



SAGKEENG FIRE DEPARTMENT

DIRECTORS REPORT

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Mission

To effectively and efficiently provide fire suppression services to the community of *Sagkeeng First Nation* through the policies and procedures set out by its' governing body, as well as the *National Fire Protection Association*. To expand our services in terms of overall safety and assistance to the community through various projects and training.

About

The emergency hotline phone number: **204-367-2292**, is available 24 hours a day. Upon calling, operators call the *dispatch encoder* located at the fire hall that sends out a page to the on-call members. Fire Apparatuses are located on both sides.

Statistics

This year we saw a record low amount of *Wild Land Fire* calls dispatched through our emergency hotline. We credit this number to the advertisement of warnings through arrangements established with the RCMP that whoever is caught will be held responsible for lighting fires. We also credit other areas such as advertising and fire safety presentations to local businesses as well as the schools.

Here is a breakdown of the 2014 Wild Land fire season statistics as of the new fiscal year. This includes the 2014 Wild Land Fire season.

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	Aug. 2014	Sept. 2014	Oct. 2014	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Total
Wild Land	4	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Structural	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	10
Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
False Alarm	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	7
*Other	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	8
TOTAL	5	26	2	2	5	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	52

*Other includes: garbage bin fire, shed fire, hydro line fire and hydro pole fire, RCMP Assist.

As of the 2014 Burn Season, we've conducted controlled burns around **HYDRO POLES:**

- **97 hydro poles** on the North Shore

- **77 hydro poles** on the South Shore.

As of the 2015 Burn Season, we've conducted controlled burns around **HYDRO POLES:**

- **4 hydro poles** on the North Shore

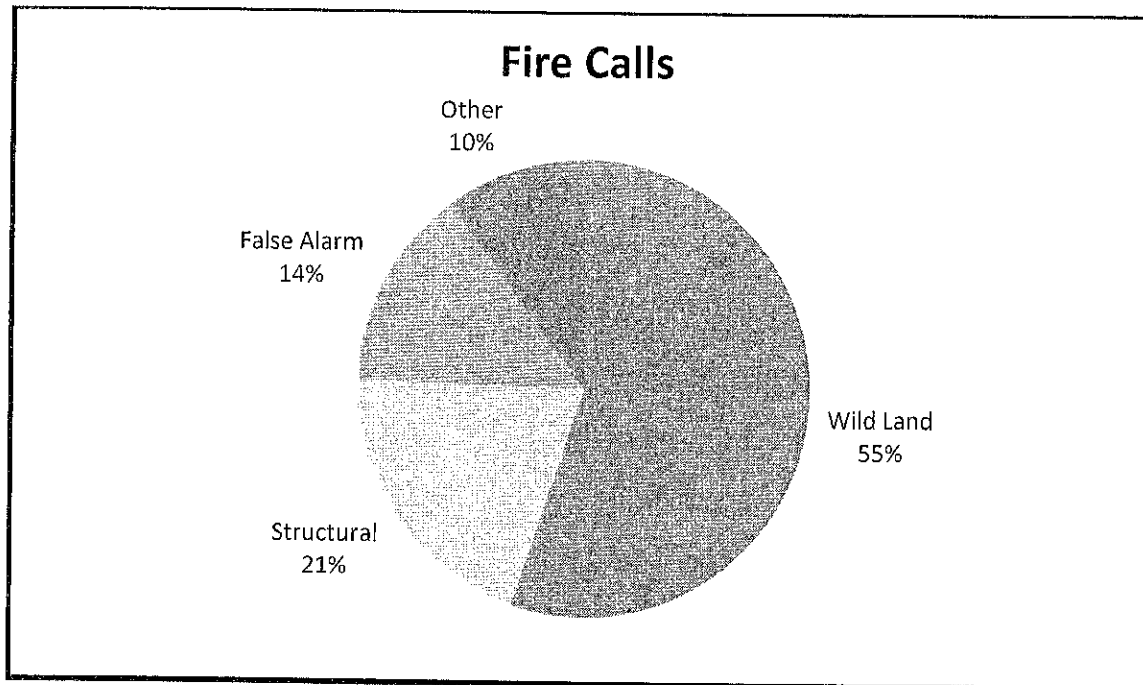
- **3 hydro poles** on the South Shore.

NOTE:

-In the 2013 fiscal year, there were a total of 75 fire calls.

-In the 2012 fiscal year, there were a total of 100 fire calls.

(You may request a copy of previous year end reports, complete with fire statistics, to the Fire Chief at any time.)



CONTROLLED BURN REQUESTS:

In **2014** there were a total of **46 controlled burning request.**

North Shore- 12 requests

South Shore- 34 requests

In **2015** there were a total of **44 controlled burn requests.**

North Shore- 16 requests

South Shore- 28 requests

We greatly appreciate these requests as it shows that these people know they have respect for the power of fire. Many incidents in the past could have been avoided had we received these requests so we continue to urge community members to call for assistance at any time.

Activities

The following are a list of activities performed over the course of the year:

- CPR Training for fire fighters
- Fire Extinguisher training for GMGCC
- Fire Marshall training for GMGCC
- Fire Inspections at various locations such as: Sagkeeng Head Start, Sagkeeng Arena, various homes.

- Fire Extinguishers were provided to various band members as well as foster parents at the cost of the fire department. Those showing interest for purchasing their own fire extinguishers are urged to bring their (steel handle only) fire extinguishers to the fire department so that we can make arrangements to refill them for you.
- A meeting to discuss the *Sagkeeng Emergency Plan* was carried out by our department. Lunch was provided for those who attended. A low number of representatives attended this much needed event. Future meetings will be yet again attempted. These meetings are to better prepare our community in the event of a flash flood, tornado, ice storm, power outage, earth quake or terrorist attack. Continued efforts are currently being made to update phone numbers, emails and other contact information. A meeting will take place when directors are available.
- Fire Fighter's competition demonstration to the schools took place in June 2014. Sagkeeng competed at this year's fireman's competition in Winnipeg and placed 2nd.
- Fire Safety Presentations to the schools will take place on the 2nd week of October 2014 during National Fire Safety Week.
- Both Fire Apparatuses are being sent in for complete servicing and repair (currently south shore apparatus).
- Purchase of Fire Extinguishers for concerned foster parents.
- Emergency Management procedures with respect to Wind Damage of homes.

Future Plans

- Civic Addressing (Labour Plan submitted, Equipment/Supplies on order)
- Equipment Acquisition through proposals and fundraising (JEPP)
- Animal Control
- Ice Road Testing
- Emergency Management Operations Mock Disaster or Exercise
- Civic Addressing
- Training (Level I Fire Fighting Practices, Search and Rescue)
- Home Inspections (liaison with surrounding partners)
- Liaison with DPW re: Fire Hydrant Repair
- Fire Safety Presentations (October for schools, Family Treatment Center, Sagkeeng Staff)

Also a Level I Fire Fighting course will be requested for this year. All community members are invited to apply once the posting becomes available.

Conclusion

We continue strive improve our overall fire suppression services through training and inventory improvements.

There are a total of **14 Fire Fighters** who earn a bare minimum of \$10.70 per call. The wage does increase to \$20 per call if the nature of the incident has a much higher risk of death or injury. No fire fighter can earn more than 10 hours per day. Attached you will find a copy of the annual budget.

We continue to urge our community members to take the extra effort towards exercising fire safety. This includes purchasing your own fire extinguishers (\$30) and smoke detectors (\$25). Feel free to contact the fire department to schedule your fire inspection today so that we may assist you with keeping your home fire safe. We are here for YOU!

REMEMBER:

SAGKEENG FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY HOTLINE IS: 204-367-2292

Thank you.

