

2010

ACTIVITY REPORT

MORA AREA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Founded 1904

The Mora Area Fire Department serves the cities of Mora and Quamba along with all or parts of the nine following townships: Arthur, Brunswick, Comfort, Grass Lake, Hillman, Knife Lake, Peace, Pomroy and Whited.

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

We strive to be an innovative and progressive fire department. Our members are dedicated to the delivery of effective fire suppression, rescue services, and quality fire-safety education at a reasonable cost.

The MAFD had a total of 69 calls for service in 2010. This number does not include the calls that were canceled before we arrived at the scene. See the attached list for information on these calls.

After the addition of Jeff Bieniek, Jessie Polchow, and Justin Jelsing, there were 30 firefighters serving on the department in 2010. The 30 members had experience levels from zero to over 27 years.

In 2009 the department started to consider replacing a pumper truck. We formed a truck committee headed up by Dan Larson. After the truck committee studied the fire department's needs, we asked several community leaders to be involved. Two city council members and two township officials joined the committee. The group decided that the fire department would have to provide more service with less personnel. After taking field trips to look at trucks, the committee members agreed to move forward with a pumper that could carry several personnel. The new pumper could eliminate the need for a \$400,000 personnel carrier when the fire department's van needed to be replaced.

In 2010 two of the MAFD members, Wade Lennox and Bobby Gajewski, volunteered to apply for a \$200,000 plus grant for 800 Mgz equipment that will be needed at the end of 2011 when the county upgrades its radio system. Those members spent countless hours with this grant and another grant. At the end of December, we were notified that we were still in the running for the grant. We completed the additional paperwork and provided the additional information which was required. This federal fire grant was written for Mora and Ogilvie Fire Departments to get 800 Mgz equipment. We followed all recommendations set by this federal grant program.

Fire department members are still volunteering their time to help with fire prevention activities in the community. Numerous members are giving tours of the fire station throughout the year. Firefighters visit school classrooms and daycare sites to teach children about safety. This department takes part in community events such as the safety fair at Coborn's, National Night Out at the fairgrounds, the Mora Airport air show, and events at the Kanabec County Fair. Members also help various businesses in our area with fire extinguisher training and fire prevention presentations. Last December, members again helped with bell ringing for the Salvation Army and provided Breakfast with Santa. This event brings in about 150 kids each year to have their pictures taken with Santa on the old fire truck and to have a good breakfast with their families.

Members of the fire department are also members of the Mora Fire Department Relief Association. The relief association is used for a firefighters' retirement program and to buy some equipment that is not purchased through the city. The relief association also buys prevention materials for community safety programs.

The members of the fire department are committed to at least one training and one meeting each month. They also take turns twice a year doing truck maintenance and safety checks so the trucks are ready 24/7 to meet our community's needs.

**MORA AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT
2010 Officers**

Bob Jensen, Chief, 28 years
Mike Anderson, Assistant Chief, 21 years
Tony Miller, Captain, 9 years
Joe Heggernes, Captain, Secretary, 16 years
Brett Anderson, Lieutenant, 10 years
Dan Larson, Lieutenant, 6 years

Firefighter	Years of Service
Jeff Johnson	19
Wayne Erickson	18
Jim Hallin	16
Jim Mattinen	16
Tony Hallin	16
Fred Holm	16
Louis Abate	13
Mark Cannon	9
Wade Lennox	9
Tony Carlstrom	6
Matt Johnson	6
Jody Anderson	5
Bill Asmus	5
Brian Carda	5
Greg Ennis	5
Paul Whiteford	5
Jeremy Frahm	3
Eric Johnson	3
Randy Golly	2
Jeff Feine	2
Bobby Gajewski	2
Jeff Bieniek	1
Jesse Polchow	1
Justin Jelsing	1

Department Vehicles

Unit #1	1997 Freightliner 1,250 GPM Pumper
Unit #2	1984 Chevrolet 1,000 GPM Pumper
Unit #3	1994 GMC 2,000 Gal. Tanker
Unit #4	1991 International 1,000 GPM Pumper With 55 ft. Telesquirt & Ladder
Unit #5	1993 GMC Equipment Van
Unit #6	2005 Sterling 2,000 Gal. Tanker
Unit #7	1996 Dodge ¾-ton Grass Truck
Unit #8	1991 Ford One-ton Grass Truck
Unit #9	1936 Ford Antique Pumper