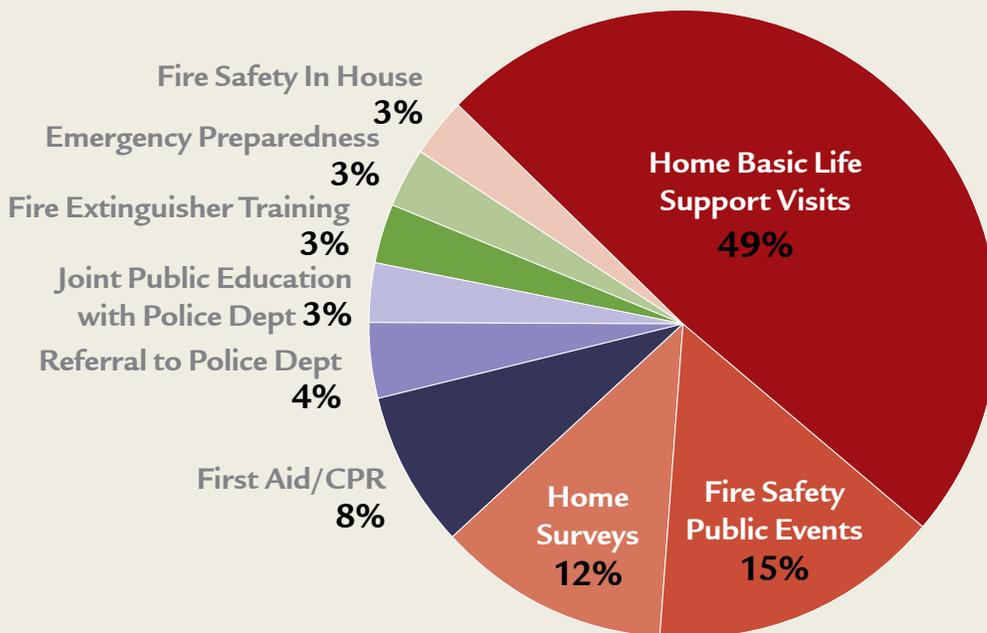


Raspberry Festival 2015

Open House 2015



2015 Public Relations — By Category



APPARATUS

The Hopkins Fire Department maintains and repairs the apparatus fleet pictured below:

Engines	Engine 3
Aerial	Ladder 9, Engine 2
Rescues	Rescue 8
Duty Vehicle	Squad 4

Chief Vehicle	Squad 1, 2, 3
Utility	Utility 1
Hazmat	Hazmat 23



Engine 3



Ladder 9



Engine 2



Rescue 8



Squad 1



Squad 2, 3, 4



Utility 1



Hazmat 23

In addition to apparatus maintenance, the Hopkins Fire Department maintains, repairs, and conducts monthly checks of the following equipment:

- Air Monitors
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs)
- Automatic External Defibrillators
- Extrication Tools
- K-12 Saw and Chainsaws
- Small Engines
- SCBA Fill Station and Compressor
- Thermal Imaging Cameras

The department also coordinates and conducts annual testing on all:

- apparatus and spare hoses
- ladders on all apparatus
- SCBAs
- Firefighter personal protective equipment

The department maintains a Lucas Device (CPR Machine) and provides maintenance and coordinates rental of oxygen bottles for both the police and fire departments.



Thermal Imager



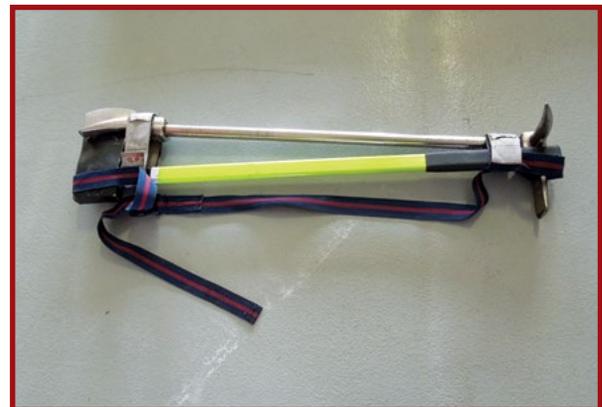
Apartment Packs



Fan



Extrication Tools



Set of Irons (Halligan Tool and Axe)

TRAINING



Training in October 2015

The Hopkins Fire Department is committed to training in all areas of service. In 2015, the department developed and implemented a training plan and conducted weekly drills.

Firefighters attended conferences and sectional schools to enhance firefighter, leadership, and technical rescue skills and abilities. Five firefighters completed Firefighter 1 (FFI) Training. The department also conducted emergency medical technician (EMT) refresher training and specific fire officer training.

In addition, members of the department conducted hazmat, blood borne pathogens, and confined space awareness training, pumps training, and also held driving drills to maintain and enhance emergency vehicle operations.

All firefighters continued to undergo fitness testing and annual medical surveillance. Training was held to promote fitness improvement.

Training was also held for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Management Team.

Finally, the Hopkins Fire Department also participated in Joint Operations training with south metro fire departments and developed and conducted orientation for new City Council members.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Strategic efforts to be prepared for emergency situations continued in 2015. These activities included:

- participating in South West Emergency Management Group meetings and Hennepin County Emergency Management quarterly meetings;
- serving in a coordinator role with police in the area emergency management program;
- delivering overall emergency management orientation to newly-elected officials;
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact training and coordination with the state;
- participating in the All Hazards Incident Management Training;
- conducting monthly training for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT);
- developing Mitigation Strategies Plan for the City of Hopkins for the Hennepin County Mitigation Plan; and,
- continuing the assessment and completion of an effective Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This included:
 - purchasing equipment to create effective operations in the room;
 - conducting ongoing testing of operations in the EOC; and,
 - coordinating and conducting awareness training for administrators and public works staff on EOC set-up and operations.

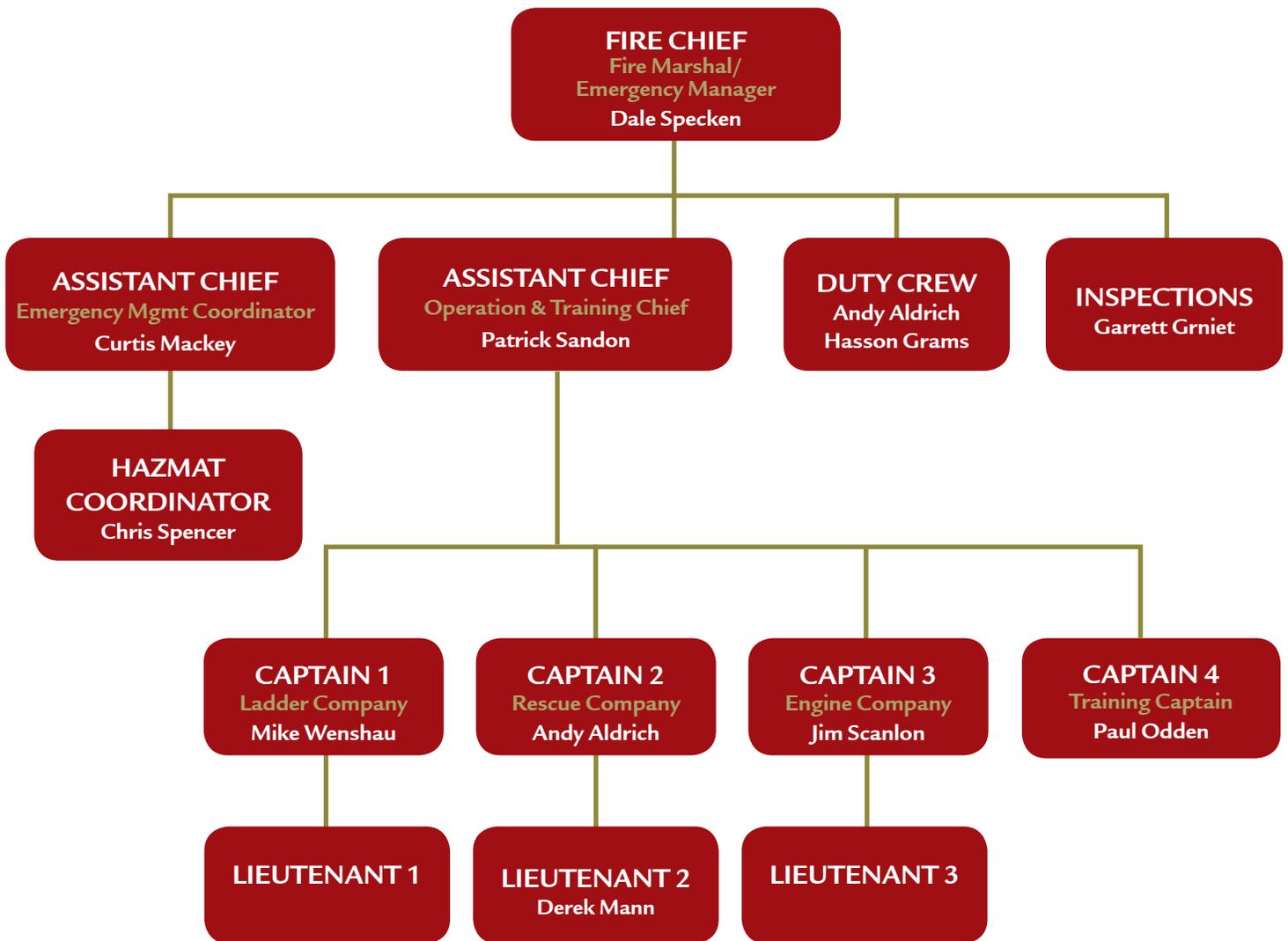


Hopkins Fire Department Officers

In 2015, Hopkins Fire Department administration continued to forge partnerships with other cities and associations, secure grants, manage budgets and personnel, and keep the department prepared and fit to provide excellent public safety service for the citizens of Hopkins. Specific activities included:

- conducting four business meetings with Hopkins Fire Department personnel;
- developing and operating within the 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program;
- developing the 2016 Operating Budget and Equipment Replacement Budget;
- researching, evaluating, and dealing with personnel issues;
- finalizing and implementing the updates to the Standard Operating Procedures/Standard Operating Guidelines for the Hopkins Fire Department;
- participating in multiple community meetings that included cities, businesses, schools, and community associations;
- coordinating and participating in multiple public safety meetings with area fire, police, and EMS teams;
- providing development and delivery of training with the Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association;
- participating in Hennepin County Life Safety Unit meetings and equipment upgrades;
- reviewing mutual aid agreements with local, regional, state, and national areas;
- assisting other agencies with the recruitment and promotional process;
- meeting with the principals of Hopkins Public Schools;
- conducting a recognition event for firefighters;
- participating in the following associations:
 - Hennepin County Fire Chiefs
 - S.W. Joint Operations Group
 - Metro Fire Chiefs
 - United Firefighters
 - Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association
 - Minnesota Fire Department Association
 - South West Emergency Management Group
 - Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers
 - Southwest Fire Marshals Group
 - South Emergency Managers Group;
- enhancing communication within and outside of the fire department by:
 - utilizing a weekly e-mail update to the firefighters;
 - conducting monthly officer meetings; and,
 - problem-solving and developing operational improvements for the department's computer systems;
- attending funerals of retired HFD firefighters, retired firefighters' family members, and community members;
- participating in meetings with the JPA for turnout gear; and,
- attending state and local meetings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWN



FIRE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Response – fires, emergency medical services (EMS), personal injury crashes, hazardous materials, natural disasters, heavy rescues, terrorism, grass fires, mass casualties, high angle rescues, and confined space rescues
- Investigations – fire cause and origin, arson
- Fire Code – adoption, inspection, plan review, enforcement, education
- Public Education – working with children, schools, homeowners, elderly, business owners
- Public Relations – parades, open houses, National Night Out, Citizens Assist
- Planning – emergency preparedness, pandemic flu, anti-terrorism, special events

CITY OF HOPKINS DEMOGRAPHICS



Mainstreet, Hopkins

Population	18,000
Area	4 square miles
Community Parks	15
Total Housing Units	8,390

Unique Areas/Businesses

- Regional Trail – LRT
- Hopkins Center for the Arts
- Multiple special events
- Historical Society
- Adult care facilities
- Pavilion
- Nature areas

Total Schools.....7

Public (2)

- Alice Smith Elementary
- Eisenhower Elementary

Private (5)

- Main Street School of Performing Arts
- Uhba Medical Academy
- Harley Hopkins
- The Blake School
- Adult Options

