



2007  
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REPORT

The Mora Area Fire Department, founded in 1904, serves the cities of Mora and Quamba along with all or part of nine surrounding townships. In all, we cover around 240 square miles of area.

The mission of the Fire Department is to minimize loss of life and property from fires, natural disasters, life threatening situations and to assist other emergency agencies.

We strive to be known as an innovative and progressive fire department. We are dedicated to the delivery of effective fire suppression, rescue services and quality fire/safety education to the public.

There are twenty-seven firefighters currently on the Department with experience levels ranging from one year to thirty years of service.

In 2007, the Department received three financial grants. The largest grant was for almost \$34,000. This grant was used to start a wellness and fitness program for the firefighters. The grant paid for 95% of fitness equipment purchased to start a workout area. The remaining 5% was paid for by the Fire Department Relief Association. A second grant of \$15,000 is being used, along with other donations, to purchase an air compressor and filling station for our breathing air bottles. The third grant, a 50-50 matching grant from the DNR is being used to purchase a winch for our grass truck and also some structural firefighting gloves.

Fire department members give of their time to help with fire prevention activities in the community. Numerous groups are given tours of the fire station each year. Firefighters will visit school classrooms and daycare sites to help children learn about fire safety. The department took part in a safety fair at the Greater Minnesota Credit Union this past year. Members have also visited various businesses in Mora to conduct fire extinguisher training and fire prevention talks.

Members of the fire department also belong to the Fire Department Relief Association. The relief association's primary responsibility is to watch over the firefighters retirement funds. They also do fundraising activities to provide for non-budgeted items needed by the fire department. Each year the association holds a chili feed during fire prevention week. This brings residents to the fire station, not only to eat, but also to view the firefighting equipment, visit with the firefighters and take home some fire prevention materials. Other association fundraisers include the annual fire prevention calendar and the aluminum can drop-off bin located across from the fire station. Proceeds from the calendar project have been used to purchase fire prevention materials that are given to the school children during visits. The relief association also provided a large portion of the money used to purchase the 1936 Ford Pumper Truck.

For the past two years the association has sponsored a "Breakfast with Santa" for the kids of the area. Proceeds from this were given to the Salvation Army. The next "Breakfast with Santa" will be held on December 6, 2008.

In 2008, the department will begin working on the specifications for a new pumper truck. Anticipated delivery date on the truck could be in late 2009. This truck will replace the 1984 Chevrolet Truck now in service.

**2007 Calls for Assistance  
97 Calls**

<u>Type of Call</u>		<u>Location of Call</u>	
Structure Fires	17	City of Mora	32
Vehicle Fires	11	Arthur Twp.	15
Cancelled Calls	11	Knife Lake Twp.	13
Faulty Alarm System	9	Peace Twp.	11
Trash Fires	8	Comfort	8
Grass Fires	7	Brunswick Twp.	6
Carbon Monoxide	5	Hillman Twp.	3
False Calls	4	Whited Twp.	3
Auto Accident	4	Grass Lake Twp.	1
Gas Smell in bldg.	4	Pomroy Twp.	1
Smoke Smell	3	City of Quamba	0
Broken Gas Lines	2		
Down Power Lines	2		
Chimney Fire	1		
Dryer Fire	1		
Fuel Leak	1		
Gas Explosion	1		
Hay Bales	1		
Rescue Call	1		

Assist other Fire Departments

Ogilvie FD	2
Hinckley FD	1
Pine City FD	1

## 2007 Statistics

### CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	6
Monday	12
Tuesday	16
Wednesday	13
Thursday	21
Friday	14
Saturday	15

### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME

In Mora	4.64 minutes
In Service Area	10.03 minutes

**ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS  
DUE TO FIRES: \$1,165,210.00**

**FIREFIGHTERS TIME SPENT  
ON TRAINING: 1,228 Hours**

**FIREFIGHTERS TIME SPENT  
ON CALLS: 1,748 Hours**

### CALLS BY TIME OF DAY

1 AM to 2 AM	5
2 AM to 3 AM	1
3 AM to 4 AM	1
4 AM to 5 AM	1
5 AM to 6 AM	2
6 AM to 7 AM	1
7 AM to 8 AM	2
8 AM to 9 AM	3
9 AM to 10 AM	7
10 AM to 11 AM	5
11 AM to Noon	6
Noon to 1 PM	4
1 PM to 2 PM	3
2 PM to 3 PM	7
3 PM to 4 PM	2
4 PM to 5 PM	12
5 PM to 6 PM	5
6 PM to 7 PM	4
7 PM to 8 PM	10
8 PM to 9 PM	4
9 PM to 10 PM	3
10 PM to 11 PM	2
11 PM to Midnight	5
Midnight to 1 AM	2

**FIREFIGHTERS TIME SPENT  
ON FIRE PREVENTION  
ACTIVITIES: 189 Hours**