



2013 Annual Report



Mission Statement

The Columbia Heights Fire Department strives to maintain and improve the quality of life of all whom live, work, visit, or invest in the communities in which it responds. Our primary mission is to provide a full range of programs and services designed to protect the lives and property of the people we serve. These services include fire prevention and education, fire and maintenance code enforcement, fire suppression and investigation, emergency medical services, and initial response to natural and man-made catastrophes.

Introduction

The Columbia Heights Fire Department 2013 Annual Report is a reflection of the commitment to the community we serve. It is filled with statistics and information that identifies ways in which we continue to successfully meet our mission. Our successes are due to the dedication of all the members of the Fire Department and the support we receive from the Mayor, City Council Members, and City Administration and staff. We couldn't meet our mission without this dedication and support.

The fire department responded to a total of 2,794 calls for service this past year. Of this total, 852 were calls were fire related and of them 24 were structure fires. Fortunately, there were no deaths attributable to fire in the City of Columbia Heights this past year.

The fire department also provides emergency medical services at the Emergency Medical Technician Basic level. The greatest number of fire department responses is due to medical emergencies, of which the department responded to 1942 medical calls in 2013.

The department also responds to and provides a variety of services intended to meet the specific needs of our community. The fire department trains and responds to incidents involving hazardous materials, water rescue, ice rescue, confined space rescue and weapons of mass destruction. In addition, the department members conduct fire prevention education and participate in numerous citywide events such as National Night Out and the Jamboree.

While emergency services response continues to be an essential service, the fire department expends considerable time and resources on inspection and enforcement services for the Minnesota State Fire Code and the City's Property Maintenance Code.

Early in 2013 the Fire Department participated in a Feasibility Study for Shared or Cooperative Fire and Emergency Services with Fridley and St Anthony Fire Departments. The study was financed through a grant from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's office and was conducted by Emergency Services Consulting International. The study was presented to all three participating communities in June. As we move forward into the new year, the Columbia Heights Fire Department will continue to evaluate the services we provide to the community to determine quality and effectiveness and to look at ways to work with our neighboring communities to share services. Firefighter education, training, and development will continue to remain a priority.

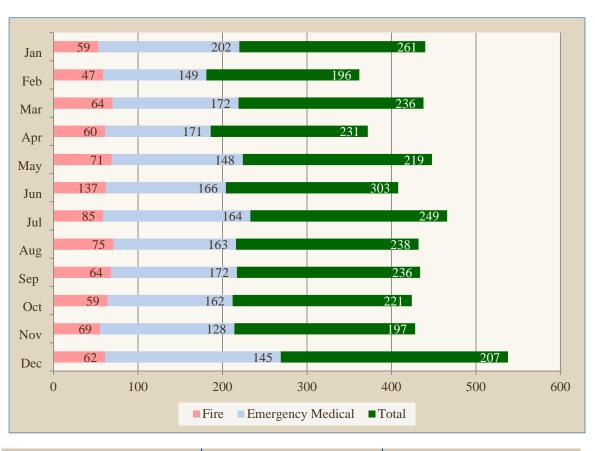
The Columbia Heights Fire Department, as always, is committed to preserving the life and property of our citizens and to serve the community with honor and loyalty.

Incident Reports

The Fire Department responded to 2,794 calls in 2013. The number of calls we respond to remains significantly high for a community of our size. We continue to see an increase in calls at night, calls relating to alcohol and drug use, assaults, and psychological problems. The number of calls for our elderly population remains high but has been slowly shrinking over the past few years. The average incident response time for the first arriving apparatus was approximately 4 minutes 49 seconds.

The Columbia Heights Fire Department uses the Minnesota Fire Incident Reporting System (MNFIRS) to report each emergency incident. MNFIRS is a member of the National Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Our incident response statistics are compiled with all other Fire Departments at the state and national level. These statistics are utilized to focus on current trends and problems and to predict future ones within the fire service.

2013 Fire and Emergency Medical Calls by Month



2013 Total Fire Calls

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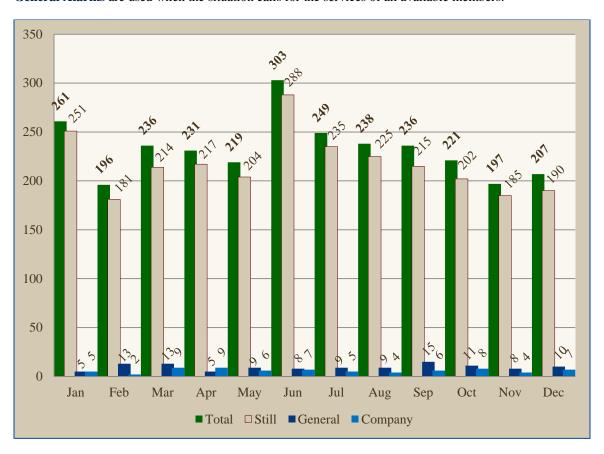
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2013 Type of Alarms by Month

Still Alarms are handled by on-duty personnel without calling for additional help.

Company Alarms are handled by call-back of available off-duty paid personnel and approximately 1/2 of available Paid-on-Call membership.

General Alarms are used when the situation calls for the services of all available members.



Ten-Year Comparison of Total Incidents



2013 Classification of Alarms

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Power Line Down 17	Power Line Down	17
Arcing/Shorted Equipment 9	Arcing/Shorted Equipment	9
Misc. Condition 5	Misc. Condition	5

Service Calls	262
Misc. Service Call	3
Person in distress	2
Jewelry Removal	2
Water evacuation	2
Water/Steam leak	7
Smoke/odor removal	3
Assist Police/Government Agency	47
Police Matter	43
Public Service	21
Assist Invalid	88
Unauthorized Burn	37
Standby/Cover Other Agency	1
Good Intent Calls	261
Good Intent, other	1
Dispatched/Cancelled en route	139
Wrong Location	3
No Incident Found Upon Arrival	84
Authorized Controlled Burning	6
Smoke Scare/Steam/Fog	17
Hazmat Investigation/No Hazmat	11
False Alarm & Calls	115
Malicious False Call, other	8
Bomb Scare	1
Sprinkler Activation, Malfunction	4
Smoke Detector Malfunction	11
Alarm System Malfunction	19
CO Detector Malfunction	16
Sprinkler Activation/No Fire	4
Detector Activation/No Fire	16
Alarm Activation/No Fire	25
CO Activation/No Fire	11
Fire	77
Building Fire	21
Cooking Fire, Confined	27
Trash/Rubbish Fire	4
Fire in Portable Building/Dumpster	8
Vehicle Fire	11
Grass/Brush Fire	4
Fire, Other	2

Top Properties for Service

	Address	# of Calls for Service
1	Comforts of Home Assisted Living – 3801 Hart Blvd	113
2	Northeast Seniors Housing – 85 Units – 3850 Stinson Blvd	74
3	Parkview Villa Apartments - 146 Units – 965 40th Ave	68
4	Crest View on 42^{nd} - 50 Units – 900 42nd Ave	48
5	Crest View Lutheran Home - 4444 Reservoir Blvd	44
6	Crest View Royce Place Assisted Living – 1515 44th Ave	42
7	Crest View Columbia Village – 1675 44th Ave	31
8	Starlite Motel – 4720 Central Ave /Hilltop, MN 55421	28
9	Bryant Apartment Rentals - 17 Units - 3806 Stinson Blvd	24
10	Crest View Boulevard Apartments – 77 Units – 4458 Reservoir Blvd	21
11	Steven Scott Management, Inc. – 75 Units – 3839 Hart Blvd	20
12	Steven Scott Management, Inc. – 35 Units – 2200 39th Ave	19
13	Central Valu Shopping Center – 4300 Central Ave	19
14	Kingsriter Duplex Rentals – 4000 Block University Ave	17
15	Samir & Kawthar Partnership – 907 46 ½ Ave/Hilltop	17
16	Columbia Heights Senior High – 1400 49 th Ave	17
17	M.V.A. Apartment Rentals – 4330 3 rd St	16
18	Samir & Kawthar Partnership – 4630 Central Ave/Hilltop	16
19	Single Family Home – 4500 Block of Taylor St	14
20	Demetriou Apartment Rentals – 1400 47 th Ave	14

Calls by Time of Day

Below is a breakdown of the 2013 call volume by time of day the call was dispatched. The fire department is active 24 hours a day with calls, in fact the hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am account for over one quarter (25.53%) of all calls in a 24-hour period.



Mutual Aid Report

Mutual aid is an agreement between fire departments to assist each other when called for emergencies by responding with available staffing and apparatus. The Columbia Heights Fire Department works closely with surrounding departments and has an "automatic" mutual aid agreement with the cities of Fridley and St. Anthony to be dispatched simultaneously for fires during the weekday hours when staffing is at its lowest.

2013 Mutual Aid Received – (12 Times)

(A=Dispatched as Auto Aid, M=Mutual Aid requested)

Date	Call #	Address	Type of Assistance	Type	Department
2-14	13-357	$5020 - 6^{th} St$	SOB – 2 nd Call	M	Fridley
8-07	13-1751	4101 - 5 th St	Gas Leak	M	St. Anthony
8-24	13-1871	204 - 42 nd Ave	Structure Fire	M	Fridley St. Anthony
9-12	13-2020	5152 - 4 th St	SOB	M	Fridley
9-12	13-2024	800 - 53 rd Ave	Chemical Leak	M	Fridley St. Anthony
10-22	13-2327	4417 University Ave	Burnt Food on Stove	A	Fridley St. Anthony
10-31	13-2384	$1340 - 42^{nd}$ Ave	House Fire	A	Fridley St. Anthony
10-31	13-2385	$965 - 40^{th} \text{ Ave}$	Medical	M	Brooklyn Park
11-07	13-2423	4900 Stinson Blvd	Medical Alarm	О	Fridley
11-26	13-2546	5131 University Ave	SOB – 2 nd Call	О	Fridley
11-29	13-2571	1009 - 42½ Ave	Garage Fire	A	Fridley St. Anthony
12-06	13-2615	4120 - 4 th St	Burnt Food on Stove	A	Fridley St. Anthony

2013 Mutual Aid Given – (22 Times)
(A=Dispatched as Auto Aid, M=Mutual Aid requested O=Other Aid)

Date	Call #	Address	Type of Assistance	Type	Department
1-04	13-36	Brooklyn Center	Station Standby	M	Brooklyn Center
2-05	13-291	6031 Benjamin St	House Fire	A	Fridley
2-12	13-337	6341 University Ave	Station Standby	M	Fridley
2-20	13-400	3216 Diamond Eight Ter	Cancel En Route	A	St. Anthony
3-12	13-546	St. Anthony	Cancel En Route	A	St. Anthony
3-24	13-634	Brooklyn Center	Station Standby	M	Brooklyn Center
4-06	13-731	6431 University Ave	Station Standby	M	Fridley
4-26	13-889	30 - 81 st Ave	Grass Fire	M	Fridley
5-15	13-1024	6545 Monroe St	Cancel En Route	A	Fridley
5-16	13-1032	6060 - 5 th St	House Fire	A	Fridley
7-22	13-1626	1400 - 73 rd Ave	Station Standby	M	Fridley
8-15	13-1804	St. Anthony	Station Standby	A	St. Anthony
8-29	13-1912	4100 Main St	Station Standby	M	Fridley
9-26	13-2138	37 th Ave & Lincoln St	PI Accident	M	Minneapolis
9-30	13-2166	5451 - 5 th St	Cancel En Route	A	Fridley
10-02	13-2176	3911 Silver Lake Rd	Cancel En Route	A	St. Anthony
10-11	13-2247	Fridley	Address Mix Up	M	Fridley
10-21	13-2324	15 - 63½ Way	Oven Fire	M	Fridley
12-22	13-2733	5400 - 5 th St	Apartment Fire	M	Fridley
12-24	13-2752	53 rd Ave & 5 th St	Building Fire	M	Fridley
12-30	13-2787	7855 East River Rd	Apartment Fire	A	Fridley
12-30	13-2788	690 Osborne Rd	Burnt Food on Stove	M	Fridley

Fire Loss Report
2013 Structure Fire Incidents with Property Loss

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Date	Call #	Address	Type	Cause of Fire	Prop Loss
1-02	13-19	4645 Washington St	Rental	Dryer	2,000
1-18	13-147	3854 Central Ave	Commercial	Grease Fire	300
1-30	13-249	4614 Johnson St	Single Family	Burnt Food on Stove	20
2-02	13-274	3812 Van Buren St	Single Family	DK rec Fire next to garage	300
2-15	13-369	$1836 - 39^{th}$ Ave	Rental	Undetermined	175,000
2-18	13-385	3850 Stinson Blvd	Multi Family	Burnt Food on Stove	1,000
3-04	13-479	4050 Maureen Dr	Multi Family	Undetermined	20,000
3-12	13-545	4550 Central Ave	Mobile Home	Undetermined	500
3-14	13-568	4300 Central Ave	Commercial	Grease Fire	10,000
3-26	13-656	940 – 39 th Ave	Rental	Pizza Box in Oven	500
5-16	13-1031	4900 – 5 th St	Family Exempt	Burnt Food on Stove	12,000
5-24	13-1096	4021 Jefferson St	Single Family	Chemical Reaction	4,000
7-16	13-1582	909 – 46 1/2 Ave	Apartment	Grease Buildup on Burners	600
7-23	13-1637	1000 Peters Pl #203	Apartment	Burnt Food on Stove	500
8-24	13-1871	$204 - 42^{nd}$ Ave	Rental	Electrical	40,000
8-26	13-1883	4645 Fillmore St	Single Family	Undetermined	85,000
8-27	13-1891	4347 University Ave	Rental	Electrical	3,000
9-15	13-2048	$5038 - 6^{th} St$	Single Family	Undetermined	52,500
9-15	13-2049	4516 – 5 th St	Rental	Cigarette	1,000
9-27	13-2145	4901 Madison St	Single Family	Arcing Wires	3,000
10-31	13-2384	1340 – 42 nd Ave	Single Family	Electrical	68,000
11-10	13-2441	4546 Tyler St	Rental	Burnt Food on Stove	500
11-29	13-2571	1009 − 42 ½ Ave	Rental	Coals from Smoker	10,000
12-27	13-2767	843 – 41 st Ave	Townhouse	Burnt Food on Stove	2,300
Total 2013 Structure Fire Property Loss (24 incidents) - estimated figures \$492,020					

2013 Vehicle Fire Property Loss Summary

Total 2013 Vehicle Fire Property Loss

(9 incidents) - estimated figures

\$219,902

Casualty Report

2013 Fire Service Casualties

Date	Call #	Name	Injury	Cause
3-21	13-606	Fulltime Firefighter	Back/Leg	Car Fire
11-25	13-2533	Fulltime Firefighter	Back Strain	Lift Assist

2013 Civilian Casualties

Date	Call #	Name	Injury	Cause
2-15	13-369	Adult Male	Smoke Inhalation	Building Fire
8-26	13-1883	Minor Male	Smoke Inhalation	Building Fire
12-6	13-2615	Minor Female	Smoke Inhalation	Burnt Food on Stove

Hilltop Report

The Columbia Heights Fire Department has an agreement to provide full fire suppression, emergency medical services, and fire inspection services for the City of Hilltop. A three-year Joint Agreement and Contract was signed in 2012, which covers the years 2013-2015. A 10-Year comparison of the number of calls to the City of Hilltop is reflected in the chart below.

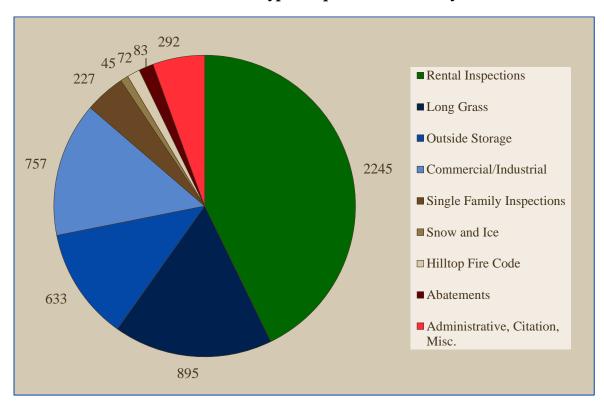


Inspection Report

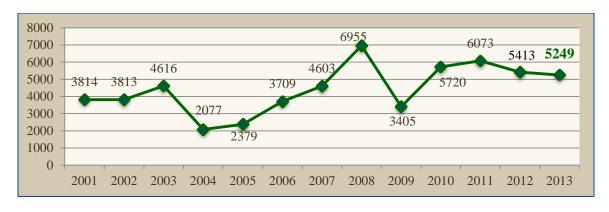
The Fire Department Inspection Program is supervised by the Assistant Fire Chief and involves the six full time firefighters as inspectors. All inspectors are cross trained for both fire and property maintenance inspections, allowing for flexibility in scheduling.

The fire department conducted a total of **5,249** inspection, license, and inspection-related data entry activities during 2013. This report summarizes inspections which are broken into categories including commercial/industrial inspections, rental property inspections, single-family home inspections, and other actions performed by the inspection office.

2013 Number/Type Inspection Summary

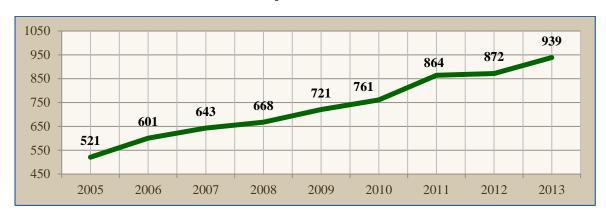


Total Inspections by the Year

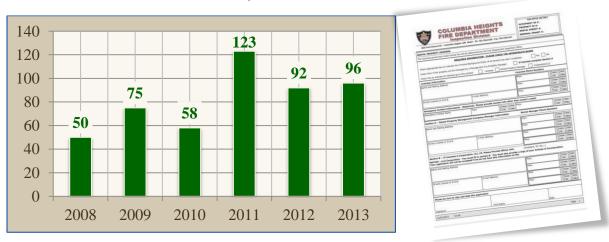


The amount of rental properties continues to increase as many of the foreclosed properties are being purchased as investment properties. In 2013, there were 96 new rental licenses. Interiors of rental properties are on a cycle to be inspected every two years and exteriors and common areas are inspected on an annual basis. Complaint inspections are inspected in a timely manner.

Number of Rental Licenses



Number of New Rental Licenses

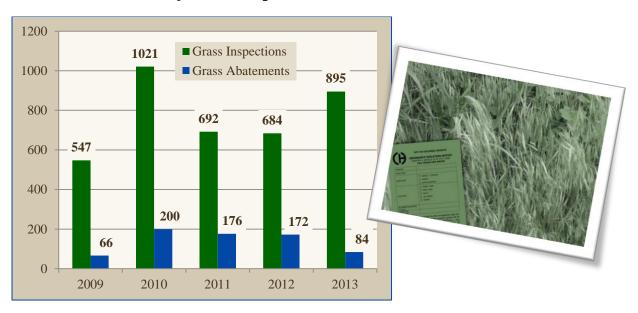


Number of Rental License Revocations



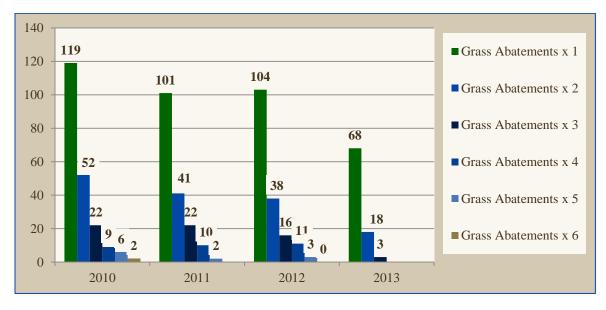
The Fire Department enforces the City Codes that do not allow the growth of long grass, weeds, and scrub growth over nine inches tall on any property. If a violation is found, a notice is placed on the property, a follow up inspection is performed, and any outstanding violations are abated. The graph below shows the total number of grass inspections and the total number of times a contractor was assigned to abate a long grass violation for the particular year listed.

Number of Grass Inspections and Total Abatements



The graph below breaks down the total number of grass abatements into the number of times a contractor was assigned to abate a long grass violation at the same property multiple times for the particular year listed. For example, in 2013 there were three properties that a contractor had to cut the grass five times at.

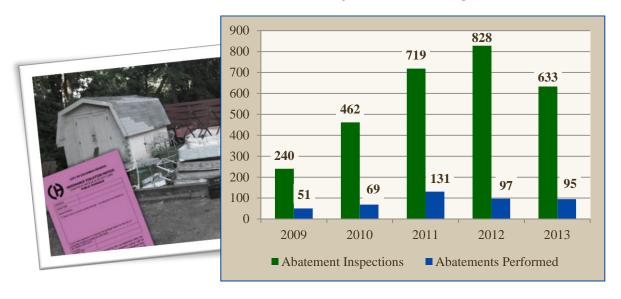
Number of single and multiple abatement breakdown



The fire department also enforces the portions of City Code that does not allow for the accumulation of unacceptable exterior storage on any property and for the accumulation of ice and snow on all sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces, and similar areas of any property.

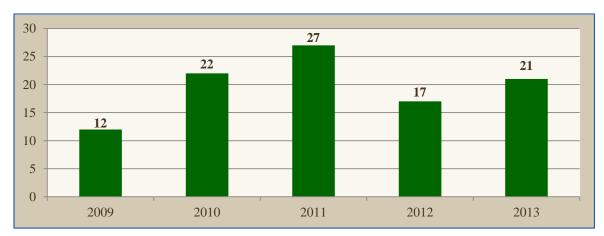
If a violation is found, a notice is placed on the property, a follow up inspection is performed, and any outstanding violations are corrected by a contractor. These corrections are called "Immediate Abatements". The graph below shows the total number of times a contractor was assigned to abate an outside storage or snow and ice accumulation violation for the particular year listed.

Immediate Abatements of Outside Storage



Since 2005 abatements have been used as a successful enforcement tool to correct outstanding public nuisance violations. Abatements have been used to clean up garbage houses, correct outstanding Property Maintenance Code violations on properties with such things as painting, siding, broken doors, windows, and unsecured vacant properties and the like.

Council Approved Abatements



Public Education and Fire Prevention

This past year, numerous requests for firefighters to speak to outside organizations were arranged. In 2013 the Columbia Heights Fire Department had 62 fire prevention contacts which allowed them to speak to approximately 2,620 people about fire prevention.



National Night Out

The department took an active role in the National Night Out to reach as many citizens as possible with our fire prevention message.

Fire Prevention Month Open House

The Open House in September had beautiful weather and had a crowd of approximately 400 people in attendance. The Open House continues to focus on education activities that engage people with fire prevention messages.

Blood Pressure Checks

The Fire department provides blood pressures free of charge to the public seven days a week. Once a month on a Friday morning, the fire department performs blood pressure checks for the seniors at Murzyn Hall and in 2013 the fire department took 130 blood pressures with this program.

CPR Training

The fire department also provided first aid and/or CPR training to City employees, the Police Reserves and taught first aid to the Summer Recreation Program Attendants.

AED Training

A donation by the Wargo family enabled the fire department to purchase three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Firefighters installed the public AEDs in the Library, City Hall, and Public Works and provided five training sessions for approximately 20 employees in their use. Access to AED's is important because they can restore a normal heart rhythm and strengthen the chain of survival of sudden cardiac arrest victims.



Teacher Appreciation Picnic

The fire department worked together with the School District with a picnic to appreciate the teachers of the district. Assistant Chief Larkin, along with several firefighters prepared and served the picnic fare to the teachers to say thanks for all they do in educating and guiding our youth.

In addition to these activities, the firefighters conducted station tours for preschool groups, scouting troops, and for the occasional walk-in group.

Explorer Division Program

The Columbia Heights Fire Explorer Program has been around since 1978. This long-lived program consists of young adults, aged 14-21, who are interested in learning about the Fire service and EMS service. This group meets weekly and trains using the same fire and EMS curriculum the fire department uses. This past year, our explorer's have been quite busy performing joint-training with the Brooklyn Park Fire Explorers, water rescue, and competing in the Annual Governors Fire Prevention Day at the Minnesota state fair. The program has acted as a feeder program for the fire department and has generated dozens of dedicated and competent firefighters throughout the years.





Anoka County Peer Support

Anoka County has a peer-support group available to all public safety workers. Public Safety workers are involved in many tragic events. These events can affect us in many different ways. There is a need for these individuals to talk to someone who has been through these types of events and to help them with feelings. The group is made up of firefighters, police officers, members of the sheriff's department, and

dispatchers. These dedicated professionals attend many meetings and training sessions during the year to prepare for peer support events. The Columbia Heights Fire Department has one member who is part of this team. In 2014, he was involved in several peer support activities.

Summer Spectacular Bash

Once again in June the fire department participated in the Summer Spectacular Bash, which is a safety camp for youth where we spread a fire safety message through fun activities.



Training Program

The Fire Department members train regularly to ensure they are prepared to safely handle the variety of incidents to which the fire department responds and to meet OSHA, NFPA, FEMA, HSEM and state certification and licensure standards. The number of standards and training hour requirements continue to rise to meet the growing needs of our area. Fire departments no longer train just for their own communities, but train for the needs of our metropolitan area. During 2013, our members spent over 3,017 hours in training sessions. Regular training is provided on three Monday evenings each month. One of the Mondays is



designated to EMS training to maintain our emergency medical technician certifications.

Members also have numerous opportunities to attend schooling, special outside classes, and seminars around the metro area.

Station Duty Program



The station duty program provides our paid-on-call firefighters the opportunity to work shifts alongside our full time firefighters. This gives the paid-on-call firefighter a much better understanding of how the station functions on a daily basis. This program is not only a learning tool but allows firefighters to gain valuable experience dealing with emergencies, which benefits the firefighter, the fire department, and our customers as well.

Paid-on-Call firefighters also fill open shifts when Full Time firefighters are out sick or on vacation, to meet minimum staffing. The program continues to be a very beneficial educational program.

Honor Guard

The fire department honor guard, equipped with class A uniforms and equipment purchased with a donation from the Wargo family, participated in many events this past year including; the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, the VFW's Flag Burning Ceremony, the Jamboree parade, the Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial Dedication at the State Capitol, and taken part in the first two Anoka County Fire Academy Graduation Ceremonies.



Apparatus/Equipment - Fire Department Fleet



FIRE CHIEF

2012 Chevy Tahoe – Cost \$38,597

ASST. FIRE CHIEF

2001 Ford Expedition – Cost \$44,270



BOAT 1

1999 Zodiak Rescue Boat – Cost \$2,650 1999 Spartan Trailer – Cost \$1,000 1999 Mercury 15 hp Motor – Cost \$1,649

FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAILER

1998 Haulmark 5' x 8' Re-purposed from the CHPD.



AERIAL 15

2004 General Safety Quint – 109 foot RK Ladder Cost \$591,988





ENGINE 1

1995 General Safety Type I Engine Cost \$239,810

ENGINE 4

1985 General Safety Type I Engine – Cost \$122, 049 Refurbished 2004 – Cost \$54,303





RESCUE 1

1990 Road Rescue Heavy Rescue/Mobile Air Cost \$97,613 Refurbished 2004 – Cost \$36,388

RESCUE 2

2002 Braun Type III Ambulance Cost \$70,591





RESCUE 3

2012 Chevy Suburban Light Rescue/Utility Cost \$48,413

2013 Staffing Changes

Paid-On-Call Division, Leave Of Absence			
Andrew S. Hall	September 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013		
Andrew S. Hall	August 26, 2013 to December 21, 2013		
Curtis H. Drommerhausen	August 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013		
Robert A. Miller	February 20, 2013 to March 31, 2013		
Matthew C. Smigleski	August 1, 2013 to December 1, 2013		
Alexander M. St. Martin	October 1, 2013 to November 12, 2013		
Tou Vang	April 11, 2013 to December 31, 2013		

Paid-On-Call Division, Appointments		
Curtis H. Drommerhausen	January 1, 2013	
Daniel J. Kiley	January 1, 2013	
Matthew C. Smigleski	January 1, 2013	
Charles E. Struzyk	January 1, 2013	

Resignations			
Curtis H. Drommerhausen	Served from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013		
Thomas K. Flermoen	Served from July 1, 2005 to March 31, 2013		
Daniel J. Kiley	Served from January 1, 2013 to January 31, 2013		
Guislain K. Muvundamina	Served from November 1, 2007 to February 1, 2013		
Joel T. Ostmoe	Served from March 1999 to March 5, 2013		
Tou Vang	Served from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013		

Roster of Members

Columbia Heights Fire Department December 31, 2013

Full Time Division

	Position	Serving Since
Gary C. Gorman	Fire Chief	6/2/81
John K. Larkin	Assistant Fire Chief	11/13/90
Stephen F. Kolosky	Captain	11/3/78
Matthew D. Field	Captain	8/20/80
Daniel L. O'Brien	Captain	10/1/95
Richard J. Hinrichs	Full Time Firefighter	7/2/86
Thomas A. Mattson	Full Time Firefighter	1/1/99
Anthony G. Cuzzupe	Full Time Firefighter	7/1/03
Kelly M. Schmidt	Fire Secretary	12/28/09
Keri L. Johnson	Fire Clerk	5/20/13

Lieutenants

Don W. Kostohryz	2/1/06
Troy D. Neurauter	10/1/02

Paid-on-Call Division

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Shannon E. Abbott	8/1/09
Emily L. Cramble	5/1/11
Jesse D. Dittbenner	7/24/09
Jacob W. Gillespie	5/1/11
Andrew S. Hall	3/1/04
Kyle A. Hall	8/1/09
Nicholas T. Linder	2/1/12
Cory L. Mattson	9/1/09
Robert A. Miller	1/1/09
Robert J. Niznik	1/1/99
Brian J. Polski	5/1/10
Jeffrey N. Rosener	2/1/12
Daniel M. Seiberlich	2/1/12
William T. Shutte	3/1/10
David S. Sims	10/1/02
Mathew C. Smigleski	1/1/13
Alexander M. St. Martin	8/1/11
Jeffrey T. St. Martin	8/1/11
Charles E. Struzyk	1/1/13