

**2011**

**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 known as an innovative and progressive fire department. Our members are dedicated to the delivery of effective fire suppression, rescue services, and quality fire safety education to the public at a reasonable cost.

The MAFD had a total of 77 calls for service in 2011. These call for service do not include the calls we were canceled on prior to arriving at the scene. See attached 2011 for what and where these calls were.

There were 30 firefighters serving on the department in 2011 after adding 4 new members Ashley Eggert, Karl Handy, Benjamin Sanftner, & Richard Kupfer. The 30 members have experience levels from zero to over 27 years.

In 2009 the department is starting to look at replacing a pumper truck. A new pumper truck was order from Custom Fire in 2011 and will take delivery in February 2012. This pumper will seat 8 total with an enclosed pump panel. This truck will replace our 1984 Chevrolet pumper. It will also allow the department to purchase a smaller rescue truck in the future when that needs to be replaced.

In 2010 two of the members Wade Lennox and Bobby Gajewski volunteered to write for a \$200,000 plus grant for 800Mgz equipment. We received the grant in 2011 and received all of the radios, pagers and equipment to convert to the 800Mgz system. We are on schedule to begin using the new equipment on or before March 1, 2012. In 2011 the same two members put together a grant request to replace our SCBA's and we are waiting to hear if we will receive that grant.

In 2011 we began a fund raising effort to replace our extrication equipment which was approaching 25 years old. By October, we raised approximately \$20,000 and was able to purchase the equipment totally with donation from various organizations and individuals throughout our community.

Fire department members are still volunteering the time to help with fire prevention activities in the community. Numerous members are giving tours of the fire station through out the year. Firefighter visit school classrooms and daycare sites to teach children about safety. This department takes part in community events such as "The safety fair at Corborn's", "Nation Night Out" at the Fair Grounds, "Airport Air Show" and helping out with events at the "Kanabec County Fair". Members also help various businesses in our area with fire extinguisher training and fire prevention talks. Again, this last December members helped with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and had a Breakfast with Santa.

Members of the fire department are also members of the Mora Fire Department Relief Association. The relief association is used for a retirement program for the firefighters but is also used to buy some equipment that is not budgeted for through the City. Also it is used to buy prevention materials for the safety programs the fire department provides to the communities that it serves.

The members of the fire department are committed to at least one training and one meetings each month which takes time away from there families. They also take turns twice a year doing maintenance, safety check on each of the fire trucks so they are ready 24/7 to meet our community needs.

**MORA AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2011 Officers**

**Mike Anderson, Chief, 22 years**  
**Joe Heggernes, Assistant Chief, 17 years**  
**Tony Miller, Captain, 10 years**  
**Brett Anderson, Caption, Secretary, 11 years**  
**Matt Johnson, Lieutenant, 7 years**  
**Dan Larson, Lieutenant, 7 years**

<b>Firefighter</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Jeff Johnson	20
Wayne Erickson	19
Jim Hallin	17
Jim Mattinen	17
Tony Hallin	17
Fred Holm	17
Louis Abate	14
Mark Cannon	10
Wade Lennox	10
Tony Carlstrom	7
Jody Anderson	6
Bill Asmus	6
Brian Carda	6
Greg Ennis	6
Paul Whiteford	6
Jeremy Frahm	4
Randy Golly	3
Jeff Feine	3
Bobby Gajewski	3
Jeff Bieniek	2
Jesse Polchow	2
Justin Jelsing	2

**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 55ft. Telesquirt & Latter
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