

**MOORHEAD FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
2010  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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## Mission

The mission of Moorhead Fire and Rescue is to save lives and property from the ravages of fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and natural disasters in the most effective and efficient manner. These protective services include fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, inspection and plan review, and fire cause determination. It is the City of Moorhead’s intent that all citizens be treated equitably with regard to its Fire and Rescue resources in order to ensure the well being of the community.

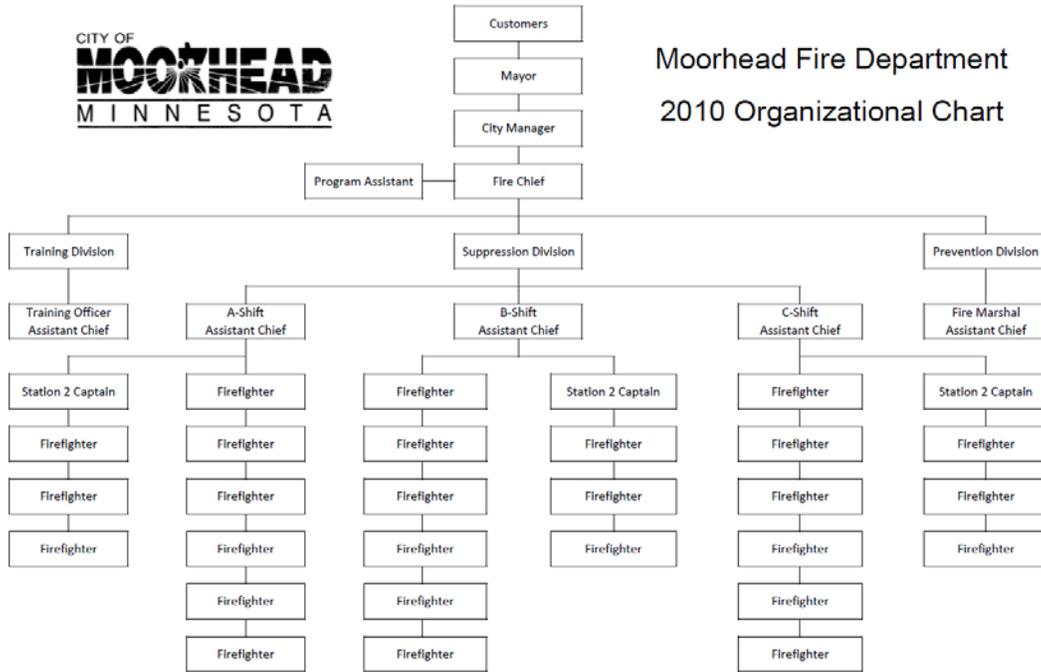
## Philosophy of the Moorhead Fire Department

We are a responsive, skilled and well-equipped department with the goal of intervening in early stages of a fire or an EMS incident to minimize the event to the room of origin; or to take quick preventative measures to help a citizen survive a life-threatening accident or illness.

## Vision

- Provide high quality fire suppression and prevention services second to none in the City of Moorhead
- Serve as the “model” of quality standards in areas of response time, safety, staff and technology
- Serve as the “model” of customer service for Moorhead Residents

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## STAFFING REPORT

### PROMOTED



**Dave Allen**  
Captain  
2/5/10



**Rich Eggert**  
Assistant Chief  
9/30/10



**Ryan Muchow**  
Captain  
12/07/10

### RESIGNED



**Rob Kari**  
Firefighter  
7/6/92 - 2/18/10  
*Pursuing another career*

### RETIRED



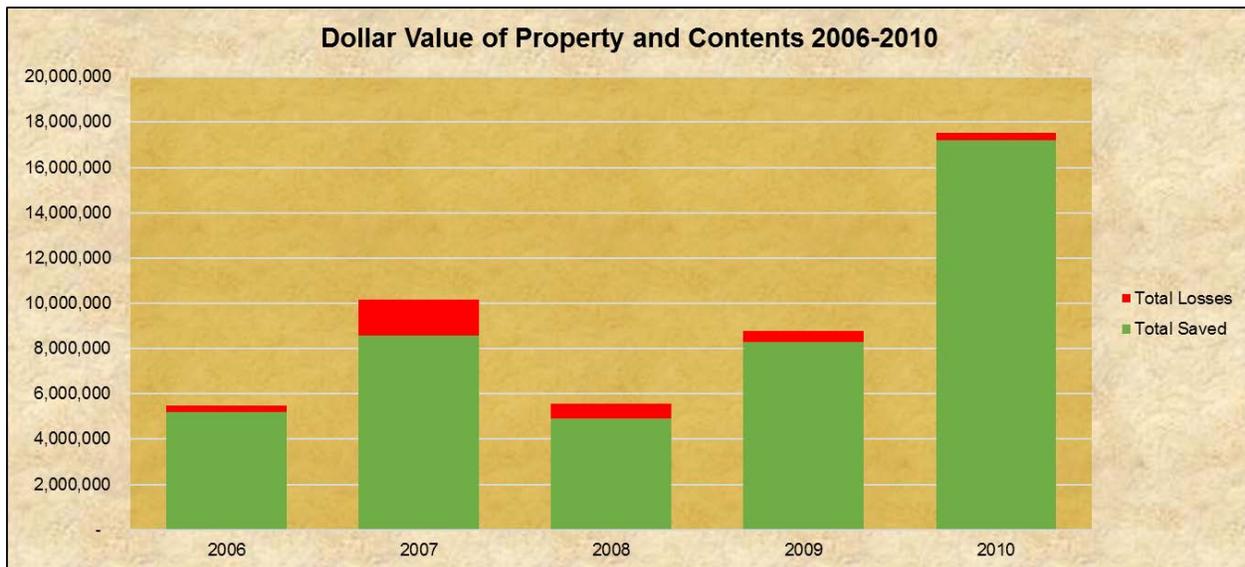
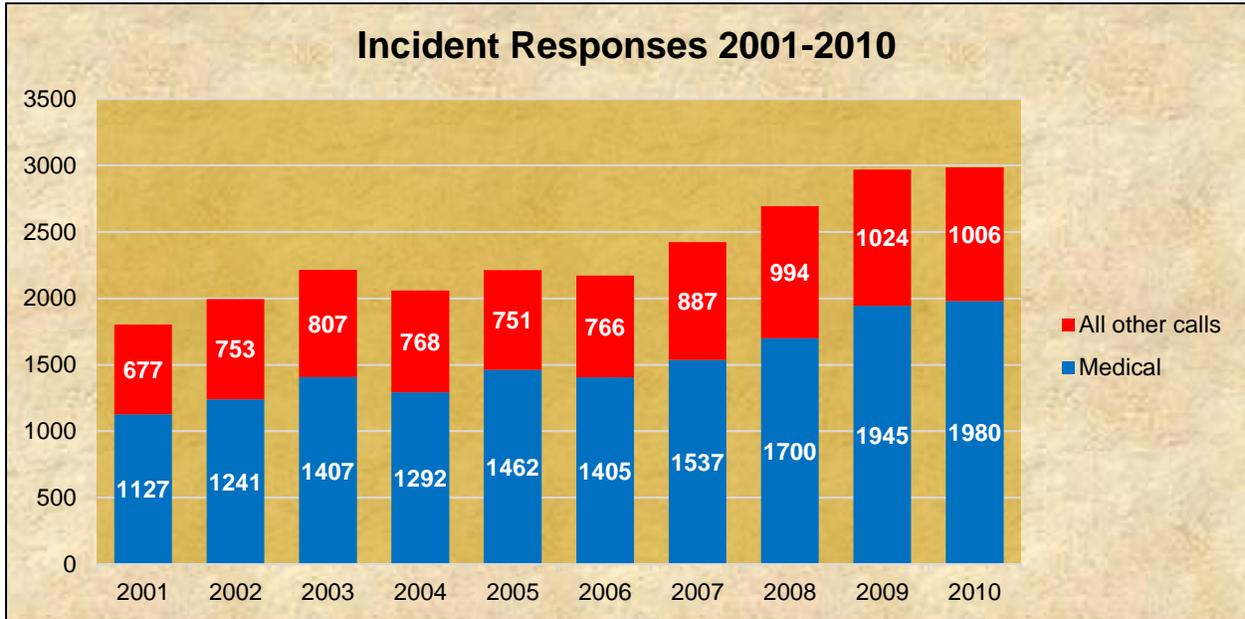
**Ron Sorum**  
Assistant Chief  
5/1/84 - 6/30/10



**Joel Hewitt**  
Fire Chief  
7/1/04 - 12/23/10  
*City Separation agreement*

# SUPPRESSION REPORT

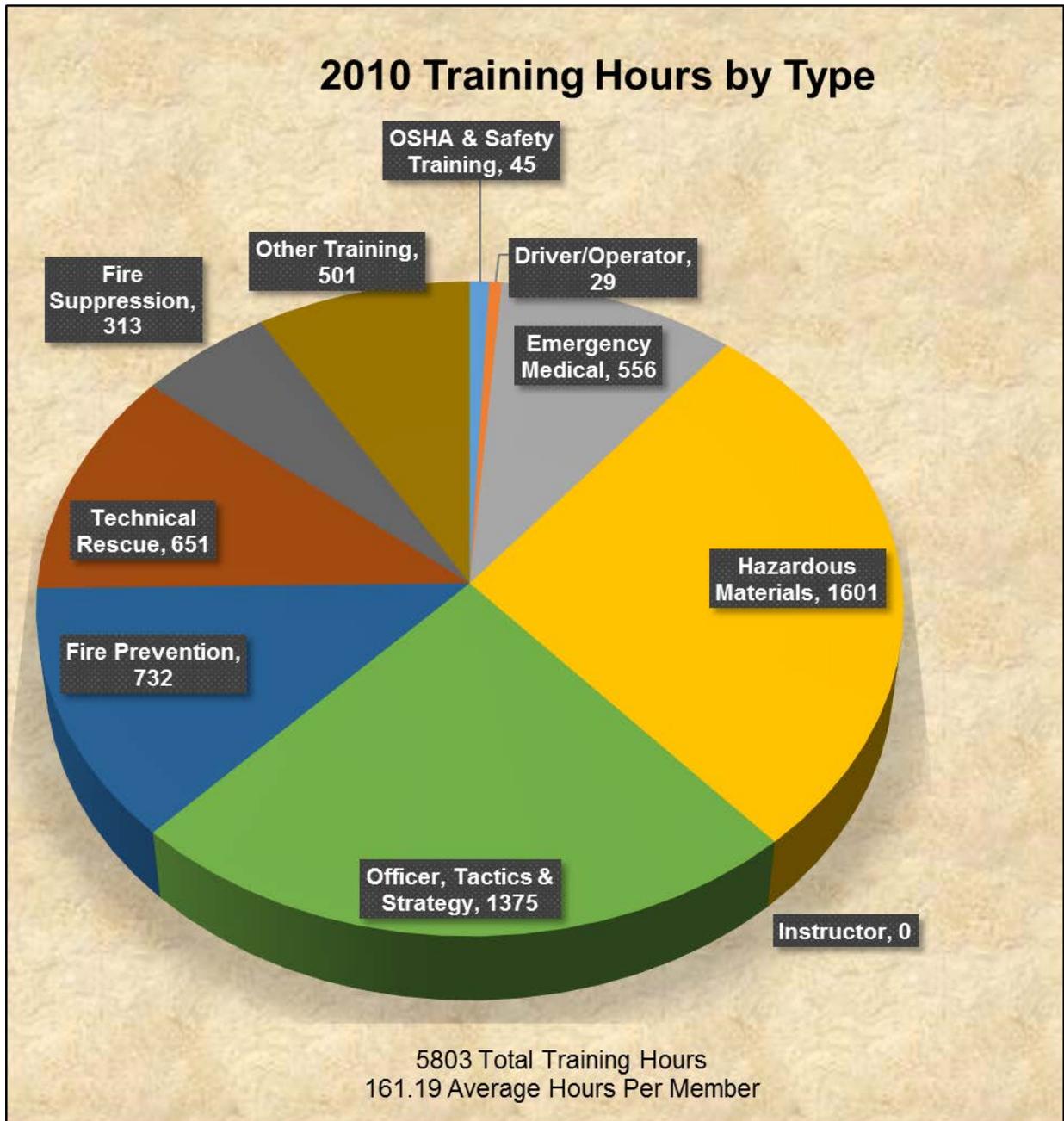
There were 2,986 emergency responses in 2010. This is an increase of 0.57%, as compared to the total of 2,969 in 2009. The stacked bar graph below represents the 10-year trend of our incidents. More detailed incident response information may be found in the NFPA report at the end of this annual report.



Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Losses	287,750	1,514,975	630,575	469,850	304,329
Total Value	5,468,100	10,167,900	5,551,735	8,758,600	17,513,350
Total Saved	5,180,350	8,652,925	4,921,160	8,288,750	17,209,021

# TRAINING REPORT

In 2010 we completed 5803 total contact hours of training across the many disciplines required to maintain our proficiency and ability to respond to the variety of hazards that face our community.



# NFPA REPORT

The following are the applicable statistical sections of the 2010 NFPA report that are used by the Moorhead Fire Department.

## NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FIRE EXPERIENCE REPORT

### MOORHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 2010 to December 2010

Part II: MAJOR FIRES			
Date	Name of Occupant or Owner, Property Use, and Address	Number of Civilian Fire Deaths	Property Loss
2/19/2010	Multifamily dwelling 901 9TH AVE S 1	0	\$121,429.00
3/21/2010	Manufacturing, processing 2500 11TH ST N	0	\$25,000.00
4/23/2010	Multifamily dwelling 1929 18TH AVE S 35	0	\$90,000.00

Part IV: BREAKDOWN OF FALSE ALARM RESPONSES	
Types of False Alarm	Number of Incidents
1. Malicious, Mischievous False Call	17
2. System Malfunction	81
3. Unintentional	238
4. Other False Alarm	12

Part V: INTENTIONALLY SET FIRES IN STRUCTURES AND VEHICLES				
	Number Of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties		Estimated Property Damage
		Deaths	Injuries	
1. Structure Fires Intentionally Set	2	0	0	\$123,429.00
2. Vehicle Fires Intentionally Set	1	0	0	\$7,000.00

**Part III: BREAKDOWN OF STRUCTURE FIRES AND OTHER FIRES AND INCIDENTS**

A. Fires In Structures By Fixed Property Use (Occupancy) (all in Section A are Incident Type 110-129)	Number Of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties		Estimated Property Damage
		Deaths	Injuries	
1. Private Dwellings	11	0	0	\$44,800.00
2. Apartments	9	0	0	\$214,229.00
3. Hotels and Motels	0	0	0	\$0.00
4. All Other Residential	0	0	0	\$0.00
5. TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FIRES	20	0	0	\$259,029.00
6. Public Assembly	0	0	0	\$0.00
7. Schools and Colleges	0	0	0	\$0.00
8. Health Care/Penal Institutions	1	0	0	\$0.00
9. Stores and Offices	1	0	0	\$2,000.00
10. Industry/Utility/Defense/Labs/Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0.00
11. Storage in Structures	0	0	0	\$0.00
12. Other Structures	1	0	0	\$100.00
13. TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES	23	0	0	\$261,129.00
14a. Highway Vehicles	7	0	0	\$15,050.00
14b. Other Vehicles	1	0	0	\$750.00
15. Non-Structure/Non-Vehicle	5	0	0	\$2,000.00
16. Brush/Grass/Wildland	4	0		
17. Rubbish/Dumpsters	23	0		
18. All Other Fires	4	0	0	\$25,400.00
19. TOTAL FOR FIRES	67	0	0	\$304,329.00
20. Rescue/Emergency Medical Responses	1,978			
21. False Alarms	348			
22. Mutual Aid Given	11			
23a. Hazmat Responses	86			
23b. Other Hazardous Responses	38			
24. All Other Responses	458			
25. TOTAL FOR ALL INCIDENTS	2,986			

	Number of Confined Fires	Number of Nonconfined Fires
5. Residential Fires (line 5 above)	10	10
13. Structure Fires (line 13 above)	11	12

## 2010 NOTES

- Fire Chief Joel Hewitt was put on administrative leave from the City of Moorhead on August 24, 2010. On December 23, 2010, a resolution was approved by the City Council to approve and execute the Separation and Release Agreement between the City of Moorhead and Joel Hewitt.
- As of August 24, 2010, Fire Marshal Rich Duysen will serve as Acting Fire Chief of the department.
- As part of the City's reorganization, Neighborhood Services moved out of the Fire Department Annex and relocated their offices at City Hall in February, 2010.
- Flood 2010 – The experiences of the 2009 Flood taught the City and its residents valuable lessons. Early preparations began in late February. With predictions of a flood similar to 2009, the Fire Department held planning meetings on evacuations and re-entry on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the City's sandbag filling operation was in full swing. The predicted crest was between 37 and 39 feet (lower than 2009), but City leaders wanted to prepare for the worst. The Red River crested on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 36.99 feet, and gradually the City returned to normal.
- Smoke Alarm and CO Detector installation in Manufactured Homes 2010 (unsure of date).
- On September 2, 2010 the City of Moorhead entered into the CodeRED Weather Warning Service Addendum agreement for a cost share between the County and the City to include the ability of the residents of Moorhead to sign up for this weather warning service.
- Open House – October 3, 2010
- Participated in the Extreme Home Makeover, October, 2010.
- Firefighter Testing (Interviews and Agility Test) October 16, 2010

### Grants

- Year two of SAFER Grant complete (05/22/2009-05/21/2010)
  - Total Grant Paid: \$134,640.62
  - Total City Paid: \$ 44,599.09
- Hazmat
  - 2009 Minnesota State Homeland Security Grant Program Awarded \$70,000.00 (09/01/2009-03/31/2012) for the Hazmat Team to purchase equipment and fund planning, exercises and training.
  - State of Minnesota through Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Amendment No. 2 Two Year Contract (06/30/2009 through 06/30/2011)
    - Year 1 (07/01/2009 – 06/30/2010 for \$45,000.00
    - Year 2 (07/01/2010 – 06/30/2011 for \$45,000.00