

# ALEXANDRIA



## Fire Department

*“Impacting Lives, Empowering Future Leaders”*

# Annual Report 2012

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## Department Activities

The fire department responded to 219 calls for services in 2012, of those, 10 were non-page calls for total of 219.

Many training opportunities for the firefighters with 90% attending different classes at Fire Schools throughout the state. A total of approximately 3600 accumulated training hours for the department.

AFD Hosted 137<sup>th</sup> Minnesota State Fire Department Association Conference in June.

AFD Explorers placed third at Gov's Fire Prevention Day at Minnesota State Fair. Dedication of Minnesota Fallen Firefighters At State Capitol September 30.



Front Row (l-r) - Shaynen Schmidt, Chris Eddy, Ron Moore, Bill Thoennes, Jeff Karrow-Chief, Tom Partington, Joe Kuperus, Dennis Stark FM

2<sup>nd</sup> Row - Mark Erickson, Myke Pilgrim, Aaron Zollner, Jason Schmidt, Chris Johnson, QJ Warrey, Nick Koos

3<sup>rd</sup> Row - Jeff Rodel, Dan Hodgson, Mike Pfeffer, Scott Gronholz, Brian Armstrong, Craig Jackson, Mark Bergerson, Robb Solyntjes

4<sup>th</sup> Row - Jason sinning, Kris Pierce, Shawn Olson, Dan sieve, Pat Solyntjes, Dave Nelson, Joe Waldorf

## 2012 Alexandria Fire Department

## Alexandria Fire Department Personnel and Occupations

Pat Solyntjes	Firefighter	Cambridge Financial Planner
Bill "Same" Thoennes	1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Alex Park Department
Jeff Karrow	Fire Chief	Karrow's Jewelry
Tom Partington	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Polycraft Fire Equip.
Brian Armstrong	Firefighter	Alex Street Department
Jeff Rodel	Firefighter	Rodel Construction
Joe Waldorf	Firefighter	ITW/MN Stone Cleaners
Dave Nelson	Firefighter	Self-Employed
Scott Gronholz	Firefighter/Treas.	US Bank
Mike Pfeffer	Firefighter	Pfeffer Chiropractic Clinic
Dan Hodgson	Firefighter	UBC
Dan Sieve	Firefighter	Realtor
Ron Moore	Captain	Douglas Machine
Chris Eddy	Captain	Custom Crown Craft
Jason Schmidt	Lieutenant	Pro-Tainer/Concrete Dreams
Mark Bergerson	Sec. / EMS	Martinson Insurance
Chris Johnson	Lieutenant	Douglas County Hospital
Quentin Warrey	Chief Engineer	3M
Joe Kuperus	Captain	Northern Lights Electric
Myke Pilgrim	Firefighter	Colorful Seasons/UPS
Robb Solyntjes	Firefighter	Hennen Furniture
Craig Jackson	Firefighter	Douglas Machine
Aaron Zollner	Lieutenant	Geneva Capital
Jason Sinning	Firefighter	North Ambulance
Shawn Olson	Firefighter	Schaeffer Mfg.
Mark Erickson	Firefighter	Erickson's Quality Lawn Care
Nick Koos	Firefighter	Widseth Smith & Nolting
Kris Pierce	Firefighter	Viking Coke
Shaynen Schmidt	Firefighter	Protainer/AAR

## Department Activities (cont.)



### 2012 AFD Explorer Post #400

Front row (I-R): Anika Thill, Tyler Erickson, Jesse Hacker, Darren Radil, Elizabeth Thill.  
 Back row: Chris Johnson (Advisor), Quentin Neinaber, Spencer Steidl, Aaron Steidl, Kenden Koep,  
 Aaron Zollner (Advisor) & Jeff Karrow (Chief)

## Great Opportunities!!



### Fire Prevention



2012 MSFDA Conf Parade



Live Burn Demos



AFD Honor Guard and  
 Dennis Stark MFFMA  
 At Dedication of  
 Minnesota Firefighters  
 Memorial at State  
 Capitol



## ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTS

CALLS BY LOCATION:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
City of Alexandria	128	139	145	130	123	147
Alexandria Twp	31	15	17	19	16	10
Carlos Twp	3	2	4	1	6	8
Holmes City Twp	1	3	2	3	0	3
Hudson Twp	6	6	6	5	4	8
Ida Twp	1	1	2	2	2	2
LaGrand Twp	16	22	19	11	22	22
Lake Mary Twp	5	2	4	3	3	2
Mutual Aid	0	0	0	4	1	2
Others	3	0	1	0	2	0
Non-Page	10	10	12	18	18	10
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Twp TOTALS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>

### Alexandria Fire Department

#### Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012} a

Incident Type	Count	Total Values	Total Losses	Total Saved	Percent Lost	Percent Saved
111 Building fire	7	\$1,190,000	\$676,000	\$514,000	56.81%	43.19%
113 Cooking fire, confined to	1	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$75,000	6.25%	93.75%
116 Fuel burner/boiler	1	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	50.00%	50.00%
121 Fire in mobile home used	1	\$400	\$200	\$200	50.00%	50.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	6	\$72,500	\$17,600	\$54,900	24.28%	75.72%
132 Road freight or transport	2	\$55,000	\$38,500	\$16,500	70.00%	30.00%
137 Camper or recreational	1	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	33.33%	66.67%
140 Natural vegetation fire,	1	\$300,000	\$1,000	\$299,000	0.33%	99.67%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical	1	\$2,500	\$250	\$2,250	10.00%	90.00%
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$1,737,400</b>	<b>\$752,050</b>	<b>\$985,350</b>		

**Total Percent Lost: 43.29 %**

**Total Percent Saved: 56.71 %**



**Mutual Aid to Garfield**



**AFD Firefighters working on vehicle accident**

**POPULATION SERVED BY THE  
ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTEMENT**

<b>CITY OF ALEXANDRIA</b>	12,920(ALL)	<b>12,920</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP</b>	2,687(ALL)	<b>2,687</b>
<b>CARLOS TOWNSHIP</b>	2,014(1/3)	<b>665</b>
<b>HUDSON TOWNSHIP</b>	872(1/3)	<b>288</b>
<b>HOLMES CITY TOWNSHIP</b>	795(3/4)	<b>596</b>
<b>IDA TOWNSHIP</b>	1,221(1/3)	<b>403</b>
<b>LAGRAND TOWNSHIP</b>	4,178(2/3)	<b>2757</b>
<b>LAKE MARY TOWNSHIP</b>	1,085(2/3)	<b>716</b>

**(2012 estimates)TOTAL POPULATION OF SERVED 21,032**

**\*\*\*AFD Fire District - Approximate 135 square miles**

**Alexandria Fire Department**

**Monthly Incident Counts By Station**

**Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012}**

Station #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.47%
	17	11	18	17	25	36	12	17	16	20	14	5	208	99.52%

Total Runs by Month						
Jan 17	Feb 11	Mar 18	Apr 17	May 25	Jun 36	
Jul 12	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 20	Nov 14	Dec 5	

**Grand Total Runs: 209**

**Average Turnout per Incident**

**Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012}**

**Total Number of Incidents 209 Total Number of Responding Personnel 4853**

**Average Turnout per Incident 24**



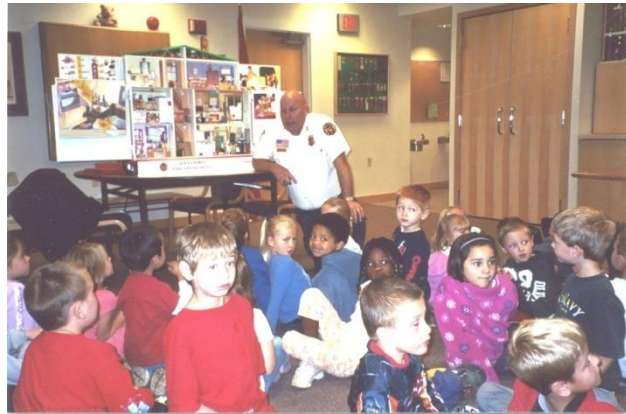
**Kitchen Cooking Fire**



## Alexandria Fire Marshal 2012 Annual Report



2012 was another very busy year for the Alexandria Fire Department and the Fire Marshal's office. The fire department had a total of 219 calls (see attached detailed report). As Fire Marshal, there were numerous tasks to complete, including the following:



Fire Prevention/Public Education - This is a year around activity that involves everything from code enforcement, investigations, firefighter training, public relations and the media. Fire Prevention in October tends to be the busy time, with school fire drills, poster contests and classroom visits. There were 35 station tours, 16 different schools visits, safety escape house was used at all elementary schools (approx. 750 students), and Safety Day camp in May had approx. 470 5<sup>th</sup> grade students learn fire safety. About 1525 students (pre-school – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) participated in fire safety education. Also annual safety presentations at senior housing facilities and special requests were conducted.



2012 Open House at the Fire Station



Code Enforcement - approx. 102 inspections (mostly new construction), 30 plan reviews, MFIRS reports for 219 calls entered into database and submitted to State Fire Marshal, 10 non-page calls. Regular and special inspections conducted throughout the year. There are approximately 290 buildings in the city that have automatic fire sprinkler systems.

Investigations - assisted or followed up on approx. 15 incidents (mostly follow-up for fire officers after incident or call) Documentation for investigations includes photos and cause determination if possible.

Fire Chief/Department requests - complete special projects directed by fire chief/officers such as assist in department training, research resources, mailings, update rosters and documents.

Hydrant flows/records - about 55 fire hydrants were flowed to get information for commercial construction sites. This is used to determine required water fire flow for buildings for fire protection. Also many new private water service mains tested.

Public Relations - the image of the fire service of importance in the community. Through the media (TV, Radio and newspaper) information and education was provided throughout the year.

As the Emergency Management Director for the City of Alexandria and Deputy Director for Douglas County many hours were involved with preparedness planning, Federal & State Homeland Security grants, conducting exercises utilizing available resources. Since 9/11, there are numerous issues and regulations that are being addressed. Equipment and training were provided to the various response agencies.

Continued Education - Learning is a continuous process that requires one to stay up with what is happening in the world. Participation this past year included annual conference of Minnesota Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators-March, Sprinkler Inspections-SFM, September, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Conference-October, Governor's Council on Fire Prevention & Control Executive Committee

After 17 years as Fire Marshal, 34 in the fire service, each new day is a rewarding experience to work in this community and all the people to help provide and safer place to live, work and play.

Submitted  
Dennis Stark, Fire Marshal