

**MOORHEAD FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
2008  
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.

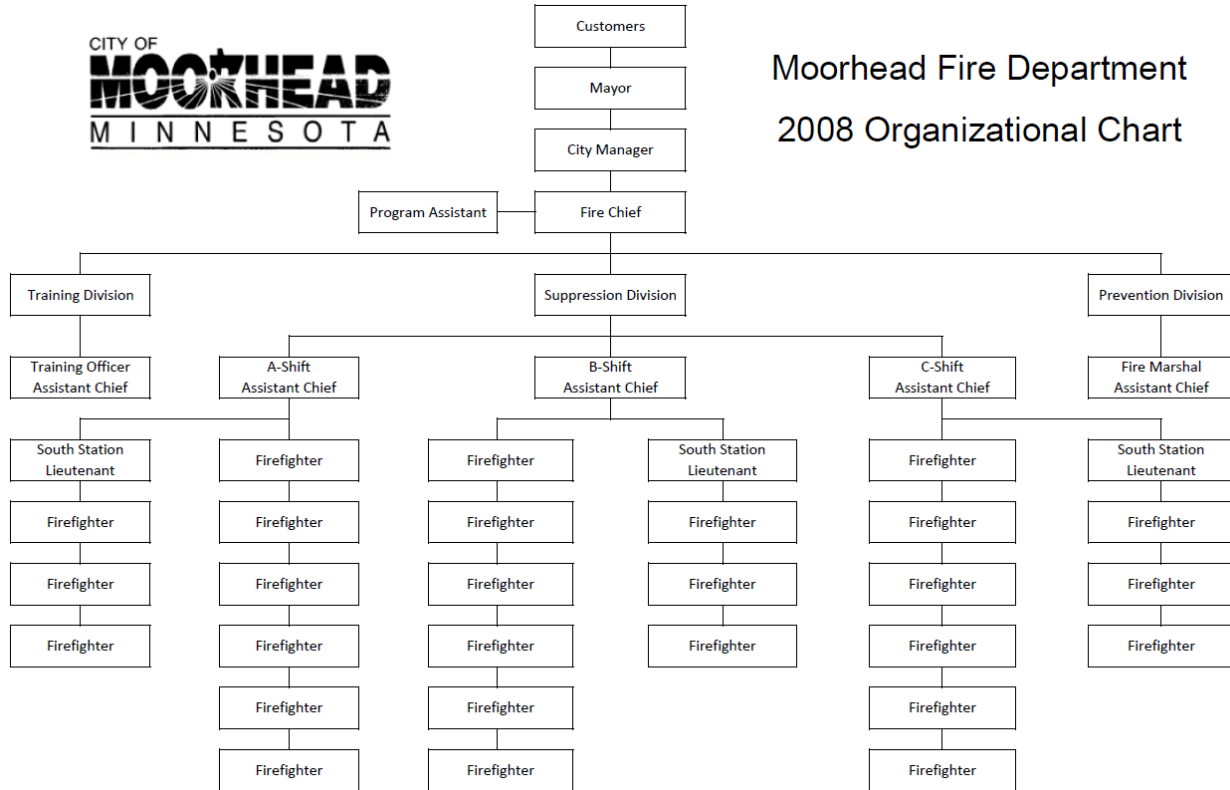
## Vision

- 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



## Moorhead Fire Department 2008 Organizational Chart



The Moorhead Fire Department unsuccessfully applied for a federal Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to add three new firefighter positions in 2005. A second unsuccessful grant application was made in 2006, and third apparently unsuccessful application was made in 2007. The City Council authorized and fully funded three new positions for 2008. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 we were awarded the 2007 SAFER Grant and added a total of six new Firefighter positions. These positions were six of the twelve positions necessary to open a third station, a need placed in writing in the Moorhead Fire Department 2007-2010 Strategic Plan.

# STAFFING REPORT

## RETIRED



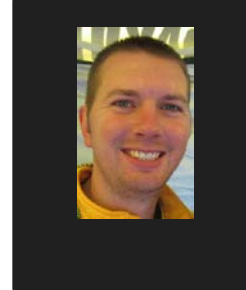
**Mike Salisbury**  
Lieutenant  
7/15/75 – 6/30/08

## HIRED



**Erick Brager**  
Firefighter  
10/7/08

## TERMINATED

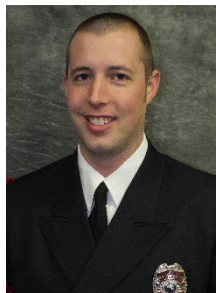


**Blake Nitzkowski**  
Firefighter  
11/4/08

## HIRED (NEWLY CREATED FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS)



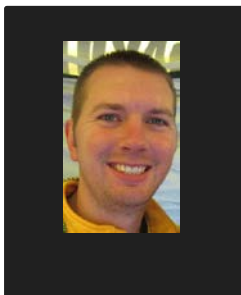
**Kevin Salisbury**  
Firefighter  
1/8/08



**Justin Rosenfeldt**  
Firefighter  
1/9/08



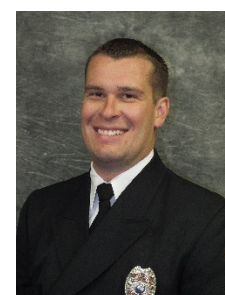
**Troy Thies**  
Firefighter  
1/10/08



**Blake Nitzkowski**  
Firefighter  
11/4/08



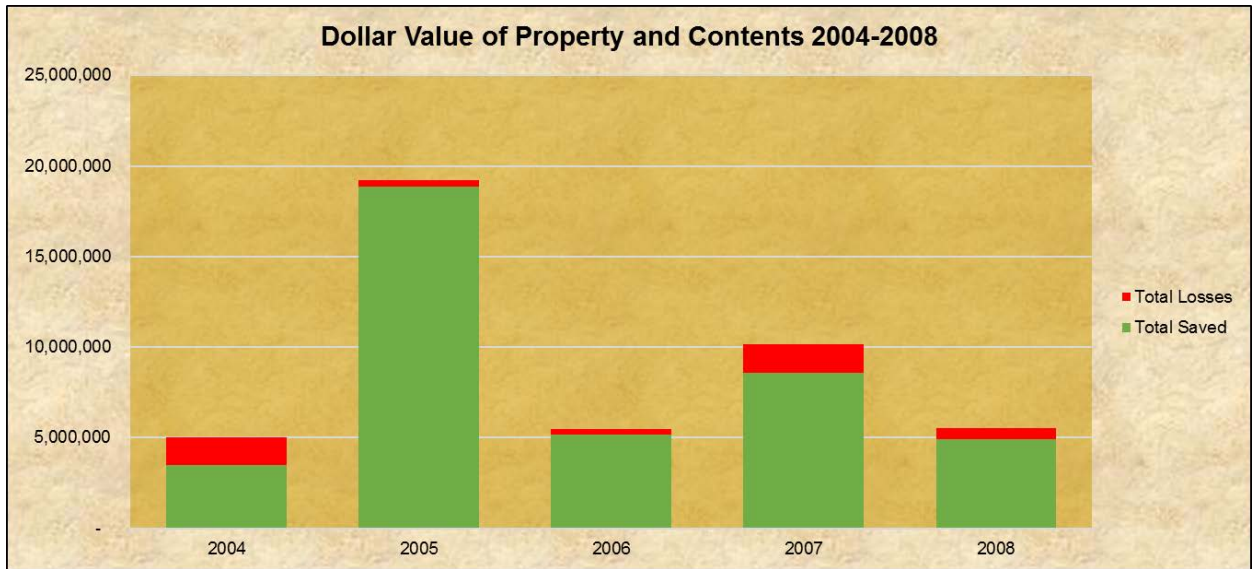
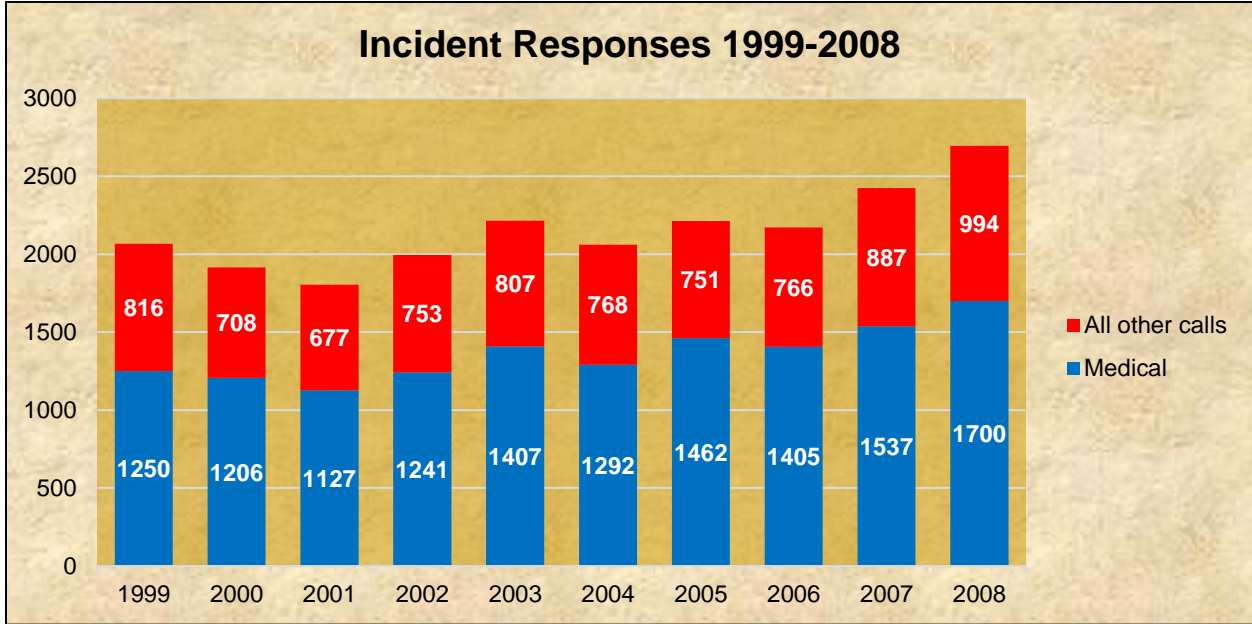
**Dale Hovis**  
Firefighter  
11/6/08



**John Schlafmann**  
Firefighter  
11/7/08

# SUPPRESSION REPORT

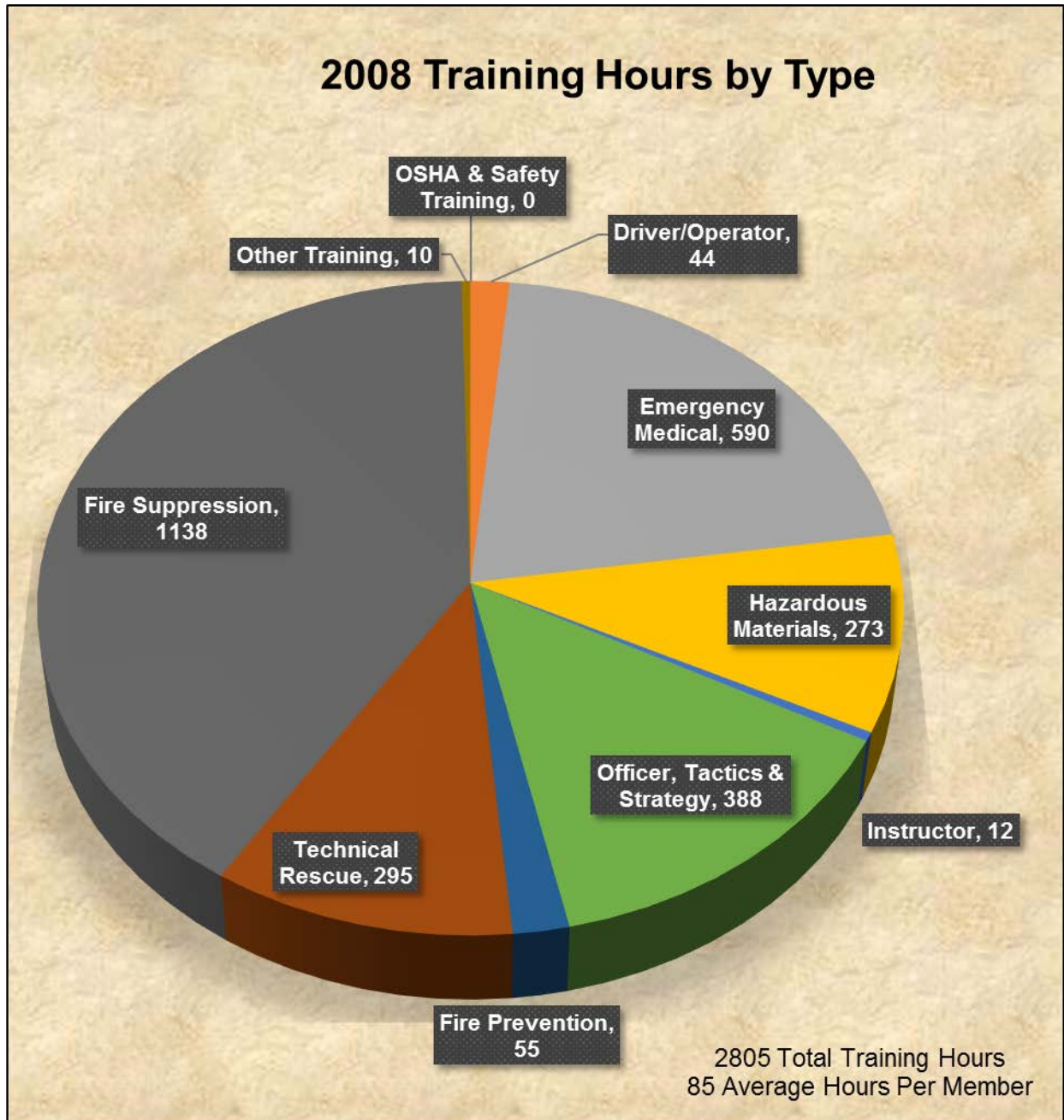
There were 2,694 emergency responses in 2008. This is an increase of 11.14%, as compared to the total of 2,424 in 2007. The stacked bar graph below represents the 10-year trend of our incidents. More detailed incident response information may be found in the NFPA report at the end of this annual report.



Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Losses	1,523,290	363,466	287,750	1,514,975	630,575
Total Value	5,043,450	19,228,046	5,468,100	10,167,900	5,551,735
Total Saved	3,520,160	18,864,580	5,180,350	8,652,925	4,921,160

# TRAINING REPORT

In 2008 we completed 2805 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 2008 NFPA report that are used by the Moorhead Fire Department.

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FIRE EXPERIENCE REPORT**  
**MOORHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**January 2008 to December 2008**

<b>Part II: MAJOR FIRES</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Occupant or Owner, Property Use, and Address</b>	<b>Number of Civilian Fire Deaths</b>	<b>Property Loss</b>
2/26/2008	Multifamily dwelling 2409 N 4 AVE 6	0	\$45,000.00
5/14/2008	Westfall, Marlene Joyce 1 or 2 family dwelling 430 DALE AVE	0	\$270,000.00
7/6/2008	1 or 2 family dwelling 1019 36TH AVE S	0	\$275,000.00

<b>Part IV: BREAKDOWN OF FALSE ALARM RESPONSES</b>	
<b>Types of False Alarm</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
1. Malicious, Mischievous False Call	16
2. System Malfunction	57
3. Unintentional	253
4. Other False Alarm	21

<b>Part V: INTENTIONALLY SET FIRES IN STRUCTURES AND VEHICLES</b>				
	<b>Number Of Fires</b>	<b>Number of Civilian Fire Casualties</b>		<b>Estimated Property Damage</b>
		<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Injuries</b>	
1. Structure Fires Intentionally Set	0	0	0	\$0.00
2. Vehicle Fires Intentionally Set	0	0	0	\$0.00

**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	9	0	0	\$570,600.00
2. Apartments	6	0	0	\$48,300.00
3. Hotels and Motels	1	0	0	\$5,000.00
4. All Other Residential	1	0	0	\$1,000.00
5. TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FIRES	17	0	0	\$624,900.00
6. Public Assembly	0	0	0	\$0.00
7. Schools and Colleges	0	0	0	\$0.00
8. Health Care/Penal Institutions	0	0	0	\$0.00
9. Stores and Offices	0	0	0	\$0.00
10. Industry/Utility/Defense/Labs/Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0.00
11. Storage in Structures	1	0	0	\$0.00
12. Other Structures	1	0	0	\$0.00
13. TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES	19	0	0	\$624,900.00
14a. Highway Vehicles	6	0	0	\$5,200.00
14b. Other Vehicles	1	0	0	\$475.00
15. Non-Structure/Non-Vehicle	2	0	0	\$0.00
16. Brush/Grass/Wildland	3	0		
17. Rubbish/Dumpsters	15	0		
18. All Other Fires	3	0	0	\$0.00
19. TOTAL FOR FIRES	49	0	0	\$630,575.00
20. Rescue/Emergency Medical Responses	1,699			
21. False Alarms	347			
22. Mutual Aid Given	12			
23a. Hazmat Responses	67			
23b. Other Hazardous Responses	42			
24. All Other Responses	478			
25. TOTAL FOR ALL INCIDENTS	2,694			

	Number of Confined Fires	Number of Nonconfined Fires
5. Residential Fires (line 5 above)	3	14
13. Structure Fires (line 13 above)	4	15



## 2008 NOTES

- February 8, 2008 – the Public Safety Breakfast Club sponsored “The Day the Bridge Fell” Presentation given by Minneapolis Fire and Emergency Management at MSUM. The presentation was about the lessons learned from the I-35 W Mississippi River bridge that collapsed on August 1, 2007 killing 13 people and injuring more than 145.
- May 20, 2008 – the Public Safety Breakfast Club sponsored the presentation on the Northwood Tornado given by the Northwood City Administrator. Northwood, ND experienced an EF4 rated tornado on August 26, 2007, killing one person and injuring 18 others.
- Chief Brunacini Training/Visit – June 4, 2008
- 2006 Legislation passed that effective 08/01/2008 all existing single family homes shall be equipped with approved CO alarms (Minnesota Statute).
- CO Detector Program (give away of CO Detectors) announced to the Public, October 27, 2008. Fifty CO detectors were donated to the Moorhead Fire Department by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal’s Office to place in homes where they were needed. They were provided on a first-come, first serve basis and installed by Firefighters to promote citizen safety.
- Provided First Responder Emergency Medical Services for Red River Valley Softball Association for 2008 ASA Class C Nationals Tournament in Moorhead from 09/26-29/2008
- Steve Kreis (Phoenix Fire) “Top Ten Hot Topics in the Fire Service” class – 10/24/2008
- Live Burn Training at 2107 Main Avenue SE (Guest House Motel) November, 2008
- Firefighter Testing (Interviews and Agility Testing) December 6, 2008
- Grants
  - 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award – Breathing Air Compressor and Filling Station for \$36,000 and City match of \$4,000 – Received item in August, 2008.
  - 2007 FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Award – 5 Year (May 22, 2008 through May 21, 2013) Total Grant Award Years 1 through 5: \$316,275.00
  - 2008 Dakota Medical Foundation Awarded \$3,750 (12/01/2008 through 06/01/2009) for purchase of CO detection equipment.
  - Hazmat:
    - State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland and Security Management Division 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (07/01/2008 through 03/30/2010) for \$75,000.00 for Hazmat to purchase equipment and fund planning and training
    - State of Minnesota Professional and Technical Services Contract Two year contract (07/01/2007 through 06/30/2009) at \$45,000.00 per year
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Year: 07/01/2007 – 06/30/2008 for \$45,000.00
      - **2<sup>nd</sup> Year: 07/01/2008 – 06/30/2009 for \$45,000.00**
    - State of Minnesota through Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Amendment No. 1 for an additional **\$33,333.33** for 2<sup>nd</sup> year (07/01/2008 – 06/30/2009) due to the Hazmat Team providing services for the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN on 08/29/2008 through 09/05/2008