



WASAGA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 YEAR END REVIEW





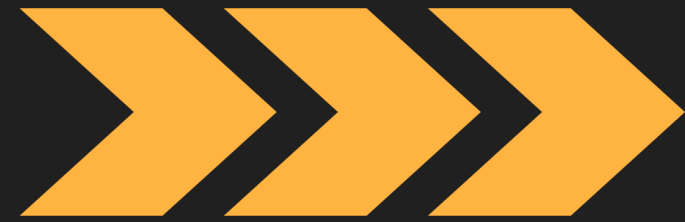
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

For 75 years, our dedicated firefighters have demonstrated unparalleled commitment by responding swiftly to emergencies and working tirelessly to ensure the safety of Wasaga Beach residents. This legacy of outstanding performance continued in 2023 under the guidance of Fire Chief Williams, fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and trust as outlined in this report.

On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank the WBFD for their service.

Mayor Brian Smith





MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of Wasaga Beach Fire Department, I am proud to present our 2023 Annual Report. This year we celebrated 75 years of exceptional fire protection service to our growing community.

Our fire service is not just about fighting fires, it's about being present for our community in their most vulnerable moments. I could not be more proud of the men and woman who wear the WBFD uniform.

Fire Chief Craig Williams



FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION



The Wasaga Beach Fire Department provides fire protection services through a range of programs including education, enforcement and emergency response designed to protect the lives and property of Wasaga Beach residents and visitors from the adverse effects of fires, sudden medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions created by persons or nature.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Updated the Establishing and Regulating Bylaw
- Renovated Fire Station 2
- Refurbished Pump 2
- Hosted 75th anniversary Open House
- Added a Fire Prevention Inspector position
- Recruited seven volunteer firefighters
- Achieved NFPA certification for 98% of firefighters
- Invested in additional personal protective equipment
- Introduced fitness equipment to Fire Station 2
- Hosted a family and staff support evening
- Introduced automatic second alarms at vulnerable occupancies
- Became the first fire department in Ontario to become a Naloxone Distribution Partner



ACHIEVEMENTS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

2,104 Calls for Service

The fire department provides an all-hazard response to mitigate emergencies including fires, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies, and rescues.





WASAGA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT - 2023

Incidents

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL(YR)
FIRE - STRUCTURE	1	0	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	2	15
FIRE - VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
FIRE - GRASS, CONTAINED or UNAUTHORIZED OPEN BURNING	0	0	0	8	3	4	4	3	3	4	5	1	35
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION	7	10	2	4	6	6	13	7	6	5	5	2	73
RESCUE - WATER/ICE or OTHER	0	3	2	5	2	2	4	2	2	3	0	2	27
PUBLIC/POTENTIAL HAZARD (hydro wires down, burning smell, flooding, etc.)	3	2	2	15	7	10	3	8	2	6	6	5	69
CARBON MONOXIDE	0	8	5	2	2	3	5	0	1	4	10	6	46
PUBLIC SERVICE or ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	7	15	13	3	1	16	7	15	11	10	12	12	122
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATED - NO EMERGENCY	17	11	13	14	12	17	22	32	31	20	14	20	223
NATURAL GAS or PROPANE LEAK	0	2	1	2	3	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	17
MEDICAL	111	104	99	122	134	120	128	128	114	114	157	143	1474
MONTHLY TOTAL	146	155	138	176	172	184	188	201	171	166	211	196	2104

Annual Comparison (Incidents)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL(YR)
2023	146	155	138	176	172	184	188	201	171	166	211	196	2104
2022	122	138	149	155	178	188	202	183	148	188	195	189	2035
2021	114	121	154	130	147	160	174	195	160	180	168	149	1852
2020	126	126	129	99	70	61	135	160	148	143	141	132	1470
2019	112	110	100	108	133	117	163	133	138	142	113	129	1498

FIRE PREVENTION

340 Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Inspections are completed to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code and the Ontario Building Code for life safety systems. Staff also conduct fire investigations to determine the origin, cause and circumstance of fires.

170 hours of Outreach Programming

Fire safety education programs aim to teach fire safety to all members of our community. Our team strives to educate individuals, groups, classes, workers and stakeholders on the benefits and requirements of fire safety and fire code enforcement at home, work, school, and play.



**WBFD 75th
ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE**



**COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISING
AND SUPPORT**



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK**



TRAINING



FIRE SUPPRESSION

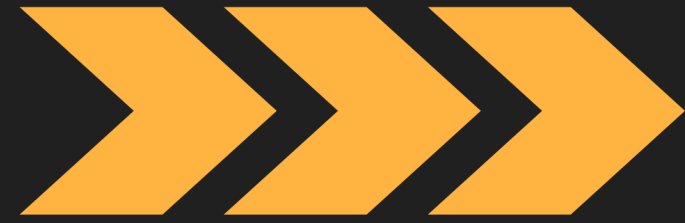


ICE WATER RESCUE



AUTO EXTRICATION





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2023 Provincial Compliance Achieved

The Fire Department ensures that provisions are in place to protect health, safety and the wellbeing of residents and visitors of the Town of Wasaga Beach in the event of an emergency. We also prepare the required staff and resources for the extraordinary arrangements and measures that may have to be implemented in emergency situations.





BUDGET

Operations - \$4,364,050.00

Capital - \$814,980.00



ACTIVE TEAM MEMBERS

- Administration - Fire Chief Craig Williams, Deputy Fire Chief Dan Bell, Administrative Assistant Katie Underwood
- Prevention - Fire Prevention Inspector Kris Allary
- Captains - Kelly McGuire, Glenn Hyland, Ryan Maxwell, Kevin Pike, Gilbert Kuiper, Rob Thorne, Jason Bavelaar, John Delguidice, Jason Cameron
- Acting Captains - Jeremy Bell, Jason Benson, Jamie Murphy, Chris Wilkins
- Career Firefighters - Donnie Bishop (Training Officer), Jason Martin, Brandon Kempster, Brock Graham, Glen VanderMeer, Jack McCarl Jr, Shane Ellis, Grady McGuire
- Volunteer Firefighters - Ray Murley, Cam Stott, Joe Sacerty, Tanner Bell, Heather Clement, Jake Rollins, Jeff Duncan, Alisia McLeod, Caley Beneteau, Bradyn Mullin, Hayden Bavelaar, Meaghan Numainville, Jason Crocco, Holly Pavlovic, Dylan Halliday, Ryan Cornfield, Andrew Parsons, Kevin Matthews

2023 ROSTER

RECOGNITION

- Retirements

- Captain Kelly McGuire
- Volunteer Firefighter Ray Murley

- Promotions

- Captain Jason Bavelaar
- Fire Prevention Inspector Kris Allary
- Acting Captain Jamie Murphy

- New Hires

- Career Firefighters - Shane Ellis and Grady McGuire
- Volunteer Firefighters - Bradyn Mullin, Hayden Bavelaar, Meaghan Numainville, Jason Crocco, Holly Pavlovic, Dylan Halliday, Ryan Cornfield





PLANS FOR 2024

**Complete Master
Fire Plan and
Community Risk
Assessment**

**Add One Additional
Career Suppression
Firefighter**

**Replace one set of
Auto Extrication
Equipment**

**Introduce Resilient
Minds Mental
Health Program**

**Invest in Additional
Personal Protective
Equipment**

**Host Pump
Operations and Ice
Water Rescue
Training**

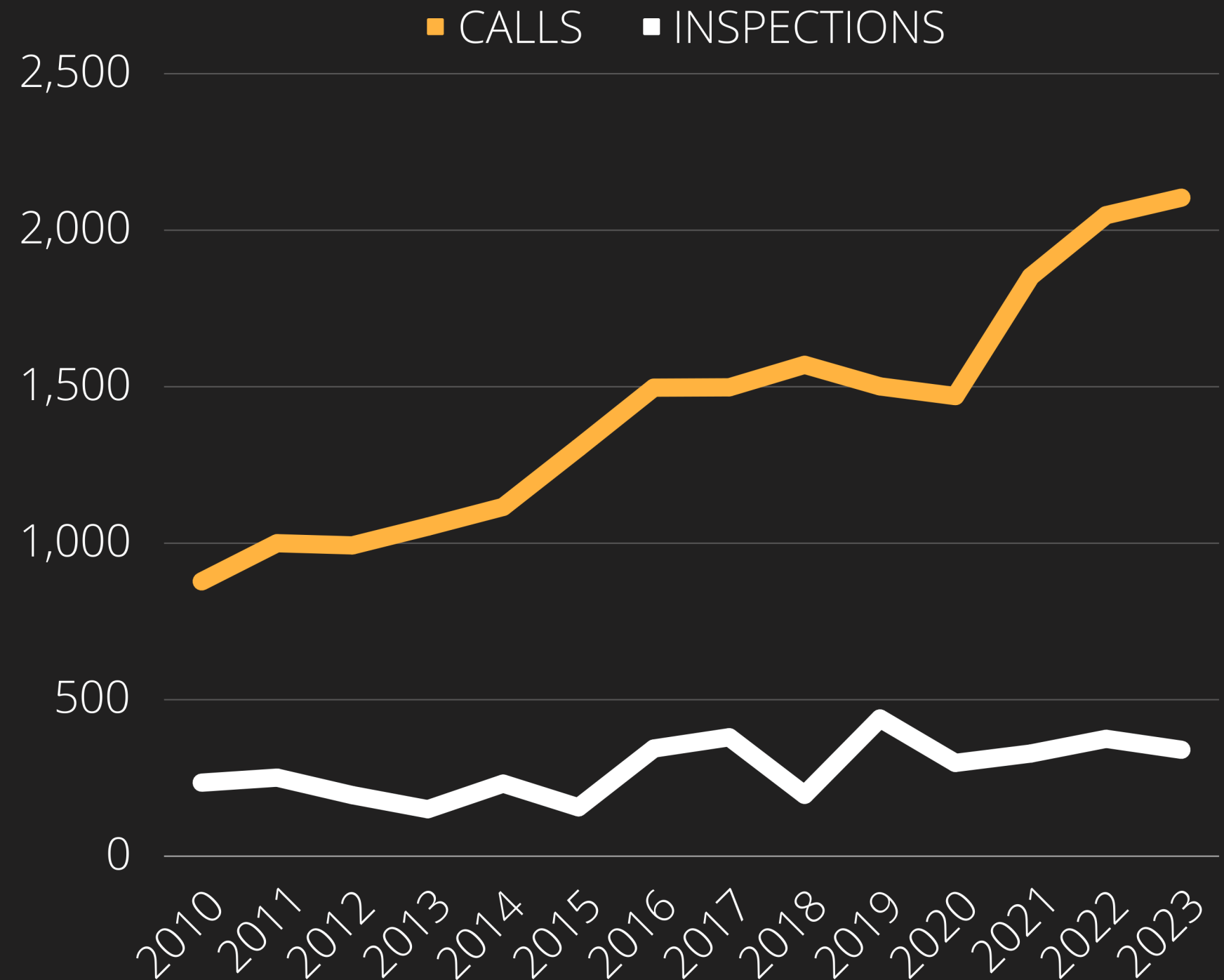
TRENDS

Between 2010 and 2023 the population of Wasaga Beach has increased by over 8,000 permanent residents.

The call volume for the fire department has more than doubled in the same period.

2010 = 17,000 population, 878 calls

2023 = 25,000+ population, 2,104 calls



“ CUSTOMER QUOTES ”

“Thank you for keeping us safe”

“Great job WBFD! Thank you for your outstanding community service”

“Thank you and congratulations on 75 years”

“We are thankful that you were there when we needed you”

“We always support the fire department and what they stand for”

